

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**October 14, 2019 – Sunset Lake Elementary – 7:00 pm**  
**MINUTES**

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Members Present: Wil Emmert, Dan Grabowski, David Schriemer, Rudy Callen, Carol Lohman, Virgil Knowles

Members Absent: Tina Forsyth

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

Administrators Present: Keevin O'Neill, Steve Goss, Gail VanDaff, Adam Brush, Matt Hawkins, Dennis Kirby, Karen McKinstry, Alyssa Thompson, Ruth Hook, Nancy Spicketts, Sarah Dyer, Amie McCaw, Mike Roy, Michael Barwegen

Guests: Lisa Coe, Angie Getsinger, Patty Heintzelman, Sue Moore, Steve Thomas, Byron Booher, James Baker, Cindy Harrell, Jenn Rodas, Tony and Ben Loriso, Deborah Harsha

**I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Recognitions**

1. National Principals' Month – Supt. O'Neill expressed his appreciation to the District's building principals and recognized them for their dedication to students.
2. National School Safety Week, October 21-25, 2019 – Supt. O'Neill outlined things we do at VCS to keep our students safe including drills and staff training.

**B. October 2, 2019 Count Figures**

Supt. O'Neill shared that enrollment numbers remained steady. The home school partnership currently has 53 students enrolled.

**C. Legislative/Election Update**

1. School Equity Caucus Newsletter – Supt. O'Neill reported the State budget has been signed, but with many line item vetoes. MASB emails will continue to provide information regarding the budget changes.

**D. Important Dates – Supt. O'Neill discussed important upcoming dates.**

**II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY**

**A. Sharing our Sunset Lake Story - Amie McCaw**

Principal McCaw presented the Sunset Lake Elementary annual report and shared student data. She also shared information about Leader in Me and answered questions from the Board.

1. Sunset Lake PTSO Members – Principal McCaw discussed some of the great things Sunset Lake PTSO members have done over the year, including many updates to the playground. She expressed her appreciation for their support.

a. President - Shannon Visser

b. Vice President - Krystle Black

c. Treasurer - Denise Welch

d. Secretary - Ashley Summerfield

## 2. Special Recognition

- a. VCS Maintenance Team – Principal McCaw recognized and thanked the VCS maintenance team for all of their hard work over the summer and the work that continues on a daily basis to keep the building in good shape.
- b. Cindy Harrell, HIL Facilitator – Principal McCaw introduced Cindy Harrell who is in the building on a regular basis working with students and observing in classrooms. She has been a great resource to the teachers. The HIL reading project is in its third and final year.

### B. Community Ed Annual Report - Alyssa Thompson

Community Education Director Alyssa Thompson presented the 2018-19 Annual Report for the preschool program and shared a video of the students. A participation report for the Community Education classes was included in the Board packet.

### C. VCS Athletics Annual Report - Mike Roy

Athletic Director Mike Roy presented the annual Athletic Report with highlights from the year. He shared the exciting news that the VHS Equestrian team is the State champion. President Knowles recognized Mike's hard work in rescheduling the games, officials, and coaches during the EEE outbreak.

### D. Business & Finance Report - Steve Goss

#### 1. Budget Progress Report

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the monthly budget progress report for September 2019 showing total revenues of \$1,255,591; total expenditures of \$3,570,994 and a deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$(2,315,403).

Asst. Supt. Goss reported that reduced revenue of about \$50,000 is expected this year with the Governor's budget. The first installment of State Aid will be next week.

### E. Audience

Jenn Rodas introduced herself as the new VEA president. She expressed her appreciation to the administrations for how the NIOSH visit was handled and feels like it has helped ease the concerns regarding Sunset Lake.

## III. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

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

A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Callen. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 1. September 9, 2019 Regular

### B. Approval of General Fund Invoices Totaling \$340,968.58 - ROLL CALL VOTE:

A motion for approval was made by Callen and supported by Lohman.

Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: Forsyth

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 1. September 1-30, 2019 = \$310,668.58 (checks)

#### 2. September 1-30, 2019 = \$30,300.00 (wire transfers)

- C. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for September 2019 Totaling \$74,786.37 - ROLL CALL VOTE:  
A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Schriemer.  
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Lohman, and Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: Forsyth  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.
- D. 1st Reading Approval of the following Policy Revisions – ROLL CALL VOTE:  
A motion for approval was made by Callen and supported by Lohman.  
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Lohman, and Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: Forsyth  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.
1. PO4122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
  2. PO4362 - Anti-Harassment
  3. PO5330 - Use of Medications
  4. PO5517 - Anti-Harassment
  5. PO5517.02 - Sexual Violence
  6. PO5540 - Interrogation of Students
  7. PO5610.10 - Expulsions/Suspensions - Required by Statute (Rescind)
  8. PO5610 - Emergency Removal, Suspension, and Expulsion of Students (Replacement)
  9. PO5611 - Due Process Rights
  10. PO5630.01 - Student Seclusion and Restraint
  11. PO6350 - Prevailing Wage Coordinator (Rescind)
  12. PO8210 - School Calendar
- E. 2nd Reading Approval of the following Policy Revision – ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Callen.  
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Lohman, and Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: Forsyth  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.
1. PO7540.02 - Web Accessibility, Content, Apps and Services
- F. Approval of FMLA Request for Kimberly Bond, Sunset Lake Teacher, for twelve weeks to begin approximately December 1 and ending March 1, 2020:  
A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Emmert.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- G. Approval of Field Trip for FFA Students to Indiana for the Annual FFA National Convention, October 30 - November 2, 2019: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Callen.  
Motion carried unanimously.

IV. CLOSED SESSION: Approval to go into Closed Session at the Request of the Superintendent for the Purpose of a Periodic Personnel Evaluation, which is in Accordance with Act 267 of the PA of 1987, Section 81, of the Open Meetings Act -  
ROLL CALL VOTE:

A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Callen.

Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: Forsyth

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

V. Return to Open Session: Board reconvened in open session at 9:25 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 9:26 pm.

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President Virgil Knowles  
November 11, 2019

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Secretary Amy Manchester