

**Vicksburg Community Schools**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**Monday, October 12, 2020, 7:00 PM**  
**Vicksburg High School – PAC**  
**MINUTES**

Members Present: Jennifer Buikema, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, David Schriemer, Dan Grabowski, Wil Emmert and Skip Knowles

Member Absent: None

Administrators Present: Gail Van Daff, Rick Place, Tim Fuller, Adam Brush, Dennis Kirby, Amie McCaw, Matt Hawkins, Mike Barwegen, Alyssa Thompson, Ruth Hook

Guests Present: Kelly MacDonell, Patty Heintzelman, Dustin Morris, Lisa Coe, Jenn Rodas, Steve Thomas, Beth Schmidt

## I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### I.A. Recognitions - National Principals Month

Supt. O'Neill shared a proclamation from Governor Whitmer for Principals month. President Knowles thanked the Principals for their leadership. He also reminded the Board that the KCSOA meeting is Wednesday at 6:30 virtually.

### I.B. Legislative Update

Supt. O'Neill reported that MDHHS has issued an emergency order which requires face masks for all students in public schools. They also require public notification for COVID cases on a Dashboard on school websites. The House will vote on the Open Meetings Act which will allow virtual meetings to continue through the end of the year. SB1176 and 1177 are bipartisan bills which removes the student growth component from educator evaluations. Weekly two-way interaction rates with students will also be posted on the District website monthly. The requirement is two times per week. Our interaction rate is hovering around 98.2% at this time. The Continuity of Learning Plan will be reviewed and recertified at the November Board of Education Meeting.

### I.C. Important Dates

Supt. O'Neill discussed upcoming important dates included in the Board packet.

## II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

### II.A. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the monthly budget progress report for the month ending September 2020 showing total revenues of \$868,003; total expenditures of \$3,010,155 and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$(2,142,152).

#### II.A.1. Bond Update

Asst. Supt. Goss reported that a tremendous amount of meetings are being held behind the scenes with design work and packages being prepared for bid. Model classrooms are done and look great.

## II.B. Sunset Lake - Home of the Super Heroes - Amie McCaw

Principal McCaw presented the Sunset Lake Elementary Annual report.

## II.C. Community Education Annual Report

Supt. O'Neill invited the Board to review the Community Education Report and to contact Alyssa Thompson if they have comments/questions.

## II.D. Audience

Kelly MacDonell, Jenn Rodas, Dustin Morris, and Patty Heintzelman addressed the Board on a non-agenda item. Emails from DJ Kalee and Tim Wester were read aloud to the Board.

## III. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

III.A. Approval to move into closed session at 8:15 PM for the purpose of considering an attorney-client privileged written opinion, as allowed under the Open Meetings Act 15.268, Section 8(h). – ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

President Knowles adjourned the closed session and reconvened regular session at 8:48 PM.

III.B. Approval of the ULP Authorization Resolution as presented to the Board of Education – ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

III.C. Approval of the September 14, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Lohman. Motion passed unanimously.

III.D. Approval of the Following General Fund Invoices for the Month of September Totaling \$311,994.80 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

III.E. Approval of Payment of Purchase Card Disbursements for September 2020 in the Amount of \$67,978.51 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Buikema. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

III.F. Approval of Tenure for the Following Teacher - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

### III.F.1. Lindsey Chatel - Middle School

III.G. AP Spanish Student Field Trip to Guatemala in June 2021: A motion to postpone the approval of item III.G. until the next regular board meeting was made by Buikema and supported by Lohman. Motion passed unanimously.

III.H. 1st Reading Approval of the Following Revised or New Bylaws/Policies - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Grabowski. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

### III.H.1. PO 5611 - Due Process Rights

III.I. 2nd Reading Approval of the Following Revised or New Bylaws/Policies - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Buikema. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

III.I.1. PO 4362.01 - Threatening Behavior

III.I.2. Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in District Programs or Activities - NEW

III.I.3. PO 5517.02 - Sexual Violence - RESCIND (replace with PO 2266)

III.I.4. PO 8450.01 - Protective Facial Coverings During Pandemic/Epidemic Events

IV. Approval of FMLA Request for Kellie Hillsburg, Sunset Lake Teacher, beginning approximately November 22, 2020 and ending February 22, 2021: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Grabowski. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Approval of the Following Teacher Contract Upon Results of State and Federal Record and Unprofessional Conduct Checks: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

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President Virgil Knowles  
November 9, 2020

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Secretary Amy Manchester