

Vandalia Community Unit District #203
1109 N 8th Street
Vandalia, IL 62471
Jennifer Garrison- Superintendent

Superintendent's Report
11/20/18
5:00 PM

District Website

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Calendar

- November 21-23- No School- Happy Thanksgiving!
- November 28- Kick-off for Vandalia ONE Resilience Committee at 5:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

- The School Board Conference was November 16-18. We presented on Vandalia ONE.
- I formed an outside committee for finance to increase transparency as well as to have community members versed in finances and bonds to give us a different lens to look and think through. Our conclusions may or may not be the same but the process is important.

Technology Report

- E-rate planning has begun with our E-rate consultant. This years E-Rate will hopefully consist of applying for the states matching grant to connect all of our buildings with high-speed internet. This is going to be especially good for us in the need to get a good high-speed connection to Jefferson School for the addition of the classes next year there. Also with the E-rate, we will plan on some infrastructure upgrades in the Jefferson building as well to be able to carry the high-speed internet that we will be able to send there from the High School Building.
- Chromebook repairs have been very heavy at this time but we have been keeping caught up on them so far. The last of the Lenovo warranties are getting very close to running out so before long all repairs will have to start being done here.

Finance Committee

The committee (Campbell, Hall, and Garrison) reviews fund balances and bills. **The Finance Committee will meet on October 16th at 4:30 p.m. to review bills and the financial reports.** The committee meets to review bills, fund balances, state budget shortfall and general financial information.

Policy Committee

The committee (Goldsmith, Lawson, Wasmuth, Garrison, Protz, and 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 Policy Committee met on November 8th at 5:00 p.m. to review Press Policy Issue 98 and discussed the foreign exchange student administrative procedure.**

Building and Grounds Committee

The committee (Palmer, Smith, Lawson, Garrison, Casey, Protz, Kern, Bogart, Dave Rickman, Steve Stombaugh, Dugan, and Andy Hipsher) will meet as needed.

Transportation Committee

The committee (Lawson, Campbell, Garrison, Casey, Critcheloe, W. Smith, Mesnard, and Krueger) will meet as needed.

Student Safety Committee

The Committee (Palmer, Goldsmith, Hall, Wasmuth, Jeff Ray, Josh Morrison, Chris Smith, Amy Schaal, Kendra Craig, Zac Stombaugh, Bogart, Critcheloe, Garrison, Casey, Protz, Kern, and Mesnard,) meet as needed.

Athletic Committee

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

School Wellness Committee

The Committee (Wasmuth, Hall, Garrison, Reams, Kelly Curll, Lewis, Krueger, and Mesnard) will meet as needed.

Concussion Committee

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

Student Discipline Committee

The Committee (Palmer, Goldsmith, Wasmuth, Garrison, Protz, Krueger, Kern, Holliday, Mesnard, Emerick, Eckhart, Stewart, Tarkington, Schaal, Lewis, Reeter, and Wollerman) meets each year to review discipline procedure and compliance with the Illinois School code. **The members of the Student Discipline Committee were invited to be part of the Vandalia ONE Resilience Committee.**

Building Reports

High School Board Report

Randy Protz- Principal

Greta Krueger – Asst. Principal

1. ILMEA District honor band and choir participants are: High School Band Shaelyn Cole. High School Choir Aleia Beckman, Bailey Elder, Cheyenne Hollowell, Dillin Jackson, Lilly Flemming, Dezsiree Pyle, Miguel Ralat, and Reily Ward.
2. School Wide Vandal Pride Turkey Tournament was this morning.
3. Jostens was on campus November 12th talking to seniors about ordering graduation announcements and senior trinkets.
4. Our second college visit day is set for November 27th. The group will be going to Illinois State University.
5. Progress Reports go out Monday December 3.
6. Third college visit day is set for December 5th. The group will be going to University of Illinois.

Junior High Board Report

Brian Kern – Principal

Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal

First Quarter Honor Roll- we had 434 students achieve a 3.00 grade point average or above. The breakdown by grade level was 82 students in 4th grade, 103 students in fifth grade, 87 students in sixth grade, 87 students in seventh grade, and 95 students in eighth grade.

Activities for the Month-

- **Girls Basketball** is finishing. 7th grade regional on 11/17, 8th grade regional week of 11/26. VJHS is also hosting the 7th grade girls' sectional on 11/28 at 6:30pm.
- **VIP** – Will be having a fundraiser at Starmax movie theater on 11/9. A percentage of sales from the 4pm and 7pm showing of The Grinch will go toward student rewards.
- **4/5 Honor Chorus** – Saturday, 12/15
- **Boys Basketball-** Home games: 11/20, 11/26, 12/4, 12/10, 12/11, 12/13 and 12/8– 7th grade tourney
- **Band and Chorus IMEA Qualifiers-** will participate in the festival at Charleston on November 17, 2018.
- **4th Grade Musical** – 11/8 7pm at VES gym (Celebrating Veterans)
- **Band and Chorus:** Band Winter concert will be 11/19 for 5/6 at 7pm at 1st Baptist Church. 7/8 band and choir Winter concert will be 12/17 w/ High School - 7pm

Elementary Board Report
Stacy Mesnard – Principal
Larry Emerick – Asst. Principal/VCUSD #203 Special Education Director

- VES had their annual Fall Fun Fest on November 2. Many parents volunteered to work at the carnival games, help in the kitchen with the chili supper, and donate baked goods for the Cake Walk. We had a lot of children and their families in attendance. I want to give a big shout out to McDonald's and Pre-K of Fayette County for their donations of kitchen supplies and groceries.
- SAFE came and did presentations about Body Safety to all students at VES during the month of October and are scheduled to do Internet Safety in November.
- First graders celebrated the 50th day of School on October 31 with a sock hop, root beer floats, hula-hoops and other 50th themed games and activities.
- Upcoming events include the annual Book Fair and Family Reading Night in November.

OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report
Nick Casey – Director

- Building Trades house is in the beginning stages of wiring, plumbing and insulation.
- Still waiting on Perkins Grant Approval.
- Student updates (Seniors) Welding
 - Military: 2 enlisted, 1 completing testing soon.
 - Tech School
 - MTI- 7 enrolled and or touring
 - Hobart Institute- 1 enrolled 1 touring
 - UTI (Arizona) 1 enrolled
 - Union Apprenticeship
 - One joining local #520 (operators)
 - Three applying for fitters/pipeline union after graduation.
 - I currently have two students ready for the workforce. They will be applying after graduation to start welding career.
- Current list of Schools/Recruiters that have visited OKAW welding. (2018-2019)
 - MTI
 - Hobart Institute
 - Army
 - UTI

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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.”