



**Voyageur Academy
Board of Directors**
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Proposed Budget Hearing and Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

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Board Recording Secretary Kimberly Weller Date 6-19-25

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Discussion Items	FY26 Initial Budget
	A. Met last week
	B. \$10,000 per pupil
	a. Minimal increase of \$18
	C. Anticipated enrollment - 1,360 students
	D. Grants Removed
	a. 11BB
	b. 23G
	E. Filter First Grant is included
	F. Health Cost up 8%
	a. TRG has not passed on increase to staff
	G. Capital Project Fund
	a. \$300,000 for new parking lot
	H. \$10,000 annual payment to Zion for their portion of the parking lot
	I. Curriculum cost is higher
	a. Previously paid using ESSER Funds
	b. 31A may be used to cover this cost
	J. Fund balance is currently at \$170,000
	a. Positive Balance
Call to Public	None
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn 6:42 pm Moved by Benning, supported by Williams Yes - 7 No - 0
<u>Board Meeting</u>	
Call to Order	6:43 pm
Roll Call	Curtis Wade – Present , (Wayne County, Detroit, MI) Minika Benning – Present , (Macomb County, Macomb, MI) Anita T. Washington – Present , (Oakland County, Farmington Hills, MI) Barbara Smith – Present , (Wayne County, Inkster, MI) Dale Williams – Present , (Oakland County, Southfield, MI) Robert Redmer – Present , (Oakland County, Oakland Twp., MI) Laura Benedict - Present , (Oakland County, Oakland Twp., MI)
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Action Items

Board Committee Reports/

Board Individual Comments

1. Specialized Services Committee - will schedule a meeting in August
2. Budget Development Committee – Met June 9
3. Academic Excellence Committee - will schedule a meeting in August
4. Policy Committee - will meet in fall
5. Technology Committee – will schedule a meeting in August
6. Athletic Committee – Met June 10
7. Security Committee – will schedule a meeting after assessment
8. Facility Use Committee – None

Call to the Public

None

Announcements

The next Board of Directors meeting will be August 19, 2025 at 6:35pm.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:03 pm

Moved by Benning, supported by Washington

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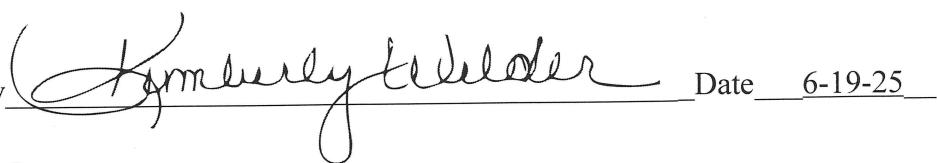
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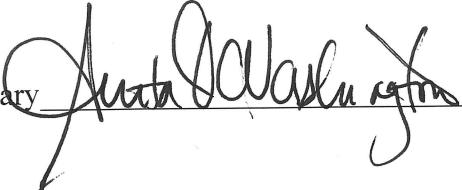
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