

**Vicksburg Community Schools
Board of Education
April 15, 2019 – VHS – 7:00 pm
M I N U T E S**

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

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

Administrators Present: Keevin O'Neill, Stephen Goss, Gail Van Daff, Adam Brush, Matt Hawkins, Rick Place, Matt VanDussen, Dennis Kirby, Amie McCaw, Mike Barwegen, Sarah Dyer, Karen McKinstry, Nancy Spicketts, Tim Fuller, Alyssa Thompson

Guests Present: Charles and Judy Bartholomew, Steve Thomas, Lisa Coe, Joe and Meredith Spicer, Mary Kelly, Chris Armitage, Julie Hahn, Todd Pierce, Liz Norton, Kim Armitage, Wendy Sutton, Ashley Kenyon, Amanda Weber, Steve and Jenny Taylor, Tiffany and Brad Sadowski, Stephanie Willoughby, Steven Nevenhoven, Liz Vallier, Rick and Patty Hall, Katie and Jeff Geiger, Dan Ouellette, Brant Vallier, Monica Krimy, Elise Stephens

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Recognitions

1. Class of 2019 Senior Recognitions - Adam Brush

Principal Brush introduced the Top 10 Seniors (actually 12)

Justin introduced James Hatfield, DECA State Champion, he has qualified for the international competition which he will be attending in Florida.

B. Legislative Report

Supt. O'Neill reported Gov. Whitmer released her first budget proposal which calls for increased revenue by increasing the gas tax. She has more allocated funds toward education which is very positive for Michigan schools. The Educator Evaluation Bill is in the Senate and still needs to go through the House. The snow day legislation is moving slowly, but hopefully there will be a vote tomorrow so it can move to the Senate.

A Public Hearing for the pre-Labor Day start of school is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2019 at KRESA. This requires a county-wide waiver.

C. Kindergarten Enrollment Update

Supt. O'Neill shared preliminary Kindergarten numbers. These numbers are expected to change as the enrollment process continues.

D. Important Dates

Supt. O'Neill shared upcoming dates included with the packet in addition to the dates listed below

1. All Staff Appreciation - May 6 - May 10, 2019
2. Graduation - June 2, 2019

3. Retirement Reception - June 10, 2019
4. July Organizational Meeting - July 8, 2019

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Instructional Report - Gail Van Daff

1. VHS English Curriculum Proposal – Dan Ouellette

Mr. Ouellette presented a proposal for new HS English curriculum to the Board and answered questions.

B. Business and Finance Report - Steve Goss

1. Budget Progress Report for the Month Ending March 31, 2019

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the monthly budget progress report for March 31, 2019 showing total revenues of \$16,570,293; total expenditures of \$17,295,636 and a deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$(725,343).

2. Bond Project Update

Focus group surveys have been completed and they are being incorporated into the final report from TowerPinkster. Administration would like to structure the bond as in the past, with 3-year phases. This allows for continuous upgrades and keeps the millage rate consistent.

There will be a recommendation for transportation equipment purchases at the next board meeting.

C. Performing Arts Center Annual Report - Tim Fuller

PAC Manager, Tim Fuller presented the 2017-18 Annual Report. He reminded folks to attend the Celebration of the Arts on Thursday, April 18, 2019.

The Board thanked Tim for all of his hard work on building sets for the plays

D. Audience

Julie Hahn addressed the Board re: Model UN with her son Noah. The competition was fantastic and she was proud of the team. She thanked Jenn Rodas for her time and commitment to the program and wanted to let the Board know how much she appreciated the board supporting the program. Stephanie Willoughby addressed the board regarding her daughter being ill at Sunset Lake Elementary. She has concerns about the environment at Sunset Lake making her daughter sick. She presented a petition signed by 68 parents of students at Sunset Lake

Steven Nevenhoven addressed the board regarding Sunset Lake. He stated he believed there could be hidden mold in the building and would like to see a remediation plan put into place.

Dr. Schriemer pointed out the public health officials will be providing important information regarding data and investigating illnesses and possible connections.

Elise Stephens had a question regarding ECSE classes. Will there be a morning and afternoon class at Indian Lake next year?

III. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

- A. Approval of the March 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes: a motion for approval was made by Callen and support by Emmert.
- B. Approval of the Following Invoices totaling \$270,149.24 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Emmert, Harsha Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
 - 1. March 1-31, 2019 (checks) = \$155,134.69
 - 2. March 1-31, 2019 (wire transfers) = \$115,014.55
- C. Approval of Disbursement of Funds for Purchases Made During February, 2019 Under the District's Purchase Card Program Totaling \$108,924.74 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Emmert, Harsha Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Approval to Extend the Following Administrative Team Members' Individual Contracts for the 2019-20 School Year Based on Evaluations through 2018-19: A motion for approval was made by Callen and supported by Forsyth
Motion carried unanimously.
 - 1. Principals
 - a. Adam Brush - HS Principal
 - b. Matt Hawkins - HS Asst. Principal
 - c. Matt VanDussen - MS Principal
 - d. Dennis Kirby - MS Asst Principal
 - e. Mike Barwegen - TY Principal
 - f. Ruth Hook - IL Principal
 - g. Amie McCaw - SL Principal
 - 2. Directors/Supervisors/Coordinators Carol/Tina
 - a. Alyssa Thompson - Adult/Community Ed Director
 - b. Sarah Dyer - Food Service Director
 - c. Michael Roy - Athletic Director
 - d. Don Puckett - Director of Technology

- e. Gail Van Daff - Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- f. Karen McKinstry - Transportation Director
- E. Approval to Extend the Following Non-Line Position Contracts for the 2019-20 School Year Based on Evaluations through 2018-19: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Emmert.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - 1. Tim Fuller - Performing Arts Center Manager
- F. Approval to Extend the Following Contract as per Contractual Agreement: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - 1. Stephen Goss - Asst Superintendent
- G. Approval of the Following Retirement Requests effective June 13, 2019: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.
 - 1. Mike Goerge - Middle School Math Teacher - 19 years of service
 - 2. Chris Vander Mei - Sunset Lake Elementary Teacher - 32 years of service
 - 3. Paula Branch - Middle School English Teacher - 20 Years of Service
- H. Approval of a 5th year graduation plan that requires successful completion of a math or math related course be taken in the fifth year for Early Middle College Students: A motion for approval was made by Callen and supported by Forsyth.
Motion carried unanimously.
- I. 1st Reading Approval of VHS English Curriculum Proposal - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Emmert, Harsha Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- J. 1st Reading Approval of the Following Policies - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.
Ayes: Emmert, Harsha Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
 - 1. PO 0100 Definitions
 - 2. PO 0122 Board Powers
 - 3. PO 0131.01 Bylaws and Policies
 - 4. PO 0165.6 Cancellation – NEW

5. PO 0167.1 Voting

6. PO 0167.6 Use of Social Media – NEW

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 9:06 pm

President Virgil Knowles
May 13, 2019

Secretary Amy Manchester