

Regular Meeting  
Monday, January 13, 2025 7:00 PM

Vicksburg High School Library  
301 S Kalamazoo St  
Vicksburg, Michigan 49097

## Minutes

Board Members Present: Rick Burmeister, Tina Forsyth, Lisa Hostetler, Stephanie Willoughby, Dave Schriemer, Dan Grabowski, Ron Centofanti

Board Members Absent: None

Board Secretary: Tamara Young

Administrators Present: Dewey Waterman, Adam Brush, Matt Hawkins, Keevin O'Neill and Steve Goss, Mike Barwegen, Kelli Luke, Allison Dygert, Joe Werkema, Katie Webster, Alyssa Thompson, Sarah Bacalia, Jessica Ponton

Guests Present: See attached sign in sheet

Schriemer called meeting to order at 7:00pm

### I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I.A. Approval of Dave Schriemer as Temporary Chairperson to Convene this Meeting through Action Item IV.A.1. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Willoughby. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Young as temporary secretary. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Willoughby. Motion carried unanimously.

I.B. School Board Recognition. O'Neill thanked all the school board members for their service. Included in their folders are certificates from VCS and Gov Whitmer.

I.C. Legislative Update. Friday was very busy. Revenue conference was brought together. The state is expecting an increase in the general fund. State is projecting a loss of students overall of about 7000. PA152 - changes to healthcare spending for districts. A mid-year change in spending is a hurdle if it passes. Title 9 - Federal Court vacated the ruling in their entirety. We are waiting for feedback from Neola and Thrun.

I.D. Important Dates. Final exams are next week for the HS. Second semester starts Jan 22nd. Pathways HS will hold their winter graduation on Jan 29th in the PAC. Winter homecoming is also coming up with lots of festivities. STRIVE raffle tickets are also for sale, the winner receives 1/8 of a beef. Other events are the band pre festival concert and athletic booster bounce.

### II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

II.A. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss. Explained how the dates of payroll can affect the budget since 2 months during the school year have 3 payrolls instead of 2. He will continue to work on budget amendments.

II.B. Investment Holdings Update - Steve Goss. List of investments continues to get smaller. The rates are coming down but still earning interest. Schriemer would like to once again thank Goss for his work on investments and increasing our funds through interest.

II.C. Annual Report - Adam Brush and Matt Hawkins - Adam Brush and Matt Hawkins. Brush welcomed everyone. Data driven results is the theme for the evening. Hawkins announced things they are proud of. Brush explained the new VBTV program. He showed a highlight video of their first semester of videos. Brush discussed attendance rates before, during, and after COVID. We are still rising and are now about 1% behind precovid numbers. Attendance incentives are great motivation along with consistent attendance codes throughout the district. Student groups also help motivate students to attend class and be part of the school community. They are building a strong PLC. The SEL team is also very strong. Student surveys are used to highlight things they are doing well and the areas they need to focus on. Brush reported on summer school. The number this year was the lowest compared to past years. AP capstone was highlighted with the number of students who took the class, took the test, and earned college credit. SAT scores were presented. The scores were compared to local schools, similar districts, and the state as a whole.

II.D. Band Trip to San Antonio Texas - Ben Rosier, director of the band. He's seeking approval to take the band to Texas. He discussed safety with security guards, chartered buses, chaperones, and a nurse. Itinerary is a draft due to the date of the game not being set yet. The trip also includes a service project. Forsyth asked about how the decision is made to attend which trip. Rosier discussed this is due to our band being one of the top in the state. Schriemer asked about the cost for students and fundraising. Rosier discussed band booster money, marching band invite, and raffles. Rosier is hoping for 90% participation.

Schiemer once again thanked Lohman and Knowles and introduced Burmeister and Hostetler.

III. Audience. Dusty Mooris, VEA president spoke to the board. He thanked the principals and vice principals for their leadership. On behalf of the VEA, he welcomed the new board members.

#### IV. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

##### IV.A. Organization of the 2025 School Board

###### IV.A.1. Election of Officers

IV.A.1.a. President. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Willoughby for Dave Schiemer as President. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV.A.1.b. Vice President - A motion for approval was made by Willoughby and supported by Forsyth for Ron Centofanti as Vice President. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

###### IV.A.2. Appointment of Officers

IV.A.2.a. Treasurer - Steve Goss. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Willoughby for Steve Goss as Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV.A.2.b. Secretary - Tamara Young. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Willoughby for Tamara Young as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV.B. Approval of the following Board Meeting Minutes.

12-9-24 Regular Meeting. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Willoughby. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

12-17-24 Special Session. A motion for approval was made by Willoughby and supported by Grabowski. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

12-17-24 Closed Session. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Grabowski. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV.C. Approval of General Fund Invoices Totaling \$280,742.62 - ROLL CALL VOTE. A motion for approval was made by Grabowski and supported by Centofanti. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV.D. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for Totaling \$79,494.17 - ROLL CALL VOTE. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Willoughby. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV.E. Approval of resolution to authorize amendment to the District's Sec 125 Plan. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Willoughby. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV.F. Approval of Band Trip to San Antonio Texas. A motion for approval was made by Willoughby and supported by Forsyth. Motion carried unanimously.

IV.G. 2nd Reading Approval of the Following Policies - ROLL CALL VOTE. A motion for approval was made to approve the following 11 policies together by Forsyth and supported by Willoughby. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV.G.1. PO 1130 Conflict of Interest

IV.G.2. PO 3110 Conflict of Interest

IV.G.3. PO 4110 Conflict of Interest

IV.G.4. PO 6110 Grant Funds

IV.G.5. PO 6110 Internal Controls

IV.G.6. PO 6112 Cash Management of Grants

IV.G.7. PO 6114 Cost Principals - Spending Federal Funds

IV.G.8. PO 6325 Procurement - Federal Grants and Funds

IV.G.9. PO 6550 Travel Payment and Reimbursement

IV.G.10. PO 7310 Disposition of Surplus Property

IV.G.11. PO 7450 Property Inventory

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Schriemer adjourned the meeting at 8:36 pm.

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President Dave Schriemer  
February 10, 2025

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Secretary Tamara Young