

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

***Superintendent's Report***  
***10/18/16***  
***5:00 PM***

**District Website**

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

**Calendar (all school calendar information is available on the school website)**

- October 27<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal VES Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 28<sup>th</sup> – No Student School / VES Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – No Student School Veterans' Day

**Technology Report**

- We have been approved for E-rate funding for this year. We will proceed with two of our projects very soon: replacing the wireless network at the Junior High, and replacing network switches throughout the district. We will start the third project, the replacement of network cabling at the High School, sometime this coming summer.

**Finance Committee**

The committee (Campbell, Meseke, and Well) reviews fund balances and bills. The Finance Committee met on October 18, 2016. The committee meets to review bills, fund balances, state budget shortfall and general financial information.

**Policy Committee**

The committee (Goldsmith, Lawson, Hall, 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 September 21<sup>st</sup> and reviewed ISBE policy updates.

**Building and Grounds Committee**

The committee (Palmer, Smith, Lawson, Well, Kopp, Dave Rickman, Steve Stombaugh, Kern, Dugan, Hobbie, Graumenz, Bogart, Andy Hipsher) will meet again in December.

**Transportation Committee**

The committee (Palmer, Lawson, Well, Critcheloe, Mesnard, Krueger) will meet in December.

**Student Safety Committee**

The Committee (Palmer, Goldsmith, Hall, Jeff Ray, Josh Morrison, Chris Smith, Amy Schaal, Kendra Craig, Steve Stombaugh, Kopp, Critcheloe, Well, Protz, Kern, Mesnard, Casey) will meet during the fall of the 2016-2017 school year. The committee met on September 21<sup>st</sup> and reviewed updates on building security and received updates from Vandalia Police Chief, County Sheriff and Fayette County Health Dept.

**Personnel Committee Meetings**

The Committee (Goldsmith, Wasmuth, Well) met on October 12 to discuss a building issue with parents and employees. The committee is working on a recommended solution for all stakeholders.

**Athletic Committee Meetings**

The Committee (Hall, Campbell, Wasmuth, 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.

**Concussion Committee Meetings**

The Committee (Smith, Palmer, Hall, Well, Casey, Kern, Protz, Whitten) meets each year to review board policy, return to play policy and general protocol for concussion responsibilities.

**Student Discipline Committee Meetings**

The Committee (Palmer, Goldsmith, Wasmuth, Well, Protz, Krueger, Kern, Holliday, Mesnard, Emerick, Eckhart, Stewart, Tarkington, Schaal, Lewis, Reeter, Wollerman) meets each year to review discipline procedure and compliance with the Illinois School code.

## **School Funding**

Last year's FY16 4th Quarter Mandated Categorical payments (Transportation, Special Education, Lunch Program, etc.) have failed to be released by the Comptroller's Office. Last year we received the 4th Quarter payments in July. General State Aid (GSA) is being paid in a timely manner.

### **Building Reports**

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

**Randy Protz- Principal**

**Greta Krueger – Asst. Principal**

- Senior night for Volleyball and Tennis is Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Senior night for Football, Golf, and marching band is Friday October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Student Council is hosting a blood drive Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> during the school day in the gym.
- End of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is Friday October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Chorus concert is October 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm in the high school gym.
- We will be hosting the IHSA Volleyball Sectionals the week of November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- NCHS talent show is Friday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm in the gym.
- Progress reports were emailed out for the first time and we had positive feedback from parents.

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

**Brian Kern – Principal**

**Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal**

- First Quarter will end on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Grade cards will be sent home on Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Pictures re-take and Fall athletic pictures will be 10/27.

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

- Girls Basketball has home games on October 20, 24 and November 3, 7, 14. VJHS is hosting the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball sectional on 11/30 at 6:30pm
- Boys Basketball is just beginning their season and will start with games the last week of October. The seventh grade will play in a tournament in Pana. 8<sup>th</sup> grade at ALIS tournament. The boys have home games on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22, 28 Dec. 6, 13, 15
- The junior high band will march in the Vandalia Halloween Parade on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Some individual members of the band and chorus have participated in IMEA contests on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The winners (Band: Elizabeth Cable, Shaelynn Cole, Ellika Whiteman) and Cassidy Anderson, Dillin Jackson, and Mistie Stilt in Chorus.) will participate at the honors festival at EIU in Charleston on November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade reward will be 10/27. Student will be going to stations provided by Cedarhurst performing various activities.

#### **Elementary Board Report**

**Stacy Mesnard – Principal**

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

- VES has completed our first annual fire drill and Fire Prevention Assemblies in conjunction with the Vandalia Fire Department.
- Bob Tarter came to VES and presented a wildlife assembly with a baby kangaroo, a giant tortoise, a falcon, and a prairie dog. Students were able to learn about these animals and their habitats.
- VES students who earned the September PBIS reward got to play on the football field with HS athletes.
- Second grade took their annual field trip to the St. Louis Zoo last week compliments of VES PTO.
- Upcoming events at VES include parent teacher conferences, 1<sup>st</sup> grade celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> day of school, the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade musical, and the annual Fall Fun Fest.

**OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report**  
**Nick Casey – Director**

- Students from Small Business and Foods class are at worksites.
- Students continue to receive post graduate information.

**“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.”***