

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**March 8, 2010 – 7:00 pm**  
**Indian Lake Elementary Library**

**MINUTES**

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Members Present: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Members Absent: Danielson

Administrators Present: Supt. Charles Glaes, Asst. Supt Stephen Goss, HS Principal Rob Kuhlman, HS Asst. Principal Keevin O’Neill, MS Principal Greg Tibbetts, MS Asst. Principal Laura Kuhlman, IL Principal Rick Szabla, SL Principal Pat Moreno, Adult/Community Ed Director Tonya Nash, Food Service Director Tonya Nash, Transportation Director Ric Beers, Instructional Specialist Pat Wilson O’Leary, Maintenance and Operations Director JR Rice,

Guests in Attendance: Andy Lothschutz, Kelli Mein, Nick Hyndman, Ruth Hook, Niki Day, Allie Lamers, Kay Anderson, Diane Fort, Melissa Jamerson, Steve Thomas, Tammy Lovins, Cyndi Frakes, Cherie Houghton, Stephanie Reed, Cheryl Ulsh, Jim Cagney, Mary Kilpatrick, Lucia Dalla, Pat Wilson O’Leary, Mike Hill, David Tultz, Chris Armitage, Judy Stoughton, Liz Ratashak, Wendy Rice, Martha Flynn, Amy Green

**I. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

**A. Legislative Report:**

1. Adair v State of Michigan Status Report: Supt. Glaes reviewed a letter from Attorney Dennis Pollard regarding the legislative commission on statutory mandates, which stated that the commission’s reform bills have had positive acceptance in Lansing. The importance of municipalities and school districts encouraging the legislature to move responsibly in paying for mandated actions was stressed.
2. MASA Update: Supt. Glaes stated that Michigan did not receive RTTT grant funding. Mr. Glaes also stated that the retirement rate has increased 2.5% for 2011. Other legislative topics were discussed.

**B. Review of Ballot for May 4, 2010:** Supt. Glaes stated that there are two candidates for May 4, 2010:

1. School Board Candidates

- a. Chris Armitage
- b. Tom Danielson

**C. Important Dates:** Supt. Glaes referred to listing of important dates. Mrs. Lohman gave a preview of the Middle School Science Night and encouraged everyone to attend.

**D. Survey Results:** Supt. Glaes gave a summary of the District budget survey. The District is committed to maintaining the tradition of excellence in all buildings and will make the best decisions possible to keep money in the classrooms and the focus on students. The budget must be approved by June 30.

## II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Indian Lake PTSO: Principal Rick Szabla introduced Hostess Stephanie Reed and gave an overview of the wonderful things the PTSO does for students, staff, and the community.

1. President - Amber Baird
2. Vice President - Alicia Crandall
3. Treasurer - Angie Scoffin
4. Secretary - Becky Glenn
5. Hostess - Stephanie Reed: Present

B. Business and Finance Report - Steve Goss:

1. Budget Progress Report for Month Ending February 28, 2010: Asst. Supt. Goss reviewed the budget progress report for February 2010 showing total revenues of \$10,418,156; total expenditures of \$12,278,091; and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of -\$1,859,935. Mr. Goss stated that the District is committed to making cuts, but doing so in a way that maintains the District's attractiveness. Administrative costs have been reduced and will continue to be reduced. Salaries and benefits total over 80% of the District budget.
3. 2010 - 2011 Bus Purchase Recommendation - Ric Beers: Mr. Beers recommended that the Board approve the purchase of two 77 passenger buses. The District's policy is to replace three buses per year which keeps a bus fleet no more than 10-11 years.

C. Professional Development Report:

1. Professional Development Annual Report - Pat Wilson O'Leary: Mrs. Wilson O'Leary presented her annual report including professional development for teachers and administrators in the Vicksburg Community Schools as well as outside districts.
2. 2009-10 District Professional Development Days Update - Charles Glaes: Supt. Glaes referred to a listing of professional development days and topics targeted to building goals and school improvement needs.

D. Instructional Report

1. Indian lake 2010 MEAP and School Improvement Report - Rick Szabla: Mr. Szabla presented the "Indian Lake MEAP Story Continues, Getting Our Ducks in a Row! 2010" which showed that all test scores were between 90 and 100%. Ruth Hook described some of the District and Indian Lake initiatives.
2. Annual Curriculum/Program Proposals and Reports - Charles Glaes:
  - a. High School World Language Proposal - STAMP Test for 8th Grade Competency. First year cost of \$3,340.00; year two cost \$3,040.00; year three cost \$2,290.00; yearly cost after of \$2,290.00: Kay Anderson and Allie Lamers explained that the Michigan Merit Exam

requires two credits of language for the class of 2016. STAMP offers proficiency in languages besides those offered at Vicksburg. Students do not need seat time in order to achieve credit.

- E. Audience: Supt. Glaes, Asst. Supt. Goss, and the Board responded to audience questions and comments.

### III. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

#### A. Approval of the Following Open Session Minutes

1. February 8, 2010 - Regular Meeting: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Eldred to approve February 8, 2010 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
2. February 17, 2010 - Special Meeting: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth to approve February 17, 2010 special meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. February 25, 2010 - Special Meeting: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Eldred to approve February 25, 2010 special meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

#### B. Approval of the Following Closed Session Minutes

1. February 17, 2010 - Special Meeting: A motion was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth to approve February 17, 2010 special meeting closed session minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
2. February 25, 2010 - Special Meeting: A motion was made by Eldred and supported by Emmert to approve February 25, 2010 special meeting closed session minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

#### C. Approval of the Following General Fund Invoices:

1. February 5, 2010 = \$163,525.71: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Schriemer to approve payment of invoices dated February 5, 2010 totaling \$163,525.71.  
Ayes: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: Danielson  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.
2. February 19, 2010 = \$61,885.73: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman to approve invoices dated February 19, 2010 totaling \$61,885.73.  
Ayes: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: Danielson  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

3. February 28, 2010 = \$63,367.29: A motion was made by Eldred and supported by Lohman to approve invoices dated February 28, 2010 totaling \$63,367.29.

Ayes: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: Danielson

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

D. 1st Reading Approval of the Acquisition of Two 77 Passenger Buses from International Corp. plus Digital Recorders/Cameras and Two Two-Way Radios in an Amount Not to Exceed \$158,064 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman for 1<sup>st</sup> reading approval of the acquisition of two 77 passenger buses from International Corp. plus Digital Recorders/Cameras and Two Two-Way Radios in an Amount Not to Exceed \$158,064 with permission to order.

Ayes: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: Danielson

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Approval of the Following Parent Transfer Requests for the Remainder of the 2009-10 School Year: A motion was made by Schriemer and supported by Emmert for approval of the following parent transfer requests for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year:

1. Herald Williams (Grade 1) and Nathaniel Penning (Grade 5): Approval to attend Indian Lake (Sunset Lake attendance area)

2. Gabriel "Gabe" Fuller (Grade K): Approval to attend Indian Lake (Sunset Lake attendance area)

3. Caitlyn Nufer (Grade 4): Approval to attend Tobey (Sunset Lake attendance area)

Motion carried unanimously.

G. 1st Reading Approval of High School World Language Proposal. First year cost of \$3,340; year two cost of \$3,040; year three cost of \$2,290; and yearly cost after of \$2,290 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Eldred and supported by Forsyth for 1st Reading Approval of High School World Language Proposal. First year cost of \$3,340; year two cost of \$3,040; year three cost of \$2,290; and yearly cost after of \$2,290.

Ayes: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: Danielson

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

H. 2nd Reading Approval of 8th Grade Science Proposal at a 2010-11 cost of \$17,192.39 with a yearly cost of \$950.00 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was

made by Lohman and supported by Schriemer for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading approval of 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science Proposal at a 2010-22 cost of \$17,192.39 with a yearly cost of \$950.00.

Ayes: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: Danielson

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- I. Approval of FLMA Request for MS Teacher Melissa Crawford to begin on or about May 19, 2010. A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Emmert for approval of FMLA request for MS teacher Melissa Crawford to begin on or about May 19, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously.

- J. Approval of Vicksburg Baseball Team Spring Training Trip 2010 to Ft. Pierce, FL from March 27 - April 3. All costs to be paid by students: A motion was made by Eldred and supported by Emmert for approval of Vicksburg Baseball Team spring training trip 2010 to Ft. Pierce, FL from March 27 – April 3. All costs to be paid by students.

Motion carried unanimously.

10:30

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

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President Virgil Knowles  
Date: April 12, 2010

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Secretary Karen Hill