

VisionWay Christian School Regular Board Meeting
October 27, 2025 at 6:02 p.m.
Opening Prayer provided by Steve Basham.

ATTENDANCE: Steve Basham, Justin Bell (audio), Ethan Brown (audio), Renee Brown, Tim Ervin (audio - Elder), Ashley Francis, James LeVault, Betsy Sharp, Lindsey Schneider, Dave Tapscott, Katy Tarrant, Austin Wilhour.

ABSENT: Ben Althoff

GUESTS: Rachael Althoff

COMMUNITY ADDRESS: None

CONSENT TO AGENDA & PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING MINUTES:

Ethan made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes, James seconded, motion carried.

Financial Reports Submitted: September 2025

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE- Steve – Budget crunch is over. Looking at salaries and we are currently under budget. 23% of budget ¼ way thru the year. General fund has around \$100k in the account. \$47k and \$93k in available funds. PIE \$18k and change. We are still owed from the Trulock/Corzine fund perpetual trust. Work comp audit came back and we don't owe any more.

PERSONNEL / HOSPITALITY - Betsy – Aftercare going well. Fully Bev now. Before care going well. Playing music in the morning with the new speaker that was purchased with funds received from previous blood drives.

MARKETING -Jimmy – Tractor raffle went well. Still waiting on final numbers but it was over \$21,000 raised. Popcorn sales concluded today. Mrs. LeVault and Pastor Jones are meeting regularly to discuss joint marketing opportunities between VCS and TCC. Flyer is now up in the foyer regarding Casey's and Kroger donation opportunities. Gracie Corso hired by church and will coordinate with Kailey. Blood drive flyer.

CURRICULUM – Katy – Committee met with Mr. Wamsley, Mrs. LeVault, and Renee regarding DeepRoots. Going back to ASCI for bible curriculum. Mr. Wamsley is doing a teacher development on Wednesday, October 29th to show some of the teachers the abilities of ASCI. Mrs. LeVault is going to continue with some of the more engaging aspects of the previous program.

BUILDING / GROUNDS - Austin – No new updates. Putting out some feelers for snow removal. Blake Richardson is interested. Discussed looking at salt to keep on hand.

ATHLETIC / SPORTS -Lindsay – Started on little warriors stuff. Sponsorship fee up to \$200 per team. \$35 registration fee and we do our own shirts. Going to use the Print Shop out of Stonington. \$45 per kid. 4-5 boys in each grade and 4-5 girls in each grade interested in

sports. Talking with St. Mary's about co-op. Discussing dual enrollment for some kids. Looking into some options. Ashley to reach out to Arthur since they do it. We will ask Matt Corso and Jeremy Piatt if they are able to coach.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Renee – Discussed upcoming events. RenewaNation Visit is scheduled for November 12-13 with Boar training/dinner on Wednesday November 12th. Enrollment is holding steady at 127. New Bible curriculum is in place and some teachers are adding enrichment pieces. We will need help with stage setup for the Christmas program on December 7th or December 8th. Doing a musical program this year and will still have two programs. Considering doing just one program next year. The teacher's institute in Ramsey with the Regional Office of Education went well. Still working closely with Taylorville Police Department on drills. Also had a visit from the security company. Tim discussed the email that he sent about security.

Board also had a lengthy discussion on planning for next school year. Particularly around what it would look like to begin incorporating an option for 6th grade. All board members interested. Mrs. Althoff discussed her desire to see an option for 6th grade. Various ideas were discussed. First step was to discuss with current 4th and 5th grade families during parent teacher conferences what they are planning for next year. Discussed how important will be to start this process early so that adequate planning can be made. Next steps will be to have the curriculum committee come up with a proposal for next school. The numbers for next years 5th grade may quite low so we will need to look at what is driving that decisions. Board expressed their strong desire to build back the junior high but the timing and planning it very important. We need to be a multi step approach. Would like to incorporate an information night before the holiday season. Renee is working on an analysis to determine the cost per student. Board also discussed the expectations for family fundraising and involvement. This information would be released with tuition contracts in mid February. Marketing committee will be involved with this process.

ELDER'S REPORT – Tim – None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Betsy – None

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Christmas/holiday staff bonuses – Ethan motion, Dave second. PIE pays half.
2. Assistant and teacher-substitute pay – No action. Current rates are very competitive with other schools.
3. Church/School security – Tim discussed. No action at this time.
4. Enrollment 2026-2027 – Discussed during admin report.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Nov. 12-13 RenewaNation Visit
 - a. Nov. 12 Board Training – 5:30 working meal

- b. Nov. 13 Follow-up Board discussions – Individual meetings with board members.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ethan made motion to adjourn, James seconded at 7:38 pm.

Next board meeting: November 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Regular board meetings will occur on the 4th Monday of the month, unless otherwise stated.