

Work Session
Monday, February 17, 2025 5:30 PM

Vicksburg Administration Building
301 S. Kalamazoo St.
Vicksburg, MI 49097

Minutes

Board Members Present: Rick Burmeister, Tina Forsyth, Lisa Hostetler, Dave Schriemer, Ron Centofanti

Board Members Absent: Stephanie Willoughby & Dan Grabowski

Board Secretary: Tamara Young

Administrators Present: Keevin O'Neill

Guests Present: See attached sign in sheet

President Schriemer called to order at 5:38pm

I. Audience - John Stears addressed the board with concerns about board policy and the location of the public comment section in the agenda. David Schriemer replied to John Stears with a few comments.

Dave Schriemer thanked the HS, MS, and construction depts for their great presentations the past two months. Ron Centofanti stated he can't wait to hear more about the new construction plans.

II. Committee Updates - Cell phone committee includes Ron Centofanti, Rick Burmeister, Stephanie Willoughby, and Keevin O'Neil. Keevin O'Neill would like to start with a committee meeting with representatives from HS and MS.

III. Discussion of additions or revisions to board to policy 0114.2 board member ethics - Dave Schriemer stated he wanted to revisit the conversation from the last meeting. Rick Burmeister stated he appreciated policies A, F, G, H, R, and S. Tina Forsyth stated she really thought highly of S. Discussion about how to respond to a vote that doesn't align with their personal opinions. There was also discussion about how negotiations work. Dave Schriemer would like to see Q from Portage policy added to ours. The board would like to add Q, R, S to policy for a first reading.

IV. Board Procedures

IV.A. Contacts with media - Dave Schriemer mentioned what to do if the media contacts a trustee. Everyone was encouraged to let Keevin O'Neill know so we can get the appropriate person to respond.

IV.B. Response to audience comments at board meetings - Dave Schriemer reminded everyone the public comment doesn't require a reply immediately. Sometimes we will follow up later once we have more information.

V. Discussion of possible future topics for work sessions - ideas from the trustees are school improvement, strategic plan, parts of curriculum (CIA), discipline policy, Title 9/Elliott Larson, vaping/smoking in schools.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Schriemer adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

President Dave Schriemer
March 10, 2025

Secretary Tamara Young