

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**February 10, 2020 – Vicksburg Middle School – 7:00 pm**  
**MINUTES**

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

Members Absent: Rudy Callen, Dan Grabowski

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

Administrators Present: Keevin O'Neill, Steve Goss, Gail VanDaff, Adam Brush, Matt Hawkins, Matt VanDussen, Dennis Kirby, Mike Barwegen, Don Puckett, Rick Place, Ruth Hook, Karen McKinstry, Amie McCaw, Alyssa Thompson, Sarah Dyer

Guests Present: Lisa Coe, Steve Thomas, Sue Moore, Patty Heintzelman, Patty Stoll, Dawn Simpson, Renae Hawkins, Cherie Allen, Ravenna Kahler, Vicksburg Band Boosters and Parents

**I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. Band Boosters - Ben Rosier introduced Tabitha Farnham, the VBBI President. She introduced the Board and highlighted activities they've done to support the Band financially during the past year. Craig Rolfe presented background information on the formation of the VBBI.
- B. Count Day - Supt. O'Neill reminded the Board and Staff about Count day on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. If students are out (depending on reason), they may still be counted if they come back to school within 30 days.
- C. Legislative Update - Supt. O'Neill reported that the governor's budget really focuses on students that need it. An increase of \$745 million is proposed. She is working on closing the gap between the schools. Merit curriculum to allow students to do visual arts, performing arts, or CTE classes instead of foreign language arts will expire soon. Administration is hoping this will be extended.
- D. Important Dates - Supt. O'Neill reminded the board of upcoming important dates.

**II. REPORT AND PUBLIC INQUIRY**

**A. Financial Report - Steve Goss**

**1. Budget Progress Report for month ending January 31, 2020**

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the monthly budget progress report for January, 2020 showing total revenues of \$11,808,662; total expenditures of \$13,646,230 with deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$(1,837,568).

Asst. Supt. Goss shared that the resolution for the upcoming bond proposal is in the packet for approval. The ballot language is included with this resolution and if approved will be submitted to the County Clerk for the May 5, 2020 special election.

B. Technology Report - Don Puckett

Technology Director, Don Puckett shared the Technology Department's annual report and introduced his staff. He gave an overview of school owned devices and how many devices are connected to the network each day.

Dawn Simpson gave a demonstration on Lightspeed Relay which is an internet program to share learning sites with students and also monitor them and which sites they are viewing. Teachers have the ability to lock certain sites.

C. VMS Annual Report - Matt VanDussen

Principal VanDussen provided the Middle School Annual Report. He started by recognizing the MS parent group and how much he appreciates them and their support. He is happy to now have four drinking water stations at the MS this year. He discussed new safety features of the building. He is grateful for the new recycling program. He reported on student data in ELA and math and answered questions from the Board.

D. Audience

No one wished to address the board on a non-agenda item. Rick thanked President Skip Knowles and Dr. Dave Schriemer for attending the Pathways graduation. Dave shared a story about Aim Higher and how those students are making a difference in the lives of senior citizens and how appreciated it is.

III. BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

A. Approval of the Following Board Meeting Minutes: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported Lohman.

Motion carried unanimously.

1. January 13, 2020 - Regular Meeting Minutes
2. January 29, 2020- Special Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of the Following General Fund Invoices for the Month of January Totaling \$315,698.66 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Callen, Grabowski

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. January 1-31, 2020 (checks) = \$270,873.56
2. January 1-31, 2020 (wire transfers) = \$44,825.10

C. Approval of Payment of Purchase Card Disbursements for January 2020 in the Amount of \$90,327.95 - ROLL CALL VOTE A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.

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

Nays: None  
Absent: Callen, Grabowski  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Special Election on May 5, 2020 for Proposed Bond Issue – ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Emmert.

Ayes: Forsyth, Lohman, Schriemer, Emmert, and Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: Callen, Grabowski  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

- E. 2nd Reading Approval of the Following Curriculum Proposals - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Schriemer.

Ayes: Forsyth, Lohman, Schriemer, Emmert, and Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: Callen, Grabowski  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

1. VHS Leadership Course
2. Seal of Biliteracy

- F. Approval of Retirement Request from Virginia Ruimveld, Tobey Elementary Teacher – 31 Years of Service: A motion of approval was made by Emmert and supported by Schriemer.

Motion carried unanimously.

- G. Approval to accept the resignation of VMS Teacher Jeff deVerona effective immediately: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.

Motion carried unanimously.

- H. Approval of FMLA for Mikela Higgason, SL 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, beginning approximately April 4, 2020 for six weeks: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.

Motion carried unanimously.

- I. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Approval of the Following Policies – ROLL CALL VOTE:

A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth.

Ayes: Forsyth, Lohman, Schriemer, Emmert, and Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: Callen, Grabowski  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

1. PO 0100 – Definitions
2. PO 0167.2 – Closed Session

3. PO 1422.01 – Drug Free Workplace
4. PO 2210 – Curriculum Development
5. PO 2414 – Reproductive Health
6. PO 3120.04 – Employment of Substitutes
7. PO 3120 – Employment of Professional Staff
8. PO 5113.02 – School Choice Options
9. PO 6605 – Crowd Funding

J. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Approval of the Following Policy – ROLL CALL VOTE:

1. PO 8402 – Emergency Operations Plan

A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported Lohman.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Callen, Grabowski

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

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President Virgil Knowles  
March, 9, 2020

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Secretary Amy Manchester