

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 14, 2022 – 7:00 pm
Indian Lake Elementary**

MINUTES

Members Present: David Schriemer, Jennifer Buikema, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, and Virgil Knowles

Members Absent: Dan Grabowski and Stephanie Willoughby

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

Admins Present: Keevin O'Neill, Steve Goss, Gail VanDaff, Nancy Spicketts, Sarah Bacalia, Matt Hawkins, Mike Barwegen, Amie McCaw, Allison Dygert, Adam Brush, Jessica Ponton-Wheeler, Alyssa Thompson, Rick Place, Sarah Dyer, Dennis Kirby

Guests Present: Lisa Coe, Jill Barton, Wendy Martens, Julie Hughes, Jill Boudrie, Melissa Jamerson, Diana Haring, Julie Koeman, Trish and Shawn Wayne, Ron Centofanti, Brian and Ashley Robbins, Tiffany Lane, Salustia Santos, Sandy Bailey, Mark Lane, Katrina Thiel, Tim Johns, Candice Cash, Callee Roodbergen

President Knowles called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. O'Neill introduced Sarah Bacalia who directed the board's attention to the Indian Lake Student Council who led the pledge, the choir entertained the board.

- A. Legislative Update – Governor Whitmer's budget Legislation is very ambitious and now the House and Senate are working on their proposal. The revenue conference is in May.
- B. Lawsuit against Juul Labs, Inc. and other producers of vaping products – Several public schools have sued Juul and other producers. Thrun Law Firm recommends joining this suit. Board Action includes approval of the Resolution to participate in the Juul lawsuit.
- C. Important Dates
Supt. O'Neill directed the board to the important dates listed in the packet including the play, Spongebob which was a hit this past weekend.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

- A. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss
Asst. Supt. Goss presented the monthly budget progress report for February 2022 which showed total revenues of \$15,671,902; total expenditures of \$17,449,443 and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$(1,777,541).
- B. Bid Award Recommendation
Asst. Supt. Goss recommended the electrical bid be awarded to Moore Electric in the amount of \$281,990.
He reminded the board and audience about the upcoming millage renewal on the ballot for the May 3rd election. This is a non-homestead tax renewal and will not raise taxes on permanent residences. He encouraged people to vote.
- C. Indian Lake Elementary Annual Report - Sarah Bacalia
Principal Bacalia presented the Indian Lake Annual Report to the Board including highlights from the past year, student data, and staff and student recognitions. She also recognized the PTSO.

III. AUDIENCE

Melissa Jamerson shared how much she appreciated having a full-time counselor at Indian Lake Elementary.

IV. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

- A. Approval of the following Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes - February 14, 2022: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 2. Work Session Minutes - March 1, 2022: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 3. Special Meeting Minutes - March 7, 2022 : A motion for approval was made by Buikema and supported by Forsyth. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Approval of General Fund Invoices Totaling \$346,856.69 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Buikema and supported by Forsyth. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- C. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for January 2022 Totaling \$94,968.77- ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Lohman. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- D. Approval to award bid package 26.1 to the low bidder, Moore Electrical Service, Inc. at a total cost of \$281,990. Project to be funded using proceeds from the 2020 bond issue - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Schriemer. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- E. Approval of VCS resolution to join other schools in the lawsuit against Juul Labs, Inc. and other producers of vaping products - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- F. Approval of 8th Grade trip to Cedar Point on Monday, June 13, 2022. All expenses to be paid by the students: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.
- G. Approval to Extend Superintendent Keevin O'Neill's Contract as per Contractual Agreement - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Buikema. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- H. 1st Reading Approval of VCS Policies 1616, 3216, 4216 and 5511 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

With no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

President Virgil Knowles
April 11, 2022

Secretary Amy Manchester