Valley City Public School District #2 Special School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 7:00 AM

Call to Order:
President Sherri Horsager called the special school board meeting of the Valley City Public School District #2 to order 7:02 AM on Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

Attendees:
- Board Members Present: Sherri Horsager, Darin Anderson, Ryan Mathias, Phil Hatcher, and Tommy Bergan

Others Attending: Superintendent Joshua Johnson, Business Manager Jackie Cordie, and Courtnie Lyter

Teacher Resignation – Tyler Thompson:
-Motion: Mathias motioned to approve the end of year (2025-26) resignation of Tyler Thompson, Social Studies teacher and thank him for his service to the district.
-Second: Bergan seconded the motion.
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Video Scoreboard at the HAC:
The RFP is to receive proposals on a Video Scoreboard, the scoreboard will be paid for by the Booster Club. The information would go back to the Booster Board, for them to decide if it is something they want to do, then it would come back to the school board as a recommendation at that time.
-Motion: Hatcher motioned to approve the issuance of an RFP for a video scoreboard, to be funded by the Booster Club, with final consideration and recommendation to return to the School Board at a later date.
-Second: Mathias seconded the motion.
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried.

PFM Fees and Agreement:
The request is for the Board to approve the engagement letter with PFM Financial Advisors LLC as VCPS's financial advisor for services related to the issuance of General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2026A and Series 2026B.

PFM's compensation will not exceed $15,000 for Series 2026A and $61,200 for Series 2026B, with an additional surcharge not to exceed $3,000 for data fees and miscellaneous expenses.
-Motion: Anderson motioned to approve the engagement letter with PFM Financial Advisors, LLC for services related to the issuance of General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2026A and Series 2026B for the School Facility Project, and to authorize the Business Manager and Superintendent to execute the agreement, including the fee schedule as presented.
-Second: Bergan seconded the motion.
-Vote: Upon poll, all present approved, motion carried.

Teacher Negotiation Strategy (Executive Session Per NDCC44-04-19.1 (9)):

-President Horsager Read the Following Statement:
- The next item on the agenda is the teacher negotiation strategy. This item may be discussed in an executive session only when an open meeting would have an adverse fiscal effect on the bargaining or litigating portion of the board. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is NDCC Section 44-04-19.1(9). The topic or purpose of this executive session is teacher negotiation strategy.

At this time, a motion would be in order to discuss the next item in executive session rather than in an open meeting. Is there such a motion? Mathias motioned, Bergan seconded. Any discussion on the motion? All present polled, motion carried.

The executive session will be recorded. All members of the governing body are reminded to limit their discussion during the executive session to the announced topic. The prohibition on taking final action during the executive session does not apply to providing guidance or instruction to our negotiators.

We will now ask the members of the public who are attending the meeting to leave the room. We anticipate adjourning the executive session and reconvening the open portion of the meeting at approximately 8:20 AM.

The minutes will show that the executive session began at 7:27 AM and was attended by: Sherri Horsager, Phil Hatcher, Darin Anderson, Ryan Mathias, Tommy Bergan, Josh Johnson, and Jackie Cordie.

Executive Session to discuss Teacher Negotiation Strategy

The minutes will show that the executive session was adjourned at 8:43 AM. The public has been invited to return to the meeting room, and we are now back in open session.

Adjournment:
- Time: Horsager declared the meeting adjourned at 8:43 AM.

Signatures:

President _____

Business Manager _____

Date 5/20/2026