

Vicksburg Community Schools
Board of Education
May 13, 2019 – VAB – 7:00 pm
MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Deborah Harsha

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

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

Guests Present: Steve Thomas, Darci Muller, Katherine Moore, EFE students and parents, Officer Guthrie, Officer Herrick, Noreen Heikes, Donna Cubbage, Gail Moise, Lisa Coe, Heather Simmons, Kim Armitage, Eric Renzema, Jennifer Herres, Al Reynolds, Linda VanderStraaten

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Recognitions

1. SET SEG Education Excellence Award - Noreen Heikes
Darci Muller from Set Seg and Kathleen Moore from MASB presented Vicksburg Community Schools and Dr. Noreen Heikes with a check in the amount of \$2,500 for the EFE Horticultural Program.
2. Education for Employment Outstanding Seniors
Principal Brush introduced the 2019 Education for Employment (EFE) Outstanding Seniors.

B. Legislative Update

Supt. O'Neill shared that Dr. Michael Rice from KPS was named the next State Superintendent.

Gov. Whitmer signed the snow emergency bill making the last day of school for Vicksburg students a half-day on June 12, 2019.

There are several proposed bills in the senate, including one allowing the Algebra II requirement to be replaced with other classes.

Congratulations to Laura Chang who was appointed to Gov. Whitmer's Government Advisor's Council.

The pre-Labor Day start Waiver for Kalamazoo County was been approved. This will take effect with the 2020-21 school year.

C. Important Dates

1. Graduation is June 2, 2019, Sunday at Bulldog Stadium at 2:00 p.m. The Pathway's graduation will be on June 13, 2019 at the High School PAC.
2. Retirement Reception will be held on June 10, 2019 before the regular board meeting.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Instructional Report - Gail Van Daff

1. VMS Science Curriculum Proposal - Donna Cubbage
Middle School Science Teacher Donna Cubbage presented the new proposed science curriculum and answered questions from the Board.

B. Business and Finance Report - Steve Goss

1. Budget Progress Report for the Month Ending April 30, 2019
Asst. Supt. Goss presented the monthly budget progress report showing total revenues of \$19,192,755; total expenditures of \$19,788,686; with a deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$(595,931).
2. Request for Approval to Set June 10, 2019 for the Annual Public Hearing to Consider the District's Proposed 2019-20 Budget
Asst. Supt. Goss requested that June 10, 2019 be set as the Annual Budget Hearing.
3. Kalamazoo Regional Education Service Agency (ISD) General Fund Operating Budget
Asst. Supt. Goss reviewed the KRESA operating budget for the 2019-20 school year.

C. Transportation Annual Report - Karen McKinstry

Transportation Director Karen McKinstry presented her Annual Report along with video highlights from the school year.

D. Audience

III. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

- A. Approval of the following Board Meeting Minutes: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Callen.
Motion carried unanimously.
 1. April 15, 2019 Regular Meeting Board Minutes
 2. April 17, 2019 Special Meeting Board Minutes
- B. Approval of the Following Invoices Totaling \$511,475.47 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Emmert, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: Harsha
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
 1. Invoices dated April 1-30, 2019 (checks) = \$237,333.76
 2. Invoices dated April 1-30, 2019 (wire transfers) = \$274,141.71
- C. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements Totaling \$110,027.29 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.
Ayes: Emmert, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: Harsha
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Approval of the Following Retirement Request effective June 13, 2019: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and Supported by Forsyth.
Motion carried unanimously.
 1. Rob Johnson - Vicksburg High School History Teacher - 34 years of service
- E. Approval to Set June 10, 2019 for the Annual Public Hearing to Consider the District's Proposed 2019-20 Budget: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Emmert.
Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Approval of Kalamazoo Regional Education Service Agency (ISD) General Fund Operating Budget Resolution - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Callen.
Ayes: Emmert, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, and Lohman
Nays: None
Absent: Harsha
Abstain: Knowles
Motion carried unanimously.
- G. Approval of Resolution Designating District Election Representative - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Schriemer.
Ayes: Emmert, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: Harsha
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- H. Approval of Board Resolution Supporting the School Funding Research Collaborative (SFRC) - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.
Ayes: Emmert, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: Harsha
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- I. Approval to purchase the following school buses under the MSBO cooperative school bus purchasing program, at a total cost of \$201,890 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.
Ayes: Emmert, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: Harsha
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
1. One 77 passenger conventional bus from Holland Bus Company
 2. One 71-passenger special needs bus from Holland Bus Company
- J. 1st Reading Approval of the Following Policies - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Emmert, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: Harsha
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
1. PO 0167.2 Closed Session
 2. PO 0167.3 - Public Participation at Board Meetings - Discussion followed regarding adding specific wording back into section.
 3. PO 1422 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
 4. PO 1662 - Anti-Harassment
 5. PO 2112 - Parent and Family Engagement
- K. 2nd Reading Approval of the Following Policies - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Harsha

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. PO 0100 Definition
 2. PO 0122 Board Powers
 3. PO 0131.01 Bylaws and Policies
 4. PO 0165.6 Cancellation - NEW
 5. PO 0167.1 Voting
 6. PO 0167.6 Use of Social Media - New
- L. Approval of VHS Student Senate Students Field Trip to Cedar Point: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.
Motion carried unanimously.
- M. 1st Reading Approval of VMS Science Curriculum Proposal – ROLL CALL
VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Emmert, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: Harsha
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm.

President Virgil Knowles
June 10, 2019

Secretary Amy Manchester