

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**January 12, 2015**  
**7:00 pm – VHS Library**  
**MINUTES**

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Members Present: Wil Emmert, Deborah Harsha, David Schriemer, Rudy Callen, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, Virgil Knowles

Secretary Karen Hill

Administrators Present: Charles Glaes, Stephen Goss, Keevin O'Neill, Adam Brush, Michael Roy, Laura Kuhlman, Matt VanDussen, Pat Moreno, Ruth Hook, Mike Barwegen, Ric Beers, Maureen Ouvry, Tonya Nash

Guests Present: Nancy and John Herson, Steve Thomas, Liz Ratashak, Kim Armitage, Carol Higgins, Patty Conklin, Caleb Conklin, Greg Chiu, Nathaneil Chiu

**I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Oath of Office: The following Board members were sworn into office by Supt. Glaes.

1. Wil Emmert
2. Deborah Harsha
3. David Schriemer

B. Approval of Virgil Knowles as Temporary Chairperson to Convene this Meeting through Action Item C.1.a.: Election of Officers: A motion was made by and supported by for approval of Virgil Knowles as Temporary Chairperson to Convene this meeting through Action Item C.1.a. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Recognitions

1. Becky Sloniker – Charles Glaes: Supt. Glaes expressed condolences to the Sloniker family in the passing of Sunset Lake Instructional Consultant Becky Sloniker on December 31, 2014. Supt. Glaes thanked the large number of people who volunteered at Sunset Lake so staff could attend the service.
2. School Board Recognition Month - Charles Glaes: Supt. Glaes expressed appreciation to Board Members for the gift of time and commitment they give to our students and staff.
3. Kim Armitage - Advanced Placement Biology Essay Work - Keevin O'Neill: Mr. O'Neill recognized Mrs. Armitage for being instrumental in moving the Advanced Placement program forward. Mrs. Armitage is also an essay reader for the College Board in Kansas City during the summer.
4. Sean Garrett and Nathaniel Chiu - Michigan All State Honors Band - Keevin O'Neill: Mr. O'Neill recognized Nathaniel and Sean who were

two of 250 students who auditioned and made the Michigan All State Honors Band.

5. Nancy Herson - Unsung Hero Award – Ruth Hook: Mrs. Hook introduced Mrs. Herson as a retired Secretary at Indian Lake. Mrs. Herson received the Unsung Hero Award for going over and above the call of duty, making each student and family feel welcome.

D. Legislative Update: The Governor has signed bills for funding to repair roads. A vote will be held on the May 5 ballot.

E. Important Dates: Supt. Glaes referred to the listing of dates included in Board packets.

## II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

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

1. Budget Progress Report for the Month Ending December 31, 2014: Asst. Supt. Goss reviewed the budget progress report for December, 2014 showing total revenues of \$7,676,724; total expenditures of \$9,732,906; and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of -\$2,056,182.

2. Bond Update: Asst. Supt. Goss gave a status report of construction projects.

### B. Vicksburg High School:

High Standards. High Expectations. No Excuses. - Keevin O'Neill: Mr. O'Neill stated the High School Mission: To maximize the success and potential of all students. Vision: All students will graduate college ready. Mr. O'Neill reviewed celebrations from last year, school improvement initiatives that are being taken to insure that students do graduate college ready, and VHS MME scored compared to the State.

C. Audience: Carol Higgins addressed the Board on the shortage of substitute teachers in the area and recommended paying "qualified" subs a premium. Mr. Goss stated that last year the District spent over \$250,000 on subs. Our priority is to reduce that expenditure rather than increase it.

## III. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

A. Approval of the December 8, 2014 Minutes: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth to approve the December 8, 2014 minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of the Following General Fund Invoices Totaling \$194,269.69 - ROLL CALL VOTE. A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman to approve payment of the following invoices totaling \$194,269.69.

Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. December 5, 2014 = \$85,904.50

2. December 19, 2014 = \$108,365.19

- C. Approval for Disbursement of Funds for December Purchases Made Under the District's Purchase Card Program Totaling \$156,759.90 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth for approval of disbursement of funds for December purchases made under the District's purchase card program totaling \$156,759.90.

Discussion: Asst. Supt. Goss explained a couple of charges.

Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Organization of the 2014-15 School Board

1. Election of Officers: A motion was made by Schriemer and supported by Forsyth to elect Virgil Knowles as President and Carol Lohman as Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.

a. President: Virgil Knowles

b. Vice President: Carol Lohman

2. Appointment of Officers: A motion was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth to appoint Karen Hill as Secretary and Steve Goss as Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

a. Secretary - Karen Hill

b. Treasurer - Steve Goss

- E. 2nd Reading Approval of the Following New or Policy Revisions: A motion was made by Lohman and supported by Callen for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading approval of the following new or policy revisions.

Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. P1400 - Job Descriptions

2. P5112 - Entrance Age

3. P8142 - Criminal History Record Check

4. P5517.01 Bullying and Other Aggressive Behavior Toward Students

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 9:02 pm.

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President Virgil Knowles  
Date: February 9, 2015

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Secretary Karen Hill