

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 10, 2011
VHS PAC – 7:00 pm**

M I N U T E S

Members Present: Wil Emmert, David Schriemer, Tom Danielson, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, and Skip Knowles

Board Secretary Karen Hill

Administrators Present: Supt. Charles Glaes, Asst. Supt. Stephen Goss, IL Principal Rick Szabla, Adult/Community Ed Director Tonya Nash, MS Asst. Principal Laura Kuhlman, SL Principal Pat Moreno, HS Asst. Principal Adam Brush, HS Principal Keevin O'Neill, Transportation Director Ric Beers, PAC Manager Tim Fuller, TY Principal Mike Barwegen

Guests Present: Steve Thomas, Allen Reynolds, Henry VanTuyl, Linda VanderStraaten, Kelli Mein, Mikayla Sana, Shelly & Nanette Sperry, Rudy Callen, Tammy Iobe, Brad Geesaman, Didik Soekarmoen, Kelly Soekarmoen

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Recognitions

1. School Board Recognition Month: Supt. Glaes recognized and thanked Board Members for their dedication to the District, students, and community.
2. VHS Band Update: Principal Keevin O'Neill gave a brief overview of the VHS band trip results and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Soekarmoen for their volunteerism. Mr. Rosier will be present at the February meeting to give a detailed report of the trip.

C. Legislative Update: Supt. Glaes reviewed the latest legislative updates. President Knowles encouraged the audience to contact their Legislators and ask them to oppose using K-12 education School Aid Fund to pay for community colleges and university

D. Important Dates: In addition to dates listed, there will be a late start early release day on Wednesday, January 12. This provides concentrated time for staff to work on data and curriculum alignment.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss:

1. Budget Progress Report for the Month Ending December 31, 2010: Asst. Supt. Goss reviewed the budget progress report for December 2010 showing total revenues of \$6,585,174; total expenditures of \$8,736,749; and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of -\$2,151,575.
2. Amendment Report for the 2010-11 General Fund Budget: Asst. Supt. Goss presented the amended budget and requested approval later on the agenda.

B. MI Merit Exam Results - Keevin O'Neill: Principal O'Neill compared District Merit Exam results to the State and Wolverine Conference. Mr. O'Neill explained what was being done to raise scores.

- C. Transportation Department Annual Report - Ric Beers: Mr. Beers presented his report which exemplified safety and introduced the drivers to the audience. Mr. Goss thanked Mr. Beers and his department for their commitment to safety.
- D. Performing Arts Center Annual Report - Tim Fuller: Mr. Fuller reviewed the events held at the PAC for the last year and stated it was a good year to be a student in the arts at Vicksburg.
- E. Audience: Didik Soekarmoen stated that he was proud to be from Vicksburg and fortunate to witness how the kids performed and behaved on the band trip. It was a huge undertaking and very successful.

Brad Geesaman welcomed Board members to a new year, and stated that teachers are excited. The Administration is doing an excellent job in working with them. They appreciate the open door policy.

President Knowles thanked Mr. Geesaman and said it was a two-way street.

III. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

- A. Approval of the Following Minutes:
 - 1. December 13, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Lohman to approve the regular meeting minutes dated December 13, 2010.
- B. Approval of the Following General Fund Invoices - ROLL CALL VOTE:
 - 1. December 6, 2010 = \$298,463.45: A motion was made by Tom and supported by Tina to approve payment of invoices dated December 6, 2010 totaling \$298,463.45.
 Ayes: Emmert, Schriemer, Danielson, Forsyth, Lohman and Knowles
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Motion carried unanimously.
 - 2. December 17, 2010 = \$125,317.95: A motion was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth to approve payment of invoices dated December 17, 2010 totaling \$125,317.95.
 Ayes: Emmert, Schriemer, Danielson, Forsyth, Lohman and Knowles
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Motion carried unanimously.
 - 3. December 29, 2010 = \$7,335.04: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman to approve payment of invoices dated December 29, 2010 totaling \$7,335.04.
 Ayes: Emmert, Schriemer, Danielson, Forsyth, Lohman and Knowles
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Approval to Appoint Rudy Callen to the Vicksburg Community Schools Board of Education to Fill the Seat of Jean Eldred until June 30, 2011: A motion was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth to appoint Rudy Callen to the

Vicksburg Community Schools Board of Education to Fill the Seat of Jean Eldred until June 30, 2011.

Discussion: The Board recognized Mrs. Eldred for her service to the Board, students, District, and community. The Personnel Committee stated that one other individual had expressed an interest in the open position, however, changed their mind due to a conflict of interest.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Notice of Open Board Seats: Informational only.

1. Board Seats of Tina Forsyth and Rudy Callen Expire June 30, 2011 - 4 Year Term - Candidates Must be Legal Residents of the School District, 18 Years of Age, and be Registered Voters
 - a. Each Candidate Must Secure a Statement of Organization from the Schoolcraft Township Clerk
 - b. Each Candidate Must Provide a Statement of Citizenship and a Statement Acknowledging that Making False Statement in the Affidavit is Perjury, Punishable for a Fine up to \$1,000 or Imprisonment for up to Five (5) Years or Both
 - c. Nominating Petitions are Due to the Schoolcraft Township Clerk on February 8, 2011- 4:00 p.m. - 40 Valid Signatures Required

E. Approval of Resolution to Adopt Amendments to the 2010-11 General Fund Budget - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Schriemer for approval of Resolution to Adopt Amendments to the 2010-11 General Fund Budget.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Resolution for Regional Millage Renewal - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Danielson for approval of the Resolution for Regional Millage Renewal.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

G. Approval of District Civil Rights Compliance Plan - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Danielson for approval of District Civil Rights Compliance Plan.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- H. Approval of a One Year Leave for Absence for the 2011-2012 School Year for Sunset Lake 2nd Grade Teacher Kelly Vanlaningham: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman for approval of a one year leave of absence for the 2011-2012 school year for Sunset Lake 2nd Grade Teacher Kelly Vanlaningham.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

President Virgil Knowles

Date: 2/14/11

Secretary Karen Hill