Vermilion Association for Special Education

**Public Hearing – Budget Minutes**

**June 2, 2025**

**1. Roll Call**

Salt Fork Yes No Present

Hoopeston Yes No Present

Potomac Yes No Present

Rossville Yes No Present

Georgetown Yes No Present

Westville Yes No Present

Bismarck Yes No Present

Oakwood Yes No Present

Armstrong Township High School Yes No Present

Armstrong Elementary School Yes No Present

**2. Recognition of Comments of the Public**

*None*

**3. Information Regarding the Revised FY2025 Budget**

*The VASE Director presented information regarding the budget.*

**4. Adjournment of Budget Hearing**

*Motion to adjourn*

Motion = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

Second = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

*All those in favor*

(Motion Carries – Yes No)

Meeting adjourned at 10:13AM

Vermilion Association for Special Education

**Executive Meeting Minutes**

**June 2, 2025**

**1. Roll Call**

Hoopeston Yes No Present

Potomac Yes No Present

Rossville Yes No Present

Georgetown Yes No Present

Westville Yes No Present

Bismarck Yes No Present

Oakwood Yes No Present

Armstrong Township High School Yes No Present

Armstrong Elementary School Yes No Present

Salt Fork Yes No Present

**2. Recognition of Guests**

*None*

**3. Consent Agenda Items**

*Motion to approve the following consent agenda items listed on the agenda…*

1. *Approve board minutes for May 5, 2025*
2. *Approve bills, payroll, and investments for May 2025*

*C. Acknowledgement of Resignations*

*1. 1.0 FTE Social Worker – Amy Boyer*

*2. 1.0 FTE School Counselor – Tori Ceader*

*3. 0.5 FTE School Counselor – Kristine Coy*

*4. 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional – Shelley Elliott*

*5. 1.0 FTE School Psychologist – Sarah Wilson*

*D. Approval of Employment – 1.0 FTE School Social Worker – Kristen Cooley*

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Westville Yes No Present

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(Motion Carries – Yes No)

**4. Director’s Report**

* 1. Personnel Update- unfilled positions: 1.5 FTE Social Worker, 1.0 FTE Technical Assistant for Records, 0.4 FTE Vision Impairment Teacher
  2. RTO Reduction Plan
     1. Goal 1: Reduce the number of RTO incidents by 10 percent: Met, 55 percent decrease (2023-24: 45 incidents , 2024-25: 20 incidents)
     2. Goal 2. Reduce the number of students experiencing RTO by 10 percent: Met. 29 percent decrease (2023-24: 17 students , 2024-25: 12 students)
     3. Goal 3. Reduce the number of students with IEPS experiencing RTO decrease by 25 percent: Met. 29 percent decrease in use. (2023-24: 17 students, 2024-25: 12 students)
  3. IDEA Grants
     + 1. Final Invoices will be sent June 13th to districts.
       2. Prepare by completing ICQ in GATA (state portal) and Organizational Risk Assessment (IWAS)
  4. Facilities
     1. HVAC Project
     2. Lightning change to LED
  5. Summer Projects
     1. Professional Development Plan
        1. Increasing Teacher Leadership Capacity
        2. Conducting a Functional Behavior Assessment
        3. Writing a Behavior Intervention Plan
        4. Writing a Defensible IEP
        5. Embrace IEP Training
     2. Community of Practice for ECSE and Cross Categorical Teachers—Supported with funding from Wheeler Foundation
     3. Life Skills Scope & Sequence

**5. Discussion**

1. FY25 Budget
   * 1. Local Assessment Increase—20 percent
        1. With this increase VASE still pays a portion of the employee’s salary and all benefits
        2. Average SLP salary= $83,500, Local Assessment= $61,720
        3. Average Psych salary= $71,191, Local Assessment= $65,991
        4. Average Social Work salary= $64,646, Local Assessment= $59,349
        5. Local Assessment Deficits= $1,363,748..55
        6. IDEA Grants= $1,992,000 Leaving roughly $600,000 to cover all operating costs of cooperative staff and operating expenses (Bookkeeping, Custodial, Maintenance, Technical Assistants, OT/PT, Technology/Phone/Internet)
     2. Middlefork Tuition Increase
        1. Emotional Regulation--$200 per day, $421 intensive (w/aide)
        2. Life Skills--$140.27 per day, $361.27 intensive
           1. Area Comparisons

Bryce- $125 per day

TLC- $193.25 per day, $340.52 intensive

LIFE Academy $163.00 per day, $310.27 intensive

SELA- $201.81 per day, $451.81 intensive

Circle Academy- $383.65 per day, $546.13 intensive

Menta- $268.93 per day, $450.58 intensive

**6. Public Participation**

*None*

**7. Executive Session**

*No motion made to go into closed session.*

**8. Action Items**

*A. Motion to approve for adoption after the Second Reading, the Amended FY25 Budget*

Motion = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

Second = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

*Roll Call*

Georgetown Yes No Present

Westville Yes No Present

Bismarck Yes No Present

Oakwood Yes No Present

Armstrong Township High School Yes No Present

Armstrong Elementary School Yes No Present

Salt Fork Yes No Present

Hoopeston Yes No Present

Potomac Yes No Present

Rossville Yes No Present

(Motion Carries – Yes No)

*B. Motion to approve The First Reading of the FY26 Budget*

Motion = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

Second = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

*All those in favor.*

(Motion Carries – Yes No)

*C. Motion to approve a Non-Union Raise of 2% for 1.0 FTE Bookkeeper – Jodi Hart*

*Roll Call*

Westville Yes No Present

Bismarck Yes No Present

Oakwood Yes No Present

Armstrong Township High School Yes No Present

Armstrong Elementary School Yes No Present

Salt Fork Yes No Present

Hoopeston Yes No Present

Potomac Yes No Present

Rossville Yes No Present

Georgetown Yes No Present

(Motion Carries – Yes No)

*D. Motion to approve Board Meeting Dates for 2025-2026*

Motion = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

Second = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

*All those in favor.*

(Motion Carries – Yes No)

*E. Motion to approve the Appointment of Treasurer – Fran Hintz*

Motion = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

Second = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

*All those in favor.*

(Motion Carries – Yes No)

*F. Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Bond as presented*

Motion = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

Second = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

*Roll Call*

Bismarck Yes No Present

Oakwood Yes No Present

Armstrong Township High School Yes No Present

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Rossville Yes No Present

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Westville Yes No Present

(Motion Carries – Yes No)

*G. Motion to approve the VASE appointments for 2025-26 as listed*

*1. Board Chairperson – Mr. Jim Owens*

*2. Board Vice Chair – Mr. Phil Cox*

*3. Secretary – Dr. Seth Miller*

*4. Finance Committee – Dr. Seth Miller, Mr. Scott Watson, Mr. Phil Cox*

*5. Building & Grounds – Mr. Nick Hipsher, Dr. Crystal Johnson Maden, Mr. Robert Richardson, and incoming Oakwood Superintendent Andy Jordan*

*6. Personnel Committee – Mr. Phil Cox, Dr. Jean Neal, Mr. Jim Owens*

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Second = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

*All those in favor.*

(Motion Carries – Yes No)

*H. Motion to approve keep closed session minutes closed after Semi-Annual Review.*

Motion = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

Second = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

*All those in favor.*

(Motion Carries – Yes No)

**9. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn*

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*All those in favor*

(Motion Carries – Yes No)

Meeting adjourned at 11:16AM

***Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***