

**Vicksburg Community Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Via Google Meet @ <https://meet.google.com/ubh-tntd-xwz>
June 8, 2020 – 7:00 pm**

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: None

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

Administrators Present: Keevin O'Neill, Steve Goss, Gail Van Daff, Sarah Dyer, Rebecca Durant, Don Puckett, Adam Brush, Mike Barwegen, Ruth Hook, and Nancy Spicketts, Rick Place, Matt VanDussen, Amie McCaw, Dennis Kirby, Matt Hawkins

Guests Present: Lisa Coe, Jennifer Rodas, Kelly MacDonell, Kristin Youngs, Jeff Rietsma, unknown caller

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. COVID-19 Update

A virtual graduation was held and shown Sunday on YouTube. Supt. O'Neill introduced VHS Principal Brush who shared a portion of the video with the Board.

Students have been returning books and materials. Students will be able to start voluntary workouts on Monday, June 15th. Health screening will take place before they will be allowed to participate. Masks will be worn.

The district still hopes to hold the graduation ceremony on July 9, 2020.

The hope is to have a regular opening in September, but we are still awaiting guidance from the state and the CDC.

B. Retirements

Supt. O'Neill announced the 2020 retirees and thanked them for their service to Vicksburg Schools. When possible, the district will be recognizing them with a retirement reception.

1. Cara Brink - 21 Years of Service
2. Michelle Fulton - 19 Years of Service
3. Tammy Lovins - 28 Years of Service
4. Ginny Ruimveld - 31 Years of Service
5. Donna Sink - 34 Years of Service
6. Leslie Tuttle - 13 Years of Service

C. Board Meeting Dates for the 2020-21 School Year

D. Legislative Update

Supt. O'Neill shared interesting points from May's legislative update. Fred Upton is working on the connectivity issues affecting students. Stay tuned for further updates.

E. Staffing Update

Supt. O'Neill informed the Board that discussions are taking place with administrators regarding current staff levels and possible scenarios depending

upon funding. At this time, it is impossible to know what steps may be needed. As more information becomes available regarding budget cuts, an informed decision can be made regarding staffing.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Food Service Update - Sarah Dyer

Sarah Dyer is recommending the District stay with Country Fresh again this year for dairy as they were the lowest bid. Aunt Millie's had the lowest bid for bakery items.

1. Dairy Bid Report
2. Bakery Bid Report

B. Financial Report - Steve Goss

1. Budget Progress Report for the Month Ending May 31, 2020
Asst. Supt. Goss presented the monthly budget progress report for May 31, 2020 showing total revenue of \$ 22,247,660; total expenditures of \$ 22,904,010 with deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$(656,350).

2. 2020 Bond Update

The Bond Sale is scheduled for June 16, 2020. Bids will be received next Tuesday and there will be a special board meeting to approve the sale.

Asst. Supt. Goss gave an update on two roofing jobs scheduled for this summer at Tobey and at VMS.

3. Recommendation to amend the 2019-20 budgets and adopt the Appropriations Resolution for 2020-21 budgets for the following funds: General; School Service; Building and Site Funds (Building and Site, 2014 Bond Fund, 2020 Bond Fund); Debt Service Funds (1991, 2007, 2014, 2015, 2020); Special Revenue Fund (new)

C. ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING to Consider the District's 2020-21 Budgets and Proposed Property Tax Millage Rate

Asst. Supt. Goss reported the tax rate is 18 mills and school debt is reduced to 6.0 mills.

D. Audience

Keevin welcomed Jeff Rietsma from the Sturgis Journal to the board meeting and thanked him for being there. He also expressed his sadness at the loss of Sue Moore. Skip also acknowledged the loss of Sue as a tough one to take. Jenn Rodas thanked the administration for all of their support with the remote learning. The teachers worked very hard, but felt they were much supported and their voices were heard by the administrative team.

III. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

A. Approval of the Following Board Meeting Minutes - ROLL CALL VOTE:

1. May 11, 2020 - Regular Meeting Minutes:

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of the Following General Fund Invoices totaling \$ 245,454.29 - ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. May 1-31, 2020 (checks) = \$ 195,409.97

2. May 1-31, 2020 (wire transfers) = \$ 50,044.32

C. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements totaling \$31,225.68 - ROLL CALL VOTE:

A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval to amend the 2019-20 budgets and adopt the Appropriations Resolution for 2020-21 budgets for the following funds: General; School Service; Building and Site Funds (Building and Site, 2014 Bond Fund, 2020 Bond Fund); Debt Service Funds (1991, 2007, 2014, 2015, 2020); Special Revenue Fund (new) – ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Approval of Truth in Budget on the Proposed Property Tax Millage Rate for 2020-21 - ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

F. 1st Reading - Approval to Award the 2020-21 Dairy Bid to Country Fresh with a low bid of \$46,590 - ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

G. 1st Reading - Approval to Award the 2020-21 Bakery Bid to Aunt Millie' with a low bid of \$6,470 - ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

H. Approval of Tenure for the Following Teachers - ROLL CALL VOTE:

A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Schriemer.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. Aimee Barnhart - Middle School
2. Jessica Dekoning - Middle School
3. Lucas Wolthuis - Middle School
4. Kristina Newhouse - Sunset Lake
5. Dawn Phelps - Sunset Lake
6. Kelly Walters - Sunset Lake
7. Kayci Whitmore - Sunset Lake
8. Kyle Baker - Sunset Lake
9. Kelly MacDonell - Tobey

I. Approval of a Fifth Year of a Five-Year Probation for the Following Teachers - ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. Noreen Heikes - High School
2. Kayla Vallier - High School
3. Lindsey Chatel - Middle School
4. Whitney Bast - Sunset Lake
5. Ravenna Kahler - Sunset Lake
6. Kim Bond - Sunset Lake
7. Mikela Higgason - Sunset Lake
8. Kris Fulton - Sunset Lake
9. Kellie Hillsburg - Sunset Lake
10. Lauren Ireland - Indian Lake

J. Approval of a Fourth Year of a Five-Year Probation for the Following Teachers -
ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Lohman.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. Justin McDonald - High School
2. Kyle Roberts - High School
3. Jennifer Heeres - Middle School
4. Cindy Kessler - Sunset Lake
5. Breanna Welling - Sunset Lake
6. Jill Boudrie - Indian Lake
7. Sawyer Duncan - Indian Lake

K. Approval of a Third Year of a Five Year Probation for the Following Teachers -
ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Callen.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. Sarah Bacalia - High School
2. Angie First - High School
3. Laura Richardson - Sunset Lake
4. Chelsie Schimp - Sunset Lake
5. Chelsey Jones - Sunset Lake
6. Callie Baker - Indian Lake
7. Sarah Fleming - Indian Lake
8. Jori Machiela - Indian Lake
9. Kristen Roberts - Indian Lake
10. Heather Richeson - Indian Lake

L. Approval of a Second Year of a Five Year Probation for the Following Teachers -
ROLL CALL VOTE:

A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Emmert.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. Emily Chalut - High School
2. Jared Meyer - Middle School
3. Josh Noble - Middle School

4. Jillian Roth - Middle School
 5. Kristina Spanding - Middle School
 6. Melissa Collins - Sunset Lake
 7. Maddie Haskell - Sunset Lake
 8. Morgan Ryskamp - Sunset Lake
 9. Jessica Quist - Sunset Lake
 10. Angie Byrne - Tobey
 11. Katie Salik - Tobey
 12. Aaron Willett - Tobey
- M. Approval of a Second Year of a Two Year Probation - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Lohman.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
1. Jennifer Lyle - Middle School
 2. Jeff Heisler - Middle School
- N. Approval to Renew Membership for VHS and VMS in the Michigan High School Athletic Association from August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021 - ROLL CALL VOTE:
A motion for approval was made by Callen and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- O. 1st Reading Approval of the Following Policy Revisions - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
1. PO 2210 Curriculum Development
 2. PO 5335 NEW Student Chronic Health Issues
 3. PO 8600 Transportation
- P. 2nd Reading Approval of the Following Policy Revisions - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Lohman.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
1. PO 2412 - Homebound Instruction Program

2. PO 2414 Reproductive Health and Family Planning – Tabled until August
 3. PO 6107 Electronic Signatures
 4. PO 8210 - School Calendar
- Q. 2nd Reading Approval of the Following Curriculum Proposals - ROLL CALL VOTE:
A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Callen.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
1. Vicksburg High School ELA Cat's Cradle Curriculum Proposal
 2. Vicksburg High School Biology Curriculum Proposal
- R. Approval of Federal Funding Resolution to Preserve Educational Services for Children – ROLL CALL VOTE:
A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- S. Approval of non-renewal of Probationary Teacher – ROLL CALL VOTE:
A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- T. Approval to award contracts for the following roofing projects based on results of competitive bids, to be paid from proceeds from the 2020 bonds - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Grabowski.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
1. Tobey Elementary: Arrow Roofing and Supply, \$105,570
 2. Vicksburg Middle School: Quality Roofing, Inc., \$174,962

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm

President Virgil Knowles
July 13, 2020

Secretary Amy Manchester