

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 10, 2014
7:00 pm – VMS
M I N U T E S**

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

Secretary Karen Hill

Administrators Present: Charles Glaes, Stephen Goss, Laura Kuhlman, Matt VanDussen, Pat Moreno, Mike Barwegen, Ruth Hook, Keevin O'Neill, Adam Brush, Ric Beers, Tonya Nash, Maureen Ouvry, Steve Miller

Guests Present: Steve Thomas, Nancy Irving, Bob Collins, Brent McClure, Jim Ross, Shawn Parshall, Joe Lukowski, Mike Frederick, Sue Moore, Deborah Harsha

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Student Enrollment - Count Day - February 12, 2014: Supt. Glaes informed the Board that the official second count day is February 12. Supt. Glaes explained to the Board and audience that the district is required to schedule 176 days and 1098 hours of instructional time. We have scheduled 178 days plus the required hours. The state allows the first six days of inclement weather closures as if students are still in attendance without making up any time. Anything over that will have to be rescheduled.
- B. Legislative Report: Supt. Glaes gave an overview of the Governor's final budget, which initially shows a slight increase to K-12 education.
- C. Important Dates: The Board and audience were encouraged to purchase their tickets to the Rotary Showboat and the High School musical.
- D. Potential Bond Issue: Asst. Supt Goss gave an overview of the process used in evaluating several options and ultimately arriving at the recommended bond issue of \$15,485,000 million. The proposed bond issue is designed to achieve the following goals:
 - 1. Invest in our facilities to preserve high-quality educational environments conducive to teaching and learning. The projects will be focused on the most critical needs in each building, focusing on building envelopes, parking lots/traffic flow, and HVAC needs that were beyond the scope of the 2007 energy bond. Upgrades for safety and security are included.
 - 2. Invest in instructional technology to ensure Vicksburg's students receive a high-quality education that will enable them to be competitive in today's world.

If approved, our intent would be to issue bonds in three separate series in 2014, 2016, and 2018. This approach will allow us to minimize the impact of the millage increase while prudently providing for the replacement in 2018 of some of the technology purchased with 2014 bond proceeds.

The estimated increase in the millage is 1.5 mills, or \$150 per year, for a house with a \$100,000 taxable value. Based on an analysis of county data, it appears the average taxable value of home in our district is approximately \$56,000. For the "average" home, this would equate to an annual increase of \$84, or less than \$2/week.

A special Board Meeting will be held on February 20 to ask the Board to approve the Bond Resolution.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Business and Finance Report - Steve Goss

1. Budget Progress Report for the Month Ending January 31, 2014: Asst. Supt. Goss reviewed the budget progress report for January, 2014 showing total revenues of \$9,397.30; total expenditures of \$10,749,021; and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of -\$1,351,691.

B. Instructional Report: Mrs. Kuhlman and Mr. VanDussen outlined the status of student achievement, reviewed cadre progress, and described their team's efforts to refine the Middle School approach and resources to better meet the needs of her learners.

1. MEAP Data Information - Laura Kuhlman and Matt VanDussen
2. VMS Model of Student Success - Laura Kuhlman and Matt VanDussen

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

1. January 13, 2014 Regular Meeting: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Lohman to approve regular meeting minutes dated January 13, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of the Following General Fund Invoices Totaling \$268,422.05 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman for approval of the following general fund invoices totaling \$268,422.05.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval for Disbursement of Funds for December Purchases Made Under the District's Purchase Card Program Totaling \$58,921.83 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Callen and supported by Forsyth for approval for disbursement of funds for December purchases made under the District's purchase card program totaling \$58,921.83.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval to Accept Student Enrollments through 105C of Public Act 94 for the First Semester of the 2014-15 School Year: A motion was made by Danielson and supported

by Forsyth for approval to accept student enrollments through 105C of Public Act 94 for the first semester of the 2014-15 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Approval of Reinstatement of Student 2012-13C on a Behavior Contract: A motion was made by Schriemer and supported by Lohman for approval of reinstatement of Student 2012-13C on a behavior contract. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting.

President Virgil Knowles

Date: March 10, 2014

Secretary Karen Hill