

VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education
February 9, 2015
VMS – 7:00 pm
M I N U T E S

Members Present: Wil Emmert, Deborah Harsha, David Schriemer, Rudy Callen, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, Virgil Knowles

Secretary Karen Hill

Administrators Present: Charles Glaes, Stephen Goss, Keevin O'Neill, Laura Kuhlman, Matt VanDussen, Mike Barwegen, Tonya Nash, Maureen Ouvry, Ric Beers

Guests Present: Dawn Simpson, Kim Robertson, Mary Burke, Steve Thomas, Joe Lukowski, Michelle Simmons, Travis Simola

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Student Enrollment - Count Day - February 11, 2015: Informational
- B. Legislative Report: Supt. Glaes stated that the Governor's Safe Roads YES Proposal will be on the ballot for May 5 and explained the impact of the proposal to the district.
- C. Important Dates: Supt. Glaes referred to the many items listed on the calendar.
- D. KRESA Special Education Millage Election: On May 5 a six year 1.5 Mil Special Education millage will be placed on the ballot. The intent of the millage is to more fully fund the mandated special education costs throughout the county. Vicksburg now must pay \$500,000 out of the General Fund to pay unfunded Special Education costs.
- E. Days/Hours Update: Supt. Glaes explained that the state requires districts to meet both days and hours. The district currently is meeting the day requirement but is in deficit on hours. At this time, the HS and MS are both short close to 5 hours.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

- A. Business and Finance Report - Steve Goss
 - 1. Budget Progress Report for the Month Ending January 31, 2015: Asst. Supt. Goss reviewed the budget progress report for January, 2015 showing total revenues of \$9,885,988; total expenditures of \$11,449,067; and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of -\$1,563,079.

2. Bond Update: Mr. Goss presented a status report of the bond budget. Bids were received last week for parking lots, mechanical upgrades at HS, and Tobey upgrades. Another round of bids for roofing projects will take place by the end of the month. Bids will be approved at the March meetings.
3. Refunding Bond Update: Mr. Goss announced the refunding of the 2005 bonds, which will reduce the District's interest costs by \$115,703 over the remaining life of the bonds, while moving the final repayment date forward by one year from 2021 to 2020. The recommendation is to accept the low bid of First National Bank. These are general obligation bonds so the savings will go back to the general fund. The next opportunity to refinance will be in two years.

B. Instructional Report

1. Technology is the Classroom/School Improvement Plan - Laura Kuhlman and Matt VanDussen: Mrs. Kuhlman and Mr. VanDussen reported on School Improvement initiatives taking place at the Middle School targeted at keeping kids first. Teachers Dawn Phelps, Kim Robertson, Mary Burke, and Joe Lukowski demonstrated technology that is being used with students in the classroom.

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

III. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

A. Approval of the Following Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth to approve items 1, 2, and 4. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Forsyth and supported to approve item 3. Motion carried unanimously.

1. January 12, 2015 Regular Meeting: A motion was made by and supported by for approval of minutes dated January 12, 2015.
2. January 19, 2015 - Special Meeting Open Session: A motion was made by and supported by for approval of minutes dated January 12, 2015 – Open Session.
3. January 19, 2015 - Special Meeting Closed Session: A motion was made by and supported by for approval of minutes dated January 19, 2015 – Closed Session:
4. February 2, 2015 - Work Session: A motion was made by and supported by for approval of minutes dated February 2, 2015.

- B. Approval of the Following General Fund Invoices Totaling \$167,477.45 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Callen for approval of the following general fund invoices totaling \$167,477.45.

Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. January 30, 2015 = \$9,503.60

2. January 13, 2015 = \$148.86

3. January 13, 2015 = \$7,961.62

4. January 28, 2015 = \$149,863.37

- C. Approval for Disbursement of Funds for December Purchases Made Under the District's Purchase Card Program Totaling \$58,628.73 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman for approval of disbursement of funds for December purchases made under the District's purchase card program totaling \$58,628.73.

Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Approval to Accept Refunding Bond Bid from First National Bank in the Aggregate Principal Sum of \$1,155,000 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Schriemer and supported by Emmert for approval to accept refunding bond bid from First National Bank in the aggregate principal sum of \$1,155,000

Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Approval to Accept Student Enrollments through 105C of Public Act 94 for the First Semester of the 2015-16 School Year: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman for approval to accept student enrollments through 105C of Public Act 94 for the First Semester of the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

- F. 1st Reading Approval of the Following New or Policy Revisions: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth for 1st reading approval of the following new or policy revisions.
Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
1. 1422/3122/4122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
 2. 1619.02/3419.02/4419.02 - Privacy Protections of Fully Insured Group Health Plans
 3. 2260.01 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability
 4. 3121/4121 - Criminal History Record Check
- G. Approval of VHS Choir Field Trip to Carnegie Hall in New York City from April 24-28. All costs to be paid by students. A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by for Callen approval of VHS Choir Field Trip to Carnegie Hall in New York City from April 24-28. All costs to be paid by students. Motion carried unanimously.
- H. Approval of FMLA Request for Sunset Lake Kindergarten Teacher Sarah Phillips from approximately March 2 - May 11, 2015. A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth for approval of FMLS request for Sunset Lake Kindergarten Teacher Sarah Phillips from approximately March 2, - Mary 11, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 9:27 pm.

President Virgil Knowles
Date: March 9, 2015

Secretary Karen Hill