

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 8, 2024 - 7:00 PM
Vicksburg High School - PAC
501 East Highway St
Vicksburg, MI**

MINUTES

Members Present: Ron Centofanti, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, David Schriemer, Stephanie Willoughby and Virgil Knowles

Members Absent: Dan Grabowski

Board Secretary: Amy Manchester

Administrators Present: Keevin O'Neill, Steve Goss, Gail VanDaff, Adam Brush, Matt Hawkins, Allison Dygert, Joe Werkema, Dewey Waterman, Jessica Ponton-Wheeler, Kelli Luke, Mike Barwegen, Denny Rheam

Guests Present: Lisa Coe, Kelly MacDonnel, Natalie Mason, April Wilson, and the parents of the Senior students

President Knowles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Recognitions

1. Class of 2024 Senior Recognitions - Adam Brush

Principal Brush introduced the top eleven students graduating cum laude and spoke to them about their future plans.

2. Graduation

Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

3. Senior Awards

Thursday, May 18, 2024 starting at 6:00 p.m. with dinner in the HS cafeteria, then the ceremony after in the PAC.

B. Legislative Update

Supt. O'Neill reported that it has been very slow in Lansing as they have just returned from spring break. There is a bill proposed by the Senate that would make attendance in Kindergarten at age 5 mandatory. Educational Groups spoke to legislators and reiterated that the grant process is overwhelming. Grants should not be a competition.

C. Important Dates

Supt. O'Neill directed the Board to the listing of important dates included with the packet. He reminded them that this is testing week. He reported Prom is coming up, along with the Senior Day of Service.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the monthly progress report through the end of March 2024 showing total revenues of \$ 22,530,956; total expenditures of \$22,792,161 and deficiency of revenue over expenses of \$(261,205).

B. Investment Holdings Update - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt Goss provided an update of the District's investment accounts. He also reported that the Bond Sale is on schedule and there will be Board Action in the upcoming months.

C. Reconfirmation of Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Learning Plan (ECOL) - Gail Van Daff

Curriculum Director, Gail VanDaff presented the final ECOL plan which complies with recommended health guidelines and supports SEL. The plan has not changed in the last several months.

III. AUDIENCE

No one wished to address the Board on a non-agenda item.

IV. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

A. Approval of the March 11, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: A motion for approval was made by Willoughby and supported by Schriemer.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of General Fund Invoices Totaling \$475,474.78 – ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Forsyth.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

C. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for February 2024, Totaling \$106,547.45 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

D. Approval to Extend the Following Administrative Team Members' Individual Contracts for the 2024-25 School Year Based on Evaluations through 2023-24 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval of Items D.1.a. through Item D.2.i was made by Lohman and supported by Centofanti.

Motion carried unaniously by roll-call vote.

1. Principals

- a. Adam Brush - High School Principal
- b. Matt Hawkins - High School Asst. Principal
- c. Allison Dygert - Middle School Principal
- d. Joe Werkema - Middle School Asst. Principal
- e. Sarah Bacalia - Indian Lake Elementary Principal
- f. Mike Barwegen - Tobey Elementary Principal
- g. Amie McCaw - Sunset Lake Principal

2. Directors/Supervisors/Coordinators

- a. Sarah Dyer - Food Service Director
- b. Karen McKinstry - Transportation Director

- c. Don Puckett - Technology Director
 - d. Lourdes Puzevic - Human Resources Director
 - e. Michael Roy - Athletic Director
 - f. Alyssa Thompson - Community Education Director
 - g. Gail Van Daff - Director of Curriculum and Instruction
 - h. Dewey Waterman - Facilities Director
 - i. Jessica Wheeler-Ponton - Communications Director
- E. Approval to Extend the Following Non-Line Position Contract for the 2024-25 School Year Based on Evaluations through 2023-24 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- 1. Tim Fuller - Performing Arts Center Manager
- F. Approval to Extend the Following Contracts as Per Contractual Agreement - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Forsyth.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- 1. Keevin O'Neill - Superintendent
 - 2. Stephen Goss - Assistant Superintendent
- G. Approval of the Following Teacher Retirement Requests Effective June 7, 2024: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.
Motion carried unanimously.
- 1. Christine Laaksonen - 32 Years of Service
 - 2. Susan Pepps - 15 Years of Service
- H. 2nd Reading Approval of the HS Advanced Mathematics Curriculum Proposal - ROLL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- I. 2nd Reading Approval of HS AP Pre-Calc Curriculum Proposal - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Schriemer.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

President Virgil Knowles
May 13, 2024

Secretary Amy Manchester