

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
December 11, 2023 – 7:00 pm  
Vicksburg High School - PAC  
501 EAST HIGHWAY ST  
VICKSBURG, MI**

**M I N U T E S**

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**Members Present:** Ron Centofanti, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, Dan Grabowski, David Schriemer, Stephanie Willoughby and Virgil Knowles

**Members Absent:** None

**Board Secretary:** Amy Manchester

**Administrators Present:** Keevin O'Neill, Steve Goss, Gail VanDaff, Adam Brush, Matt Hawkins, Allison Dygert, Joe Werkema, Amie McCaw, Sarah Bacalia, Mike Barwegen, Dewey Waterman, Rick Place, Sarah Dygert, Karen McKinstry, Lourdes Puzevic, Jessica Wheeler Ponton

**Guests Present:** Lisa Coe, Kelly MacDonell, Dusty Morris and Chamber Singers, VCS New Teachers, Natalie Mason, Michael Fry, Christine Babcock, Tracy Hall, Sarah Neff, Lea Johnson, Trudy Gwilt, DJ Kalee, Austin Marsman, S. Blackwell, Joseph Cash, Courtney Hardy, Sygnet Swann, M. O'Neill

President Knowles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The VHS Chamber singers opened the meeting with holiday music as has been a long-time VCS tradition.

**A. Recognitions**

Supt. O'Neill recognized our new teachers. The building principals introduced each new staff member to the Board.

**B. Legislative Update**

Supt. O'Neill shared that the legislature is adjourned for the rest of the year. He pointed out that the School Equity Caucus newsletter attached to the packet included a recap of relevant legislation discussed at previous meetings.

**C. Important Dates**

Supt. O'Neill directed the Board to the listing of important dates in the packet including the upcoming choir and band concerts.

**II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY**

**A. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss**

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the monthly budget progress report for November 2023, showing total revenues of \$8,521,070; total expenditures of \$10,099,768 and a deficit of revenue over expenditures of \$(1,578,698).

B. Investment Holdings Update - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss presented an update on the District's investments.

C. Pathways High School Annual Report - Rick Place

Principal Rick Place presented the Pathways High School Annual Report. He reported information on increased student enrollment and graduation rates. He shared examples of individual learning plans needed for different student needs. They will soon celebrate their 250<sup>th</sup> graduate. A pilot program is being rolled out to offer rides to students who struggle with getting to the lab. Pathways would like to start a mentor program for their students in the near future.

III. AUDIENCE

No one wished to address the Board on a non-agenda item.

IV. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

A. Approval of the November 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Willoughby.

B. Approval of General Fund Invoices Totaling \$593,795.34 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Schriemer.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

C. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for October 2023 Totaling \$111,947.46 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Grabowski.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

D. Approval to Accept Student Enrollments through Section 105C of Public Act 94 for the Second Semester of the 2023-24 School Year: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Schriemer.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. 2nd Reading Approval of the Following Policies - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

1. PO 2370.01 Online/Blended Learning Program
2. PO 7217 - Weapons
3. PO 8305 - Information Security
4. PO 8531 - Free and Reduced Meals

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

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President Virgil Knowles  
January 15, 2024

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Secretary Amy Manchester