

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
May 9, 2022 – 7:00 PM  
Vicksburg High School Library  
Vicksburg, MI**

**MINUTES**

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

Members Absent: Stephanie Willoughby

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

Admins Present: Keevin O'Neill, Steve Goss, Matt Hawkins, Gail VanDaff, Alyssa Thompson, Mike Barwegen, Sarah Bacalia, Amie McCaw, Allison Dygert, Adam Brush, Jessica Ponton-Wheeler, Rick Place, Sarah Dyer, Dennis Kirby, Nancy Spicketts, Karen McKinstry

Guests Present: Lisa Coe, Kelly MacDonell, Ric Beers, Linda VanderStraten, Michele Wolthuis, Heather Fenwick, Eric Renzema, Deb McLouth, Deb Schnepf, Saleem Ismail, Lorrie Jancarz, Lyndsay Foote, Teri VanLinder, Nanette Sperry, Debbie Thomas, Erik Schnepf, Veralyn Cline, Garrett Kaltenbach, Gina Szpak, Maddox Porter, Phil & Mari Goodall, Sandra & Brandy Miller, Kendall Buchanan, Haylee Goodall, Autumn Molnar Houts, Karsen Brown, Beth & Sean Crabtree, Natalie Mason, Cheri Allen, Beth O'Roark, Denny Roehm

President Knowles called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Recognitions

1. National School Lunch Program Award

Michele Wolthuis was awarded a certificate of appreciation from the School Nutrition Association of Michigan for 25 years of service to VCS students. Supt. O'Neill and Sarah Dyer, Director of Food Services presented the award.

2. 2021-22 Outstanding Senior Awards - Adam Brush

Supt. O'Neill attended the annual CTE Outstanding Seniors Breakfast where the outstanding CTE students were recognized. Principal Brush introduced this year's honored CTE students to the Board. He also presented the DAR, Principal Leadership Award, and YWCA awards.

B. Legislative Update

Supt. O'Neill reported that Budget discussions are dominating in Lansing. More will be done on the VCS budget when the final numbers come in from the Revenue Conference later this month.

C. Important Dates

Supt. O'Neill directed the Board to the listing of upcoming important dates including the Hearty Hustle and the Aim Higher Dog Wash on Saturday.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the monthly budget report for month ending April, 2022 showing total revenues of \$20,799,824; total expenditures of \$23,039,647 and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$(2,239,823).

B. Kalamazoo RESA 2022-2023 General Education Fund Budget Resolution

Asst. Supt. Goss reviewed details of the upcoming KRESA Budget and recommends the passing of the resolution to support the General Education Fund Budget for the 2022-23 school year.

C. Request for Approval to Set June 13, 2022 for the Annual Public Hearing to Consider the District's Proposed 2022-2023 Budget - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss asked for approval to set the Annual Public Hearing for June 13, 2022 to review the preliminary budget for next year and approve the budget amendment for the current year.

D. Transportation Annual Report - Karen McKinstry

Transportation Director, Karen McKinstry presented the department's annual report. She thanked staff for all of their help during this difficult year.

E. Dairy Bid from Cedar Crest Farms for the 2022-23 School Year - Sarah Dyer

Food Service Director, Sarah Dyer, recommends accepting the bid to continue having Cedar Crest Farms provide milk for the 2022-23 school year.

F. AP Calculus Curriculum Proposal - Denny Roehm

Math teacher, Denny Roehm, presented rationale for purchasing new textbooks for the AP Calculus classes. He answered questions from the Board.

III. AUDIENCE

Garrett Kaltenbach addressed the Board regarding class sizes at Tobey Elementary, specifically 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

IV. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

A. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2022: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.

Motion carried unanimously

B. Approval of General Fund Invoices Totaling \$740,920.71 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

- C. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for March 2022, Totaling \$139,321.36 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Buikema and supported by Forsyth.  
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- D. Approval of the Kalamazoo RESA 2022-2023 General Education Fund Budget Resolution - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Buikema.  
Ayes: Schriemer, Buikema, Forsyth, Lohman, Grabowski  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Knowles  
Motion carried by roll-call vote.
- E. Approval to Set June 13, 2022 for the Annual Public Hearing to Consider the District's Proposed 2022-23 Budget: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Grabowski.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Approval of the VHS Senate Field Trip to Cedar Point on June 2, 2022: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- G. 1st Reading Approval of Dairy Bid from Cedar Crest Farms in the amount of \$94,146.32 for the 2022-23 School Year - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Buikema and supported by Forsyth.  
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- H. 1st Reading Approval of AP Calculus Curriculum Proposal - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Grabowski and supported by Forsyth.  
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.

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President Virgil Knowles  
June 13, 2022

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Secretary Amy Manchester