

**Vicksburg Community Schools
Board of Education Electronic Meeting
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August 10, 2020 – 7:00 pm

MINUTES

Members Present: Wil Emmert, David Schriemer, Dan Grabowski, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, Virgil Knowles

Members Absent: Rudy Callen

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

Administrators Present: Keevin O'Neill, Steve Goss, Gail Van Daff, Don Puckett, Mike Barwegen, Adam Brush

Guests Present: Online guests

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Legislative Update

Supt. O'Neill shared that no budget has been set at this time. The state Senate heard testimony on the "Return to School" Plan, this bill package is more accurately described as a proposal for virtual learning. The US Senate GOP introduced the HEALS Act. Overall for education, the introduced bill includes \$105 billion, however, for K-12 education, only \$70 billion would go toward schools.

II. Return to School Plans

Supt. O'Neill discussed the current draft of the VCS Return to School Plan. He stressed that this document is a draft and input was still be solicited from parents/teachers. If the district does not feel schools can be opened safely or if there are PPE concerns, VCS would certainly not open for face to face instruction on August 31st.

Due to the storms and power outages. A motion to adjourn for 15 minutes (until 7:30 p.m.) was made by Forsyth and supported by Emmert.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Meeting is called back to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Knowles.

III. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Financial Report - Steve Goss

1. Budget Progress Report for Month Ending July 31, 2020

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the budget progress report for July 2020, showing total revenues of \$88,729; total expenditures of \$539,571 and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$(450,842).

2. Replacement of the VMS fire alarm system

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the proposal for Hi-Tech Electric Co. to replace the VMS fire alarm system at a total cost of \$150,000.

Asst. Supt. Goss also gave an update of summer bond projects including the roofing projects that have wrapped up for the summer. The model classrooms in the school buildings are in progress and looking great. Updates to the tennis courts will be done before the start of the school year.

Asst. Supt. Goss answered questions from the board regarding state aid and the state of the budget for 2021.

IV. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

- A. Approval of the following Meeting Minutes: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Grabowski.
Motion carried unanimously.
1. Regular Meeting Minutes dated July 13, 2020
- B. Approval of the following General Fund Invoices from July, 2020 Totaling \$214,885.01 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: Callen
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
1. July 1-31, 2020 (checks) - \$208,940.12
 2. July 1-31, 2020 (wire transfers) - \$5,944.89
- C. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements Totaling \$61,047.47 - ROLL CALL VOTE:
A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Schriemer.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: Callen
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Approval to Appoint Interim Board Member due to Resignation of Trustee Rudy Callen effective August 15, 2020. Personnel committee recommends approval to appoint Jennifer as interim board member. ROLL CALL VOTE
A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: Callen
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Approval to award contract to replace the VMS fire alarm system to Hi-Tech Electric Co. for a total cost of \$150,000. ROLL CALL VOTE:
A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Schriemer.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: Callen
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Audience
Several audience members had questions for the Board. A list of callers is on file with the minutes at the Vicksburg Administration Building.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

President Virgil Knowles
September 14, 2020

Secretary Amy Manchester