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Board Meeting and Annual Organizational Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
6:35pm

Mission Statement:

The mission of the ***Voyageur School District*** is to prepare students to be ***College Ready and College Bound***.
This mission will be achieved through the foundational pillars of Discipline, Focus, Hard Work, Perseverance and Character; and the humanitarian pillars of Empathy and Compassion.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Curtis Wade
Barbara Smith
Minika Benning
Anita T. Washington
Dale Williams
Robert Redmer
Laura Benedict

Approval of Agenda

The Board will either approve the agenda as presented or amend the agenda with the approval of The Board.

Call to the Public

The meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting the Academy's business and is not considered a public community meeting. Those that may wish to address the Board on agenda items only may do so at this time by being recognized by the chair. There will be a second Call to the Public near the end of the agenda where interested parties may address the Board on any items of their choice. Those that request to address the Board have a maximum of three minutes of which to speak.

Reading of the Mission, Vision, and Core Values Statement

Annual Organizational Meeting Motions

1. Election of Officers
    a. Motion to nominate _______________ as President of Voyageur Academy Board of Directors (Curtis Wade)
    b. Motion to nominate _______________ as Vice President of Voyageur Academy Board of Directors (Minika Benning)
    c. Motion to nominate _______________ as Secretary of Voyageur Academy Board of Directors (Anita T. Washington)
    d. Motion to nominate _______________ as Treasurer of Voyageur Academy Board of Directors (Barbara Smith)

Consent Agenda Items

2. Adoption of previously approved calendar of regularly scheduled meeting dates and time for Academy Board

3. Adoption of resolution designating the person responsible for posting regularly scheduled and special meetings of the Academy Board (School Leader)

4. Adoption of resolution designating public spaces to post calendar and individual meeting notices for regularly scheduled and special meetings of the Academy Board (Board Room doors, Epicenter, Atrium doors, website)

5. Adoption of a resolution designating the depository for Academy funds (Citizens Bank)

6. Adoption of a resolution designating Board Members and personnel eligible to sign academy checks (Curtis Wade, Barbara Smith, John Weier, Vergil Smith)

7. Adoption of a resolution designating personnel authorized to negotiate and implement contracts with service providers (Curtis Wade, above $5000)

8. Appointment of Title IX, Freedom of Information and Civil Rights Coordinators (School Leader and Superintendent)

9. Appointment (or reappointment) of legal counsel (Jerry Richter)

10. Appointment (or reappointment) of external financial auditor (Maner Costerisan)

11. Appointment (or reappointment) of Chief Administrative Officer (Curtis Wade)

12. Appointment of Recording Secretary (Kimberly Wilder)

13. Appointment of designated ACH/Electronic Transfer Officer (ETO) (Curtis Wade and Vergil Smith)

14. Appointment of School Safety Liaison - Homeless Children and Youth Liaison (School Leader)

15. Adoption of resolution designating the number of board of director positions

Motion to approve all above annual org. items

Consent Items

Approval of June 16, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
Approval of June 16, 2026 Budget Hearing Minutes

Correspondence

Ferris State Board Newsletter

ESP/School Admin, Contractors

1. Authorizer Report – Ronnie Phillips
2. ESP Report – Vergil Smith
    a. CSI Update
    b. Parking Lot Update
    c. Soil Removal/Seed RFP Update
    d. SEVIS Update
3. IT Director Report – Jason Rider
4. K-8 School Leader Report – Rod Atkins
5. 9-12 School Leader Report – Patricia Crosson

Discussion Items

1. June/July Financial Report
2. Cybersecurity Policy

Action Items

1. Approval of June/July Financial Report
2. Adopt Cybersecurity Policy

Board Committee Reports/ Board Individual Comments

1. Specialized Services Committee
2. Budget Development Committee
3. Academic Excellence Committee – Met August 5th
4. Policy Committee

5. Technology Committee
6. Athletic Committee
7. Security Committee
8. Facility-Use Committee

Call to the Public — Interested parties may address the Board on any items of their choice. Those that request to address the Board have a maximum of three minutes in which to speak.

Announcements — The next Board of Directors meeting will be September 15, 2026 at 6:35pm.

Adjournment

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*Individuals wishing to address the Board of Directors under items II and XII above are requested to sign in with the Board Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Individual comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes each and a total time allowance not to exceed thirty (30) minutes. The Board will not verbally respond to public comments but may follow up in the most appropriate and time-effective manner.

*Complaints or concerns regarding Board members or school employees associated with the Academy shall first be addressed in writing and delivered to the Board President at least five (5) days prior to the Board meeting or such complaints or concerns shall not be heard by the Board. The Board will not verbally respond to public comments but may follow up in the most appropriate and time-effective manner.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting the Academy's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public comment during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.