

Vandalia Community District #203
1109 N 8th Street
Vandalia, IL 62471
Rich Well – Supt.

Superintendent's Report
8/18/15
5:00 PM

District Website

www.vcs.fayette.k12.il.us or www.vandaliaschools.com

Calendar

- August 18th thru September 4th – one hour early dismissal for students
- September 7 – Labor Day Holiday
- September 11 – 11:15 student dismissal – PM Professional Development

Technology Report

- Throughout the district old computers being removed with newer computers.
- The new lab at VES will be ready for the start of school, with 27 computers running Window 7.
- Storms and electrical outages have caused some damage over the summer, damaging a main switch at Okaw Vocational Center, two phones, a laptop, and two servers.
- Updates to operating systems and Microsoft Office 2013 have taken place district-wide.
- New classrooms at VES and VJHS should be functional by the start of school.

Finance Committee

The committee (Hall, Campbell, Meseke, and Well) reviews fund balances and bills. The Finance Committee met on August 18, 2015. The committee meets to review bills, fund balances, state budget shortfall and general financial information.

Policy Committee

The committee (Goldsmith, Lawson, Well, Meseke, Protz, Kern) reviews policy updates from the IASB. The committee meets to review all policy updates (provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards) and makes recommendations to the BOE for adoption. The committee will meet in August July to review the 2nd reading of IASB policy recommendations.

Building and Grounds Committee

The committee (Palmer, Smith, Well, Kopp, Dave Rickman, Steve Stombaugh, Kern, Dugan, Hobbie, Peppler, Bogart) will meet on September 14th at 6:00 PM.

Transportation Committee

The committee (Palmer, Lawson, Well, Critcheloe, Mesnard, Krueger) will meet on September 14th at 5:00 PM.

Student Safety Committee

The Committee (Palmer, Goldsmith, Wasmuth, Jeff Ray, Josh Morrison, Chris Smith, Amy Schaal, Kendra Craig, Steve Stombaugh, Kopp, Critcheloe, Well, Protz, Kern, Mesnard, Casey) will meet in October.

Personnel Committee Meetings

The Committee (Goldsmith, Well, Wasmuth) will meet as needed.

Athletic Committee Meetings

The Committee (Hall, Campbell, Smith, Kern, Protz, Casey and 4 parents TBD) will meet as needed.

School Wellness Committee Meetings

The Committee (Wasmuth, Hall, Well, Lotz, Kelly Curll, Stombaugh, Krueger, Mesnard) will meet as needed.

Finance

We have received our first GSA payment. The monies were released from the state to our accounts on Monday. The first payment has reflected a 92% level of funding for this school year. 2014-15 our actual ADA payments were \$252,738 for the first 18 payments and then \$222,797 for the last 4 payments. 2015-16

our first payments (2) are \$251,945 which reflects 92% our ADA. In 2014-15 our ADA was based on our 3 best months of 1,406 students and in 2015-16 it is based on 1,360 students for our best 3 months (ADA is based on prior years Average Daily Attendance for our best 3 months of the year). The 92% funding has helped us with the loss on revenue based on declining enrollment. The poverty grant, proposed by Gov. Rauner has not been released as of this time and may be an extra 3% increase.

Technology E-rate Grant

We have been approved for C-1 Funding (category 1 e-rate funding for telephones, internet, etc) which includes our ICN connection. The ICN connection is amortized for 36 months - \$4366 per month and with the e-rate the cost will be \$1043 per month for 36 months. The data (100 Mbps) will be \$600 per month and with e-rate the costs will be \$250 per month.

Building Reports

High School Board Report

Randy Protz- Principal

Greta Krueger – Asst. Principal

- Registration went very smooth. As of August 13th we have added 10 new students
- 1 to1 informational meeting/ Freshmen Orientation - we had 94 out of 117 Freshman and 88 out of 123 Sophomores in attendance.
- Tuesday, August 18th is our welcome back celebration. We will teach expectations in the morning as students follow their schedule, in the afternoon we all will go outside and play yard games and swim.
- Jostens will be here Thursday morning to talk to all Sophomores about class rings.
- Jostens will be here on Wednesday 3-5:30pm in the gym lobby taking orders for class rings.
- First progress reports will go out Friday, September 4th.
- Picture day in Friday September 11th.
- Fall sports are in full swing. First home games are listed below
 1. Tennis Monday 8/24
 2. Volleyball Thursday 8/27
 3. Golf Thursday 8/27
 4. Soccer Thursday 8/27
 5. Football Friday 9/11 (VYO Night and NF Bowl)

Junior High Board Report

Brian Kern – Principal

Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal

- Registration- We had less than 100 register online during registration – most parents pre-registered prior to registration. We will have 11 students transfer out and 27 students transfer in as of 8/13. There are 50 students that have either registered online and not shown up to complete registration or have done nothing to register as of 8/13. We are expecting a total enrollment of approximately 570.
- Swim Party- We will have an all school swim party on Thursday 8/21 at the city pool. Cost will be \$1
- PBIS Celebration – Friday, 8/21 - We will have a snow cone truck on site for as many snow cones that can be eaten from 9am-2:15pm to welcome students back to school.
- Girls Basketball- will begin the week of August 31
- Picture Day will be September 14th for fall pictures.

Elementary Board Report

Stacy Mesnard – Principal

Larry Emerick – Asst. Principal/Special Education Director

- VES has registered 67 Pre-K students, 108 kindergartners, 117 first graders, 116 second graders, and 98 third graders for a total of 506 students as of August 13.
- Back to School Day for all Pre-K through 3rd grade is scheduled for August 18 from 8:00-1:00 and 1:30-3:00. This is day for all families to bring their students in to meet their teacher, tour the school, drop off supplies, ask questions, and get answers.
- The VES PTO Project Playground fund is growing quickly thanks to all the fundraising efforts from last school year (\$14,800), donations from businesses in Vandalia (\$2,100), and the grants that were received recently from the Scarpaci Fund (\$4,600) and the Ruemmelin Fund (\$2,000) for a grand total of \$23,500. Plans are already being discussed for using this money to upgrade and renovate the VES playground to better fit the needs of our students.
- We want to give a HUGE thanks to Mr. Kopp and all of the custodians/maintenance crew for all of the extra hard work they did over the summer to make a successful transition from JPS to VES. Mr. Isringhausen and Mr. Kistler have worked so hard to get computers, phones, Smart boards, and a new technology lab for Mrs. Donaldson up and working. Mrs. Rickman worked many hours this summer to get the JPS library books incorporated into the VES library so that Mrs. Tara Eyman could enjoy her maternity leave with her new baby. The secretaries spent all of June rearranging the office and storage areas to accommodate all of the supplies and equipment from JPS into the existing VES office and have worked so hard to get all information entered into Teacherease and get transportation figured out for all of our little ones. Teachers have been working in their rooms since the end of July to unpack and get their classrooms to a student friendly condition. We appreciate all of their efforts tremendously and we are ready for a great 2015-2016 school year despite the challenges!

OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report

Nick Casey – Director

- Okaw Vocational total enrollment is 292 students.
- All State and Federal Grants have been approved.
- Final plans are being finalized for the 2015-2016 Building trades house.
- First Day for Okaw Vocational students will be August 19th.

“Home of the Vandals”

The Mission of the Vandalia Community School District: “To prepare the students of our community for their future so they may become responsible members of society.”