

Vicksburg Community Schools
Board of Education
January 11, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
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MINUTES

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

Members Absent: None

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

Administrators Present: Keevin O'Neill, Stephen Goss, Gail Van Daff, Adam Brush, Matt Hawkins, Matt Van Dussen, Dennis Kirby, Amie McCaw, Ruth Hook, Mike Barwegen, Don Puckett, Rick Place, Sarah Dyer, Nancy Spicketts, Karen McKinstry

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I.A. Approval of Virgil Knowles as Temporary Chairperson to Convene this Meeting through Action Item X. A. 1. Election of Officers: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Forsyth.

Motion carried unanimously.

II. School Board Recognition Month

January is School Board Recognition Month and Supt. O'Neill expressed his appreciation to the VCS Board for all of their support and dedication to the District.

III. Legislative Update

Supt. O'Neill presented the legislative update. It was the "lamest" lame duck session in memory. Notable bills passed are SB1246 Opening Meetings Act to allow meeting virtually through March 30, 2021 for any reason and the expanded school employee COVID grant, which is known as hazard pay for teachers.

The Revenue Census Committee will meet Friday to analyze and project the budget for next school year.

IV. KRESA Special Education Millage Renewal

The millage, if approved, is for 1.5 mils per year levy which runs for six years. The resolution is for support of the placing the Special Education Millage Renewal on the ballot.

Supt. O'Neill met with the Kalamazoo Health Department today. At this time, they do not have an exact date for school employees, but it will most likely be in February at a specified location. The health department is coordinating the vaccinations of all county school employees. The health department is also targeting the age 65 and up population which is in the same 1B category as education employees.

V. Important Dates

Supt. O'Neill reminded Board Members about the upcoming KCSOA meeting via Zoom.

VI. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

VII. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the budget progress report for December, 2020 showing revenues of \$9,926,979; total expenditures of \$11,410,552 and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$(1,483,573).

VIII. Bond Update - Steve Goss

Supt. Goss reported work at Sunset Lake Elementary is being planned with construction documents ready to go to bid in late January or early February. This allows enough time to get mobilized for summer projects. It will be a busy summer and there will be a need for building use during the summer for students and staff, including summer school and Kids Klub. Location changes for programs may be necessary.

IX. High School Annual Report - Adam Brush

Principal Brush and Asst. Principal Hawkins presented the VHS Annual Report to the Board including highlights from the past year, student data, and recognitions.

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

Supt. O'Neill shared a memo from the Kalamazoo Health Department with health data which shows a slight increase in our positivity rate. Kalamazoo County is now at a 10.6% positivity rate. Daily cases per million are decreasing. The weekly 2-way interaction rate was at 97.95% of all students.

No public comment on the ECOL.

XI. Audience

The Board received comments from the public by telephone.

XII. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

XII.A. Organization of the 2020-21 School Board

XII.A.1. Election of Officers

XII.A.1.a. President

XII.A.1.b. Vice-President

XII.A.2. Appointment of Officers

XII.A.3. Treasurer - Stephen Goss

XII.A.4. Secretary - Amy Manchester

A motion for approval was made by Buikema and supported by Forsyth.
Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. Approval of the December 2020 Board Meeting Minutes: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.
Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Approval of General Fund Invoices Totaling \$275,317.24 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

XV. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements Totaling \$162,469.66 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Grabowski.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

XVI. Approval of Extended Continuity Plan (ECOL) Reconfirmation - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Buikema and supported by Grabowski.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

XVII. Approval of Resolution Declaring Support for Special Education Millage Renewal Proposal: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Willoughby.
Motion carried unanimously.

XVIII. Approval to Accept Student Enrollments through Section 105C of Public Act 94 for the Second Semester of the 2020-21 School Year: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Grabowski.
Motion carried unanimously.

XIX. 2nd Reading Approval of the Following Policy - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Grabowski.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

With no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

President Virgil Knowles
February 8, 2021

Secretary Amy Manchester