

VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Work Session  
February 2, 2015  
6:00 pm – VAB  
M I N U T E S

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Members Present: Skip Knowles, Wil Emmert, David Schriemer, Deborah Harsha, Tina Forsyth, Rudy Callen, Carol Lohman  
Secretary Karen Hill  
Administrators Present: Charles Glaes, Stephen Goss  
Guest Present: Steve Thomas

- I. CALL TO ORDER: President Knowles called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm.
- II. AUDIENCE: No one wished to address the Board on a non-agenda item.
- III. WORK ITEMS
  - A. EPIC MRA Survey Results for May Election: Supt. Glaes stated that KRESA voted today to put a 1.5 mill (increase for six years) special education proposal on the May ballot. Currently local districts must absorb over \$14 million in unfunded special education dollars annually. The purpose of the proposal is to pay for a greater share of special education costs incurred through KRESA that are born by each district. Prior to 2009-10 the District received 100% reimbursement. Currently, the District anticipates approximately \$500,000 in unreimbursed costs.
  - B. Custodial RFP: Asst. Supt. Goss stated that the District is, again, for the second time in three years participating in the KRESA request for custodial bid process along with several other Kalamazoo County school districts in order to qualify for best practice money. VESPA was provided with a copy of the Request for Proposal and invited to submit a bid. Results of the bidding process will be discussed when they become available.
  - C. New Supt/Principal Evaluation Requirements: Supt. Glaes reported that Section 1249 of school law talks about the evaluation of principals and superintendents who deal with student achievement. The State has said a process must be in place by 2015-16. A couple of different options were reviewed. After a tool has been selected, training will be held for the Board.

- D. Days and Clock Hours Update: Supt. Glaes reported that the State requires 175 days and 1098 hours of instruction for the 2014-15 school year. The District has scheduled the following:
- VHS – 177 days 1102.018 hours
  - VMS – 178 days 1105.434 hours
  - Elementaries – 178 days 1110.08 hours
- The State allows 6 forgiven days and the equivalent hours. As of Monday, the High School is short 2 hours. We will be watching this closely as it is possible that we will have additional snow days.

There being no further business, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:52 pm.

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President Virgil Knowles  
Date: February 9, 2015

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Secretary Karen Hill