

**VCS Board of Education Work Session
Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 6:00 PM
Vicksburg Middle School
Vicksburg, MI 49097**

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Jennifer Buikema, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, Virgil Knowles, David Schriemer, Dan Grabowski and Stephanie Willoughby
Secretary Amy Manchester

Administrators Present: Keevin O'Neill, Steve Goss, Gail Van Daff

Guests Present: John Eiler, Craig and Renee Janofski, Jessical Allison, Adrian McClelland, Sara and Terry Barnes, Cody and Rachelle Caswell, Heather Turner, Jynell Tackett, Kelly MacDonnel, Dustin Morris

Call to Order:

President Knowles called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Work Items:

Supt. O'Neill gave an overview of what has been done to date regarding back to school planning including a parent survey, meeting with area superintendents and the Kalamazoo County Department of Health. He also shared the DRAFT communication he was working on to send to parents/guardians.

Health and Safety Protocols:

The Board discussed optional facial coverings, vaccinations, COVID-19 testing, contact tracing and quarantines for next school year. All plans are subject to change based on future mandates or orders from the Michigan Department of Health. Virtual learning options will be based on interests from families.

Instructional Models Committee:

This committee has met and will continue to meet until school starts. This committee includes employees from different areas of the district.

Audience:

Several community members (parents) commented on the current plan and shared opinions. With no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Board Action: None

President Virgil Knowles
August 9, 2021

Secretary Amy Manchester