

Vicksburg Community Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Monday, December 13, 2021 7:00 PM

Vicksburg High School - PAC
501 E Hwy St
Vicksburg, Michigan 49097

Minutes

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

Members Absent: None

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

Admins Present: Keevin O'Neill, Steve Goss, Gail VanDaff, Rick Place, Matt VanDussen, Dennis Kirby, Adam Brush, Matt Hawkins, Karen McKinstry, Tim Fuller, Mike Barwegen, Amie McCaw, Sarah Bacalia, Sarah Dyer, Jessica Ponton-Wheeler, Alyssa Thompson

Guests Present: Lisa Coe, Beth O'Roark, John Eiler, Adrian McClelland, DJ Kalee, Rachel King, Kelly MacDonell, Trudy Gwilt, Dana Ames, Garret Kaltenbach, Angie & Jim Byrne, Saleem Ismail, Emma Kinn, Amanda Halpin, Shayna Brooks, Shannon Vallier, Paul Block, Jenny Johnson, Amy McIechy, Tessa Rewa, Natalie Wagaman, Brianna Hall, Chelsea Flickinger, Sarah Wasson, Gabby Yost, Shalley Hall, Laura & Jason Heckelman, Brynn Najdowski, Stephanie Mazurski, Chad & April Wilson, Lisa Newman, Dennis & Laura Burr, Adrian McClelland, Trudy Gwilt

President Knowles called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. O'Neill introduced the VHS Chamber Singers who performed three holiday songs for the Board and audience members.

I.A. Recognitions

I.A.1. VCS New Teachers

The building principals introduced their new teachers for the 2021-22 school year. A listing of new staff members is included in the packet.

I.B. Legislative Update

Supt. O'Neill stated the current county mask mandate ends on December 17, 2021. Parents should expect a communication regarding that issue before the holiday break.

Supt. O'Neill also addressed the issue that occurred at the VMS and VHS. A third party will investigate the incident and he asks the school community for their patience as the process unfolds.

Equity Caucus Newsletter is included in this packet. There is not a lot happening in Lansing with legislation at this time.

I.C. Important Dates

Supt. O'Neill referred to the listing of important dates including upcoming holiday concerts.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

II.A. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the Budget Progress Report for November, 2021 showing total revenues of \$7,010,161; total expenditures of \$9,204,820 and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$(2,194,659).

II.B. Bond Update

Asst. Supt. Goss gave an update regarding Bid packages and construction contracts from Series 1, Release 3A, including mechanical upgrades at Indian Lake Elementary this upcoming summer. Delays in the supply chain may still be a problem and require a longer lead time when ordering.

III. AUDIENCE

DJ Kalee suggested we change the officers on the Board. Garrett Kaltenbach addressed the board with concerns regarding how to support the staff with the lack of subs. Gabby Yost addressed the board regarding problems with bullying she and her friends have endured. Shelley Hall shared her concerns regarding bullying and asked the Board how the findings will be communicated to the community. Dana Ames shared her thoughts regarding masks. Brynn Najdowski thanked the Board for keeping class sizes small and increasing staff when needed. She also stressed her support of parental choice for masks. John Eiler addressed the Board with COVID-19 concerns and shared his data with the Board. Kelly MacDonell addressed the Board on behalf of the teachers with concerns regarding subs and student safety.

IV. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

V. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated November 8, 2021: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Approval of General Fund Invoices Totaling \$412,366.44 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Grabowski and supported by Buikema. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

VII. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for October, 2021 Totaling \$92,507.96 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

VIII. Approval to award the following construction contracts, based on the results of bids received from Series 1, Release 3A, on November 11, 2021. All projects to be funded with proceeds from the 2020 bond issue - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Buikema. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

VIII.A. Bid package 4.2, interior & exterior masonry: Bracy & Jahr, Inc., \$68,445

VIII.B. Bid package 9.5, metal stud, gypsum assemblies, acoustical ceilings: Ritsema & Associates, \$277,797

VIII.C. Bid package 9.6, flooring: Modern Tile & Carpet, \$83,429

VIII.D. Bid package 9.9, Painting: West Michigan Painting, \$34,085

VIII.E. Bid package 23.1, mechanical upgrades: Kalamazoo Mechanical, \$1,323,000

VIII.F. Bid package 26.1, Electrical improvements: Hi-Tech Electric, \$592,180

IX. 2nd Reading Approval of VCS Policies 0100, 6152, 8310, 8320 – Roll call vote to be taken at January 10, 2022 Board of Education Meeting.

With no further business to come before the board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:39 pm.

Board President Virgil Knowles

January 10, 2022

Board Secretary Amy Manchester