

Vicksburg Community Schools
Board of Education Meeting
March 8, 2021–7:00 pm
<https://meet.google.com/bqr-oijo-xnj>

MINUTES

Members Present: Jennifer Buikema, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, Dan Grabowski, David Schriemer, Stephanie Willoughby and Virgil Knowles.

Members Absent: None

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

Administrators Present: Keevin O’Neill, Steve Goss, Gail Van Daff, Ruth Hook, Don Puckett, Amie McCaw, Alyssa Thompson, Nancy Spicketts, Sarah Dyer, Mike Barwegen, Matt Van Dussen, Dennis Kirby, Adam Brush, Matt Hawkins

Guests Present: Chad Kadow, Mike Frederick

President Virgil Knowles called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. O’Neill thanked the administrators and staff for the hard work and effort this year to get us to this point of almost half-way through the school year. Teachers and admin are working on summer school plans. A majority of Vicksburg teachers and staff have been fully vaccinated. Supt O’Neill reported that there has been increased interest by many virtual families to move back to in-person learning. The administration will be monitoring class sizes and trying to accommodate as many students as possible. It may be necessary for students to attend a different school based on enrollment numbers.

II. Legislative Update

Last week Lansing was packed with action. The supplemental budget is now headed to Governor Whitmer’s desk. HP 4909 really limits the governor’s power in regards to closing schools. The State lifted some regulations to in-person board meetings, but depending on the venue, and if participants are over the limit, there may be overflow and other logistical changes necessary.

III. Important Dates

Supt. O’Neill directed the Board to review the upcoming important dates included in the packet. He also reminded the Board about the KCSOA Meeting which is this Wednesday. Please contact the Board Secretary for the link to attend virtually if you have not received it.

IV. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

IV.A. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the Budget Progress Report for the Month Ending February, 2021 showing total revenues of \$15,213,899; total expenditures of \$ 16,219,459 and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$(1,005,560).

IV.B. Bond Update - Series 1 Release 2B Bid Results - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss reported there are sixteen bid packages in the March packet for Board Action. Mike Frederick and Chad Kandow were in attendance to answer questions from the Board.

IV.C. Super Heroes Everyday - Ruth Hook

Principal Hook presented the Indian Lake Elementary Annual Report to the Board including highlights from the past year, student data, and staff and student recognitions. She also recognized the PTSO, parent volunteers, and the School Resource Officer, Derek Guthrie.

V. Reconfirmation of Extended Continuity of Learning Plan (ECOL) Hearing

Supt. O'Neill explained that section 'F' of the memo from the Kalamazoo Health Department was listed incorrectly in the attachment.

The two-way interaction rates continue to be high under the current model and no changes are being recommended to the current educational plan.

There were no public comments on the ECOL.

VI. Audience

The Board took one phone call from a community member with comments.

VII. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

VIII. Approval of the February 8, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes: A motion for approval was made by Buikema and supported by Forsyth. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Approval of General Fund Invoices Totaling \$441,241.94 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

X. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for January, 2021 Totaling \$74,229.76 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

XI. Approval of Extended Continuity Plan (ECOL) Reconfirmation - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Willoughby.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

XII. 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.

XIII. Approval to accept construction bids for the following bid packages (BP) at a total cost of \$5,235,484 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Lohman.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

XIII.A. BP 4.2A & B - Bracy and Jahr, Inc. \$178,930

XIII.B. BP 8.5A & B - Architectural Glass & metals - \$394,079

XIII.C. BP 9.5A & B - Stanton Interiors - \$579,750

XIII.D. BP 9.6A & B - Modern Tile & Carpet - \$52,070

XIII.E. BP 9.9A & B - West Michigan Painting - \$41,565

XIII.F. BP 23.1A & B - R.W. LaPine - \$2,738,869

XIII.G. BP 26.1A - Buist Electric - \$736,300

XIII.H. BP 26.1B - Hi-Tech Electric - \$467,021

XIII.I. BP 32.3A & B - Architectural Glass & Metals - \$46,900

XIV. 1st Reading Approval of the Following Policies - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Buikema and supported by Forsyth.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

President Virgil Knowles

April 12, 2021

Secretary Amy Manchester