

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
December 13, 2010  
7:30 pm – VAB  
M I N U T E S**

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Board Members Present: Wil Emmert, David Schriemer, Tom Danielson, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, and Virgil Knowles

Secretary Karen Hill

Board Members Absent: Jean Eldred

Administrators Present: Asst. Superintendent Stephen Goss, HS Principal Keevin O’Neill, HS Asst. Principal Adam Brush, MS Principal Greg Tibbetts, MS Asst. Principal Laura Kuhlman, IL Principal Rick Szabla, SL Principal Pat Moreno, TY Principal Mike Barwegen, Transportation Director Ric Beers, Food Service Director Maureen Ouvry, Adult/Community Ed Direction Tonya Nash

Guests Present: Steve Thomas, Jeremy VanWeelden, Pam VanWeelden, Tatiana Curtiss, Eric Curtiss, Ben Rosier, Diana Alger, Jen Baldwin, Rachel Lin, Carole Boal, Shanna Page, Jennifer VanBeck, Amy Renouf, Alicia Zagar

**I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. District Holiday Art Project - Keevin O'Neill: Mr. O’Neill congratulated both students for having their outstanding artwork displayed on the covers of the Red & White. Both students received a gift card to Michaels.

1. Red & White Front Cover - Jeremy VanWeelden - 12 grade: Jeremy explained his pastel process. Parents Pam and Dennis VanWeelden were present with their son.
2. Red & White Back Cover - Justin Havenaar - 12th grade: Justin was not able to be present.

B. Introduction of New Staff Members: The Principals introduced new staff members to the Board and audience.

1. High School
  - a. Alger, Diana - Guidance
  - b. Baldwin, Jennifer - Special Ed
  - c. Page, Shanna - Social Studies
  - d. Sun, Rong - Math
  - e. VanBeck, Jennifer - Spanish/English
2. Middle School
  - a. Curtiss, Tatiana - Guidance
  - b. Reahm, Stephanie - MS/SL Art
3. Indian Lake
  - a. Renouf, Amy - Speech & Language
  - b. Zagar, Alicia - Title I
4. Tobey
  - a. Lin, Rachel - Psychologist TY/HS/IL
  - b. Boal, Carole – Kindergarten

C. Legislative Update: Asst. Superintendent Goss reviewed the details of the passage of HB5887 and the impact to the District.

D. Important Dates: Asst. Supt. Goss said there was still time to catch some holiday cheer at building programs.

E. Resignation of Board Member: President Knowles read the resignation letter of Board

Member Jean Eldred. Mr. Knowles stated that there was no hidden agenda and that Mrs. Eldred had very mixed emotions about resigning. Mr. Knowles stated that any interested individuals may apply in writing to the Board. The Board will appoint a replacement for the balance of Mrs. Eldred's term, which expires on June 30, 2011, at the January meeting.

## II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

### A. Business and Finance - Steve Goss:

1. Monthly Budget Progress Report: Asst. Supt. Goss reviewed the budget progress report for November 2010 showing total revenues of \$7,974,576; total expenditures of \$7,117,757; and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of -\$2,143,181.
- B. Audience: Ben Rosier apologized for the lateness in requesting approval. The band will be traveling to New Orleans to compete with other districts and performing during halftime at the Allstate Sugar Bowl. The students will also perform a community service while in New Orleans.

## III. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

### A. Approval of the Following Meeting Minutes:

1. November 15, 2010 - Regular Meeting: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Schriemer to approve the November 15, 2010 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
2. December 2, 2010 - Special Meeting: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Danielson for approve the December 2, 2010 special meeting meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

### B. Approval of the Following General Fund Invoices - ROLL CALL VOTE:

1. November 1, 2010 = \$36,597.14: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Danielson to approve payment of invoices dated November 1, 2010 totaling \$36,597.14.  
Ayes: Emmert, Schriemer, Danielson, Forsyth, Lohman, Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: Eldred  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.
2. November 17, 2010 = \$161,832.80: A motion was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth to approve payment of invoices dated November 17, 2010 totaling \$161,832.80.  
Ayes: Emmert, Schriemer, Danielson, Forsyth, Lohman, Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: Eldred  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.
3. November 30, 2010 = \$12,863.82: A motion was made by Danielson and supported by Forsyth to approve payment of invoices dated November 30, 2010 totaling \$12,863.82.  
Ayes: Emmert, Schriemer, Danielson, Forsyth, Lohman, Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: Eldred  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

### C. Approval of Fourth Year of a Four Year Probation for the Following Teachers: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman for approval of Fourth Year of a Four Year Probation for the Following Teachers: Motion carried unanimously.

1. Kelly Vanlaningham - Sunset Lake 2nd Grade
2. Amanda Davis - Sunset Lake 4th Grade

### D. Approval of Tenure for Linda Tompkins, Elementary WINGS Teacher: A motion was made

by Emmert and supported by Lohman for approval of Tenure for Linda Tompkins, Elementary WINGS Teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Approval to Accept Student Enrollments through Section 105C of Public Act 94 for the Second Semester of the 2010-11 School Year: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Emmert for approval to accept student enrollments through Section 105C of Public Act 94 for the second semester of the 2010-11 school year. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Approval of VHS Band Trip to New Orleans, Louisiana from December 31, 2010 - January 7, 2011. All expenses to be paid by students: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Danielson. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. Approval of Board Resolution Regarding Unfunded CEPI Mandates - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Emmert for approval of Board Resolution regarding Unfunded CEPI Mandates.  
Ayes: Emmert, Schriemer, Danielson, Forsyth, Lohman, Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: Eldred  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.
- H. Approval to Accept the Resignation of Jean Eldred Effective January 1, 2011: A motion was made by Danielson and supported by Forsyth for approval to accept the resignation of Jean Eldred with regret effective January 1, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.
- I. Approval for the Board of Education to Appoint a Replacement for the Open Board Seat due to the Resignation of Jean Eldred Effective January 1, 2011: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Danielson for the Board of Education to appoint a replacement for the Open Board Seat due to the Resignation of Jean Eldred Effective January 1, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting.

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President Virgil Knowles  
Date: January 10, 2011

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Secretary Karen Hill