

VisionWay Christian School Regular Board Meeting
April 27, 2026 at 7:05 p.m.
Opening Prayer provided by Renee Brown.

ATTENDANCE: Ben Althoff, Justin Bell, Ethan Brown, Renee Brown (Admin), James LeVault, John Dexheimer (Elder), Betsy Sharp, Lindsey Schneider, Dave Tapscott, Katy Tarrant, Austin Wilhour.

ABSENT: Steve Basham, Ashley Francis

GUESTS: NONE

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

Jimmy made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Ethan seconded, motion carried.

COMMUNITY ADDRESS: NONE

CONSENT TO PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Ethan made a motion to approve the financial reports and minutes, Ben seconded, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE- Ethan Brown:

- Report – Nothing to report.
- Discussion – None
- Action – **Committee to review and approve the 2026-2027 Budget regarding the salary increase.**

PERSONNEL / HOSPITALITY – Betsy Sharp:

- Report – Elders gave approval on the personnel committee recommendations to hire Allison Bell as the Kindergarten teacher for the 2026 – 2027 school year.
- Discussion – None
- Action – **Jimmy made a motion, on behalf of the personnel committee, to approve the hiring of Allison Bell for the kindergarten teaching position for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year, with the expectation that she completes her degree by the 2027-2028 registration period. If that is not completed, the administration may revisit the position, including posting for the 2027–2028 school year. Motion carried.**

MARKETING -Ben Althoff:

- Report –Mrs. LeVault is hitting social media hard. She plans to do something with the kids in the gym with the auction totals.
- Discussion – None

- Action – None

CURRICULUM – Katy Tarrant:

- Report – Nothing to report.
- Discussion – None
- Action – None

BUILDING / GROUNDS – Austin Wilhour:

- Report – Meet with Gardner L&M Glass and Tim Tucker. Goal is to match the entry way to the Hub. Gardner has provided a bid and that was given to the Elder Board. We do not have a bid from Tim Tucker yet. Austin will provide the bid to the Elder Board.
- Discussion – Projects to consider for PIE funding (desks, painting, carpet, etc.). We used to be on a rotation for carpet replacement in classrooms but that has not been done in a while. We've have Duckett's scheduled to clean the carpets this July and tile. Amy does the classroom carpets with the cleaner the school owns. Katy has discussed with PIE the process for proposing playground equipment (church board and school board). A refresh of the playground equipment does need to be done in the coming years. Preschool equipment was put in around 4 years ago. Shelter in place went well today during the tornado warning today. Mrs. Brown does not believe we need to make any changes today. Some classes did receive communication from teachers about the shelter in place, but not all teachers were able to provide the communication.
- Action – **Austin to provide the bid to the Elder Board once received.**

ATHLETIC / SPORTS -Lindsay Schneider:

- Report – The membership fee for the IESA must be received by June 8th if we want to have teams play basketball, volleyball, or band. The fee is \$275.
- Discussion – Jeremy did a good job putting together a schedule without us being part of IESA last year so we may not need to do that. Does not look like we will have enough numbers for teams but still want to get the fee paid.
- Action – **Mrs. Brown will pay the fee to IESA before June 8th.**

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Renee Brown:

- Report – Auction activities and end of year outings in full swing. May 11th Night of Worship with TCC. May 15th Preschool Celebration in the morning. May 20th 8:40 AM awards K-5. May 20th 12:00 PM content coach from BJU.
 - Updates:
 - Registration totals and projections are currently at 108.
 - Lauren Metcalf was the recipient of the college scholarship.
 - Textbooks have arrived.
 - Professional development plans for the summer are being planned. We have a subscription in July and August to watch the program. Plan to bring the teachers come in during the summer months to do this.

- Admin team will work to develop a professional development program to include a podcast. These can have continuing education units. This will include instructional and spiritual growth.
 - Moving away from Lifetouch for school pictures and yearbooks. We have not been able to reach Lifetouch for a cost comparison with Interstate Studios.
 - Discussion –
 - 2026 – 2027 Staffing Needs
 - Beth Markwell has submitted her resignation. With the current numbers there will not be a need for the same number of aids. Mrs. Knoblich will do two days and Mrs. Tullis will do two days. Mrs. Knoblich will also continue doing before care.
 - Need to backfill Mrs. Bell’s position. Dawn Truax will be taking on the Art instructor.
 - Would like to add an interventionist for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - The overall headcount for next year will be less than this year or very close to the same level.
 - Salary 2026 – 2027
 - Mrs. Brown connected with Steve regarding a 3% salary increase and how it would look toward the budget. Last year we increased salaries significantly for salaried faculty with the plan to keep them steady for a few years.
 - Meeting with the RenewANation consultant to develop a strategic plan for growth over the next 5 years.
 - Accreditation Process with ACTS and ACSI.
 - Develop a footprint plan for when the school grows and needs to expand. Also looking at ways to allow opportunities for the junior high kids who stay.
 - Action – **Salary increase proposal and budget is being referred to the finance committee.**

ELDER’S REPORT – John Dexheimer:

- Report – Nothing to report.
- Discussion – None
- Action Items – None

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – Betsy Sharp:

- Report – 2027 Auction location.
- Discussion – General consensus from PIE is to keep it at the Pillars. We do not have the bandwidth to organize the event at the school. Cost would be nearly a wash. Dates at the Pillars are filling up for next March. **March 13th is the tentative date for next year.** Mrs. Brown’s concern is we do not have the numbers to be able to tear everything down that Saturday night in order to get the space ready for church Sunday morning. Having it at the school offers a great opportunity to showcase the school but uncertainty on the help makes it difficult. The feasibility of having it at the school is just a lot to undertake.

Betsy spoke with former families who were here when we had the Night of Hope at the school and it took a lot of work. Having it at the Pillars may not be the only option for location. Lots of discussion on Auction ensued. We have other opportunities to showcase the school at other events throughout the year. The tentative total from the auction was around \$105,000. PIE would like to keep around \$30,000.

- Action Items– **Mrs. Brown to share with the faculty that the recommendation of the board is to continue having the Night of Hope offsite.**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. None

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Night of Worship VCS/TCC May 11 @ 6:30

UPDATES:

- By Law Review being conducted by Jimmy and Tim Ervin.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dave made motion to adjourn, Ethan seconded at 8:13 pm. Motion carried.

Next board meeting: May 26, 2026 at 7:00 PM

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