

**Vandalia Community District #203**  
**1109 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Vandalia, IL 62471**  
*Rich Well – Supt.*

***Superintendent's Report***  
***12/15/15***  
***5:00 PM***

**District Website**

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

**Calendar**

- December 17 – Semester Exams One hour early dismissal all buildings
- December 18 – Semester Exams One hour early dismissal all buildings
- Christmas Break December 21 thru January 4<sup>th</sup> – No student school
- January 4<sup>th</sup> – Teachers Institute
- January 5<sup>th</sup> – first day of Second Semester

**Technology Report**

**Finance Committee**

The committee (Hall, Campbell, Meseke, and Well) reviews fund balances and bills. The Finance Committee met on December 15, 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 met on December 9<sup>th</sup> and reviewed IASB policy recommendations.

**Building and Grounds Committee**

The committee (Palmer, Smith, Well, Kopp, Dave Rickman, Steve Stombaugh, Kern, Dugan, Hobbie, Pepler, Bogart) met on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and reviewed winter projects, reviewed BOE approved job descriptions and evaluations for custodian, maintenance and director of maintenance positions and reviewed daily custodial work lists.

**Transportation Committee**

The committee (Palmer, Lawson, Well, Critcheloe, Mesnard, Krueger) met on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and reviewed BOE job descriptions and evaluations for bus drivers, mechanic and transportation director positions and reviewed the pre-trip review list and post trip procedures for bus drivers. Discussion of Cornerstone route and options were discussed.

**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) met in December and evaluated Navigate systems, updates from Administration and Chief Ray on “pop in” visits in each building, reviewed emergency phone lists and evaluated samples of interior door locks. Discussion of VES and VJHS surveillance equipment and possible future updates to each system.

**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.

## **School Funding Support**

<http://action.stand.org/page/s/fix-IL-funding>

Stand For Children – Illinois

Fix Illinois School Funding!

Tell your legislators and the Governor: Fix Illinois School Funding NOW!

Enough is enough! Our kids can't wait any longer for fair school funding.

Illinois is dead last in school funding equity – only in Illinois do low-income students get 20% less funding than their non-low-income peers. By signing this petition, we are urging our elected officials in Springfield to put kids before egos and partisanship. Fix the funding formula NOW!

### **Building Reports**

#### **High School Board Report**

**Randy Protz- Principal**

**Greta Krueger – Asst. Principal**

- This year 7 students auditioned for IMEA Organizational Contest. Four students auditioned from the High School, and three students auditioned from the Jr. High. Of those students 6 made it past auditions. Those students are Hannah Blythe, Bailey Arndt, Rachel Zimmerman, Brittany Kelley (HS), Hayden Hall, and Bailey Stewart (JH). Out of the four high school students that made it to IMEA organizational contest, two were selected to participate at the IMEA All State Convention. Those students are Hannah Blythe (Senior) and Bailey Arndt (Junior). The Illinois Music Educators Association All State convention will be held from January 27th- January 30th in Peoria, IL. Students will spend their time in rehearsals with other top instrumentalists from around the state preparing for a final concert that will be performed on Saturday, January 30th.
- This year's Illinois State Scholars are Ashley Bauer, Hannah Blythe, Lily England, Xavier Jophlin, Josef Meyer, Breklyn Mitchell, Tyler Sutton, Makayla Tinker, Robert Bradley, Karlie Bright and Isaac Daiber.
- School wide Volleyball tournament was a success this year.
- We just had our end of the semester Vandal Pride assembly on December 9th, students participated in a class scavenger hunt, school song competition, and played human hungry hungry hippos.
- 1<sup>st</sup> semester finals are this Thursday and Friday.
- Holiday Tournament December 26,28,29,30.

#### **Junior High Board Report**

**Brian Kern – Principal**

**Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal**

- 5th-8th grade Student Council sponsored a school-wide canned food drive from November 30 - December 11 for Fayette County Caring and Sharing.
- Band Concert on 12/7 was a success.
- 4/5<sup>th</sup> grade honor chorus performance was on 12/12
- Chorus concert - Sunday, 12/13 at 3pm at Unity Baptist Church
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes built gingerbread houses on 12/15
- We had an all school talent show on 12/18. Each grade level had about 40 minutes of activity in the gym this day.
- Coats and Shoes were delivered on December 15<sup>th</sup> by the Methodist Men.

#### **Activities for the Month**

- Boys Basketball- Home games are as follows: January 14, 218<sup>th</sup> grade tournament 1/25, 26, 28
- Girls Volleyball- has started practice and will begin playing games January. Home matches are: January 12, 19, 22

## **Elementary Board Report**

**Stacy Mesnard – Principal**

**Larry Emerick – Asst. Principal/VCUSD #203 Special Education Director**

- The annual 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Christmas musical was held on Thursday, December 10.
- VES students sold cookie dough recently and our school made a \$9,000 profit. Thirty-eight students were rewarded with a limo ride to Pizza Hut for selling twenty or more items.
- VES PTO Winter Wonderland was held in the VES gym on Sunday, December 13. Close to thirty vendors were there selling their products, along with Santa, and Santa's Cottage for kids to shop,
- Our new playground arrived recently. It will be erected as soon as possible in the spring.
- All VES students (except Pre-K) will be taken to the Starmax Theater this week to see a Christmas movie, along with a soda and popcorn.
- The Fayette County Sheriff's Department and the Vandalia Police Department are both conducting "Shop with a Cop" programs in our community this Christmas season. Together I was able to recommend twenty-one student names for participation in this program.

## **OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report**

**Nick Casey – Director**

- Lincoln Tech has agreed to offer \$12000 in scholarships to the Okaw students.
- We are in the process of testing our students with Industry based testing.
- Building Trades house is in the drywall stage.
- Foods class is providing a Bus Driver appreciation Breakfast and Lunch.

## **"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."***