

Regular Meeting
Monday, October 11, 2021 7:00 PM

Sunset Lake Elementary
201 North Boulevard St
Vicksburg, MI 49097

**Vicksburg Community Schools
Board of Education
MINUTES**

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

Members Absent: Jennifer Buikema

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

Admins Present: Keevin O'Neill, Steve Goss, Gail VanDaff, Matt VanDussen, Dennis Kirby, Adam Brush, Matt Hawkins, Amie McCaw, Sarah Bacalia, Alyssa Thompson, Mike Barwegen, and Jessica Wheeler

Guests Present: Saleem Ismail, Lisa Coe, Beth O'Roark, Ben Rosier, Sheri Louis, Kelly MacDonell, April Wilson, Dana Ames, Marissa Cohrs, Cassie Byers, Laura and Jason Heckelman, John Stears, Juliett Altman, Angie Byrne, Tarah Walsh, Barbara Moyer, Kristen Lous, Jill Bramar, Jennifer Kling, Jessica Allison, Kathy Skippers, Stephanie Mazurski, Amy Swaney, Denise Welch, Krystal Black, Karen Harris, Shelby Harris, Ryan Knowles, Adrian McClelland

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

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

II. Recognitions

II.A. National Principals Month

Supt. O'Neill recognized the VCS principals for National Principals Month. He shared his appreciation for all that they do for the students and staff of the District.

III. Legislative Update

Supt. O'Neill announced the U.S. Department of Education finally approved the use of ESSER III funds and those have been distributed. Asst. Supt. Goss reported that the District currently has unspent money from Federal Funds.

IV. Important Dates

Supt. O'Neill referred to the listing of important upcoming dates including the MSBOA Marching Band Festival to be held at VHS.

V. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

V.A. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the budget progress report for September, 2021, showing total revenues of \$742,654; total expenditures of \$4,132,693 and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of (\$3,390,039).

V.B. Sunset Lake Elementary Annual Report - Amie McCaw

Principal McCaw presented the Sunset Lake Elementary Annual Report to the Board including highlights from the past year, student data, and staff and student recognitions. She also recognized the PTSO.

V.C. Community Education Annual Report - Alyssa Thompson

Community Education Director, Alyssa Thompson, presented her annual report to the Board which included participation rates and a slide presentation of classroom activities. A special friend came to share what she loved best about preschool.

V.D. 8th Grade Jazz Band Curriculum Proposal - Ben Rosier

Ben Rosier, VCS Director of Bands, presented a new Jazz Band proposal and answered questions regarding the curriculum from the Board.

VI. Audience

April Wilson, Marissa Cohrs, Dana Ames, Cassie Byers, and Laura Heckelman addressed the Board regarding the county mask mandate. Kelly MacDonell addressed the Board regarding ESSER funds and the need for more substitute teachers. John Stears provided comments on addressing the Board, proper microphone usage and streaming availability.

VII. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

VII.A. Approval of the September 13, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes – A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.B. Approval of General Fund Invoices Totaling \$616,036.34 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth. Motion carried unanimously by roll call-call vote.

VII.C. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for August 2021 Totaling \$202,467.49 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Grabowski and supported by Willoughby. Motion carried unanimously by roll call-call vote.

VII.D. Approval of the Following Teacher Contracts Upon Results of State and Federal Records and Unprofessional Conduct Checks: A motion for approval was made by Willoughby and supported by Forsyth. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.D.1. Ashley Mann - MS Math, BA Step 7

VII.D.2. Amy McIechey - IL Begindergarten, BA Step 7

VII.D.3. Michael Schimp - SL 4th Grade, BA Step 7

VII.E. 1st Reading Approval of 8th Grade Jazz Band Curriculum Proposal - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Schriemer. Motion carried unanimously by roll call-call vote.

VII.F. 2nd Reading Approval of Edmentum EdOptions Academy Digital Curriculum for the 2021-22 School Year - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman. Motion carried unanimously by roll call-call vote.

VII.G. Approval of Board committee recommendation to deny reinstatement of expelled student 2019-20B: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.H. Approval of VESPA Tentative Agreement - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth. Motion carried unanimously by roll call-call vote.

With no further business to come before the board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.

Board President Virgil Knowles
November 8, 2021

Board Secretary Amy Manchester