



Vinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 23, 2025

The Vinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities regular session was called to order by President Tiffany Pierce at 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2025.

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Prior notice
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia			x
Tracie Dearing	x		

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of August Board Minutes:

39-25 Moved by Tracie Dearing, seconded by Sharon Chaney, to accept the Minutes for the August Board Meeting, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia			
Tracie Dearing	x		

Ratification of Paid Expenditures:

Karon Fisher presented the August Expenses and Financial Statements to the Board.

40-25 Moved by Tammy Hopkins, seconded by Tracie Dearing, to approve the August Expenses, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia			
Tracie Dearing	x		

Superintendents Report:

There is still talk at the state-level about property tax levies. The Governor has convened a workgroup to discuss possible options to help alleviate the burden on certain taxpayers. There are a number of ideas and suggestions still up for debate and none that have seen formal approval in front of the House or Senate. The movement to eliminate property taxes all together remains in place. The efforts of those who would abolish all property taxes have cropped up all over the state, still looking to secure enough signatures to see a statewide ballot issue in 2026. If you want a more detail explanation of what the draft idea and plans are at the state level, please let me know. I have a breakdown that we can review.

In the packet tonight, you will also notice that there is a draft budget for 2026. I am hopeful that we can have a good discussion around this and move ahead with a solid budget to present to the commissioners. This budget is due to the commissioner's office earlier this year (October 12, 2025). Along with that, I would like to facilitate a conversation on waiver allotments for Vinton County Board. Our estimation for waiver cost is partially dependent on the number of waivers allocated by the county board. We have included a page that reflects the situation if our levy is not renewed. Please take time to review that and we can discuss in detail at the meeting, if that is desired. I would like to encourage the board to consider taking action on how to approach the ballot in 2026. These are the talking points I'd like to address with you and as always, I am happy to discuss anything else you'd like to bring to the table.

SSA Report:

None.

Old Business:

None.

Informational Items:

None.

Administrative Approvals

None.

Personnel Items:

Superintendent Jill Squires introduced new SSA Chase Morano.

New Business:

Approval of Invoice Resolution #2025-09-01:

41-25 Moved by Sharon Chaney, seconded by Karen Hauck to approve Invoice Resolution #2025-09-01, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia			
Tracie Dearing	x		

Approval of Independent Contractor Services Agreement:

42-25 Moved by Tracie Dearing, seconded by Tammy Hopkins to approve Independent Contractor Services Agreement, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia			
Tracie Dearing	x		

Approval of 2026 Budget:

43-25 Moved by Karen Hauck, seconded by Tracie Dearing to approve the 2026 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		

Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia			
Tracie Dearing	x		

Adjournment:

44-25 Moved by Sharon Chaney, seconded by Tracie Dearing, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia			
Tracie Dearing	x		

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved as to form:

Sharon Chaney, Secretary

Tiffany Pierce, President