Valley City Public School District #2
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 21, 2026
7:00 AM

Call to Order:
President Sherri Horsager called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 AM.
Attendees:
-Board Members Present: Sherri Horsager, Darin Anderson, Ryan Mathias, Phil Hatcher, and
Tommy Bergan
-Others Attending: Superintendent Joshua Johnson, Business Manager Jackie Cordie, Liz
Lindteigen, Luke Kasowski (SVACTC), Nicole Olson, Kristi Shanenko, Tom Milbrandt, Sheila
Larson, and Courtnie Lyter
Pledge of Allegiance:
-President Horsager led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Recognition of the Hi-Liner Lighthouse
-The Board recognized the Hi-Liner Lighthouse staff for providing free Hi-Liner apparel to
students and families.
Public Comment:
The Board provided an opportunity for public comment.
-No public comments.
Approval of Agenda:
Mr. Johnson added item 8A(iii), Finance Committee Meeting.
-Motion: Hatcher moved to approve the agenda with the update.
-Second: Bergan seconded the motion
-Motion carried unanimously.
Consent Agenda:
-Bills totaling $306,485.13 (itemized list to accompany publication); September 16, 2026, public tax hearing and regular meeting minutes; September financial reports for the General, Building, Activity, and Health Funds; Open and Non-Tuition Agreements.
-Motion: Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda
-Second: Hatcher seconded the motion
-Motion carried unanimously.
Continuous Improvement:
-Board members and administration shared NDSBA Annual Convention highlights.
-Mr. Johnson reviewed accreditation, strategic goals, assessments, professional development, and Dr. Cindra Kamphoffs January presentation.
Reports:
-Activity Committee (September 22): Booster clubs, practice field improvements, shot-put relocation, HAC video boards, practice field naming rights, and football classification appeal.
Recommendation: N/A
-Finance Committee (September 30): Construction bonding, contingency funding, and joint
study of negotiation topics.
Recommendation: N/A
-Policy Committee (October 6): NDSBA updates, meal debt collections, and school bus use agreement.
Recommendation: Policies listed on the agenda.
Superintendent Report:
-Mr. Johnson reviewed the District 24 Education Roundtable, education funding, and legislative communication.
-Student attendance, parent-teacher conference participation, and attendance improvement in grades 56 were discussed.
-Jefferson and Washington Elementary will participate in an Educator Workforce Grant supporting teacher recruitment.
-The joint committee continues reviewing salary schedules, experience, and extracurricular compensation.
-Employment postings and enrollment were reviewed.
School Facility Project:
-Mr. Johnson reviewed construction and planning for the 2028 opening, including schedules,
transportation, parking, room assignments, and student support spaces.
SVACTC Director Report:
-New SVACTC Director Luke Kasowski reported on enrollment, partnerships, and a planned consortium meeting.
Items for Discussion and Possible Action:
School District Board Policies Second Reading:
-Motion: Hatcher moved to approve the second and final reading of the following policies as written, effective October 21, 2026.
• BC: Meetings of the Board
• CBAA: Administrative Regulations
•CBAB: Administration in Policy Absence
• FAAC: Enrollment of Suspended or Expelled Students
-Second: Bergan seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present agreed; motion carried
School District Board Policies First Reading:
-Motion: Bergan moved to approve the first reading of the listed policies as presented.
• DFA: Supervision and Evaluation
• IEAD: Use of Buses by Community Groups
-Second: Mathias seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present agreed; motion carried
School District Board Policies Amendments:
-DEAA: Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace was held for further review and clarification.
-Motion: Hatcher moved to approve amendments to ACCA-BR: Criteria for Granting Parent Sexual Offenders Privileges to Enter School Property, effective October 21, 2026, with DEAA to return for review.
-Second: Anderson seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present agreed; motion carried
Second and Final Reading on Changes to School Configurations for 2028-2029:
-Proposed configuration: Elementary (PK4), Middle (58), and High School (912). School names remain undecided; state reporting will require additional opening and closure actions.
-Motion: Mathias moved to approve the second and final reading of the preliminary 2028-2029 school configuration as presented.
-Second: Bergan seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present agreed; motion carried VCHS Alternative High School Program NDDPI Public School Change Request:
-The alternative high school no longer operates separately; its program is coordinated through SVACTC. Formal closure is needed for NDDPI reporting.
-Motion: Bergan moved to approve the official closure of the alternative high school for state reporting purposes.
-Second: Anderson seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present agreed; motion carried Resolution Providing for Sale of General Obligation Building Fund Bonds, Series 2026B:
-Motion: Hatcher moved to approve the resolution providing for the sale of General Obligation Building Fund Bonds, Series 2026B.
-Second: Anderson seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present agreed; motion carried Resolution Providing for Participation in School Bond Credit Enhancement Program:
-Motion: Bergan moved to approve the resolution providing for participation in the School Bond Credit Enhancement Program.
-Second: Mathias seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present agreed; motion carried
Notice of Bond Sale:

-Motion: Mathias moved to approve the notice of the proposed $31 million bond sale, with bids due November 16, 2026.
-Second: Anderson seconded the motion
-Vote: Upon poll, all present agreed; motion carried

Next Meeting:
-Next regular meeting: Monday, November 9, 2026, at 5:30 PM.
Adjournment:
-President Horsager adjourned the meeting at 8:04 AM.
Signatures:
Horsager -President; Cordie Business Manager Date 11/09/26
The full version of the minutes is available at hiliners.org

(November 17, 2026)