

Regular Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2025 7:00 PM

Vicksburg Middle School
348 E Prairie Street
Vicksburg, MI 49097

Minutes

Board Members Present: Rick Burmeister, Tina Forsyth, Lisa Hostetler, Stephanie Willoughby, Dave Schriemer

Board Members Absent: Ron Centofanti & Dan Grabowski

Board Secretary: Tamara Young

Administrators Present: Steve Goss, Adam Brush, Allison Dygert, Joe Werkema, Mike Barwegen, Amie McCaw, Sarah Bacalia, Dewey Waterman, Gail Vandaff, Matt Hawkins

Guests Present: See attached sign in sheet

President Schriemer called to order at 7:01pm.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I.A. Legislative Update - Due to Keevin O'Neill's absence, Steve Goss gave a quick summary.

I.B. Important Dates- Due to Keevin O'Neill's absence, Dave Schriemer pointed out a couple highlights from the calendar.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

II.A. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss gave an update on the monthly activity through the end of January 2025.

II.B. Investment Holdings Update - Steve Goss gave an update on the investment accounts as of the end of January 2025. YTD interest rates/earnings were shared. Dave Schriemer once again thanked Steve Goss for his management.

II.C. Bond Project Update - Steve Goss announced there are documents in the board packet detailing the bids. He gave an overview of the recommendations. The recommendation process started about 6 years ago. He introduced; Doug Milburn from Tower Pinkster, Chad Kadow and Mike Frederick from Frederick Construction. Steve Goss asked if there were any questions for the team. Mike Frederick spoke about their role with the district. He discussed how the master plan is formed and rated. They take those items and apply a budget to each project for review by the administration. After many meetings and budget revisions, they produce a construction manager project manual. From there the projects go out for bid. They strive to bring the right groups into the district to do the work well. Mike Frederick stated the #1 priority is safety followed by quality of work. They strive to be good stewards of the taxpayer dollars. Chad Kadow discussed the bid package process. Big projects this summer are HS and MS flooring and bathrooms along with the other ½ of Sunset. He also discussed the furniture additions that will include chairs and desk/chair combos. Dave Schriemer asked about the duration they have been working with the district. Mike Frederick stated the first

project was around 1990. Lisa Hostetler asked about how they deal with the fluctuation in the budget and material costs that change over time. Steve Goss discussed the “moving target” of the budget.

II.D. VMS Trip to Cedar Point - Allison Dygert

II.E. Annual Report - VMS - Allison Dygert and Joe Werkema presented their annual report which highlighted PLCs, data, and celebrations. Allison Dygert thanked her amazing staff. They showed many examples of celebrations. PLC process pillars were discussed. Behavior plans, survey data, and state testing scores were also explained. Lisa Hostetler asked questions about the test scores that are listed on the website.

III. Audience. Liz Cutshaw read a message to the board on behalf of her husband Rich Cutshaw.

IV. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

IV.A. Approval of the following Board Meeting Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Willoughby. Motion carried unanimously.

IV.B. Approval of General Fund Invoices Totaling \$606,394.62 - ROLL CALL VOTE. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Willoughby. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV.C. Approval of VMS trip to Cedar Point. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Hostetler. Motion carried unanimously.

IV.D. Approval of the Retirement of Teacher Kurt Phelps, Effective at the end of the 24-25 school year - ROLL CALL VOTE. A motion for approval was made by Burmeister and supported by Hostetler. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV.E. Approval of the resignation of Jennifer Schmidtendorff, effective February 18, 2025 - ROLL CALL VOTE. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Burmeister. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV.F. Approval of Tenure for the Following Teachers - ROLL CALL VOTE. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Willoughby. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV.F.1. Megan Lynn - VMS

IV.F.2. Jay Bennett - VMS

IV.G. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements Totaling \$81,736.70 - ROLL CALL VOTE. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Burmeister. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV.H. Approval to award the following construction contracts, based on the results of the Series 3, Release 2 Bid Package, at a total cost of \$4,259,282. Project costs to be funded with proceeds from the 2020 Series 3 building and site bonds. - ROLL CALL VOTE. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Hostetler. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV.H.1. B.P. 2.4- Restroom Selective Demolition: Abatement Demolition Services; \$165,645

IV.H.2. B.P. 2.8- ACM & Non-ACM Classroom & Corridor Flooring Demolition: HBC Environmental; \$450,000

IV.H.3. B.P. 9.0- Terrazzo Refinishing: Central Tile & Terrazzo Company; \$29,685

IV.H.4. B.P. 9.2- Metal Studs & ACT Ceilings: Ritsema & Associates; \$477,880

IV.H.5. B.P. 9.3- Restroom Tiling: Ritsema & Associates; \$559,869

IV.H.6. B.P. 9.6- Classroom & Corridor Flooring: Ritsema & Associates \$1,122,895

IV.H.7. B.P. 9.9- Painting (Sunset Lake & VMS): Unlimited All-Purpose Painting, LLC; \$130,154

IV.H.8. B.P. 9.9- Painting (VHS): PVM Painting & Decorating, Inc.; \$110,588

IV.H.9. B.P. 22.1- Plumbing & Mechanical Improvements: A-1 Refrigeration Sales & Service; \$574,566

IV.H.10. B.P. 26.1- Electrical Improvements: Moore Electrical Service; \$638,000

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Schriemer adjourned the meeting at 9:04 pm.

President Dave Schriemer
March 10, 2025

Secretary Tamara Young