

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 16, 2023 – 7:00 PM
Vicksburg High School Library
Vicksburg, MI 49097**

MINUTES

Members Present: Jennifer Buikema, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, David Schriemer, Dan Grabowski, Stephanie Willoughby, and Virgil Knowles

Members Absent: None

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

Admins Present: Keevin O'Neill, Steve Goss, Gail VanDaff, Adam Brush, Matt Hawkins, Allison Dygert, Joe Werkema, Amie McCaw, Alyssa Thompson, Jessica Wheeler, Sarah Bacalia, Karen McKinstry, Rick Place, Mike Barwegen, Dewey Waterman

Guests Present: Natalie Mason, Lisa Coe

President Knowles called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Approval of Virgil Knowles as Temporary Chairperson to Convene this Meeting through Action Item IV.A.1.

A motion for approval was made by Grabowski and supported by Forsyth

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. School Board Recognition

Supt. O'Neill expressed his appreciation to the Board of Education and thanked them for their service and dedication in governing Vicksburg Schools. January is School Board Recognition Month and the district presented each board member with a gift of recognition.

- C. Legislative Update – Lansing is still very quiet. The new legislators started last week and he expects things to ramp up. The concensus revenue estimating conference took place and all budgets are set from that conference. Governor Whitmer will be announcing her budget proposal sometime in early February. Some things he expects to be addressed include Charter School transparency and the Read by Grade 3 law.

He discussed the Enhancement Renewal Millage and proposed change to a 6 year cycle from a 3 year. It is a county wide renewal.

The final safety and security assessment report by Secure Education Consultants (SEC) has been received. The report included recommendations to improve safety. The overall report was very positive and Vicksburg Community Schools has an excellent emergency plan. Administration looks forward to meeting with SEC in the near future.

D. Important Dates

Supt. O'Neill directed the board to the listing of important dates including the Pathways HS graduation, Winter Homecoming with the Strive Beef Raffle and upcoming choir and band concerts.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss started his report by introducing Dewey Waterman, the district's new Director of Facilities and Maintenance. He comes to VCS from Pennfield.

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the monthly budget progress report for month ending December 31, 2022, showing total revenues of \$10,082,997; total expenditures of \$12,940,290 and a deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$(2,857,293).

B. Investment Portfolio Update - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss gave an update on the District's investment portfolio.

C. Vicksburg High School Annual Report - Adam Brush

Principal Adam Brush and Asst. Principal Hawkins presented the Vicksburg High School Annual Report which included highlights of student activities, student data and staff and student recognitions.

III. AUDIENCE

No one in the audience wished to address the board on a non-agenda item.

IV. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

A. Organization of the 2022-23 School Board

A motion for approval of Virgil Knowles as President and David Schriemer as Vice-President of the Board along with the appointment of Stephen Goss as Treasurer and Amy Manchester as Secretary was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.

Motion carried unanimously.

1. Election of Officers

a. President

b. Vice President

2. Appointment of Officers

a. Treasurer - Stephen Goss

b. Secretary - Amy Manchester

- B. Approval of the following Board Board Meeting Minutes: A motion for approval was made by Grabowski and supported by Willoughby.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - 1. Regular Meeting Minutes - December 12, 2022
 - 2. Work Session Minutes - December 12, 2022
- C. Approval of General Fund Invoices Totaling \$565,601.63 - ROLL CALL VOTE: a motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Buikema.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- D. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for November 2022 Totaling \$117,861.14 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- E. Approval of Enhancement Millage Resolution - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Willoughby.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- V. 1st Reading Approval of VCS Policy 6700, Fair Labor Standards Act - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

President Virgil Knowles
February 13, 2023

Secretary Amy Manchester