

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 8, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Vicksburg High School Library
Vicksburg, MI**

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Dan Grabowski

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

Administrators Present: Keevin O'Neill, Stephen Goss, Gail Van Daff, Adam Brush, Matt Hawkins, Joe Werkema, Amie McCaw, Allison Dygert, Mike Barwegen, Sarah Bacalia, Dewey Waterman, Rick Place, Jessica Wheeler-Ponton, Don Puckett, Sarah Dyer, Alyssa Thompson

Guests Present: Amanda Lewis, Lisa Coe, Natalie Mason, Kelly MacDonell, Shanna Brooks, Maddie White, Cristina Ebert, Gabby Yost, and the parents of recognized high school students

President Knowles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Recognitions

1. 2022-23 Outstanding Senior Awards - Adam Brush

Principal Brush introduced the Top EFE students and the DAR and Principal Leadership recipients.

B. Important Dates

Supt. O'Neill directed the board to the listing of important dates including the Cabaret and the film festival. The senior walk is Friday of this week. The Hearty Hustle is Saturday. Graduation is Thursday, May 25th at the stadium.

C. Legislative Update

Budget negotiations at the Capitol this month, as well as school aid budget recommendations. MASA anticipates the process will move along quickly. The letter grade A-F ranking system will remain in effect this upcoming year. If signed, the repeal will take effect next year. The final calendar has been posted on the internet. August 28, 2023 will be the first day of school next year. Negotiations with the VEA will be starting this month. The bargaining agreement expires at the end of June 2023.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the monthly budget progress report for May 2023 showing total revenues of \$24,065,499; total expenditures of \$23,342,88; and revenues over expenditures of \$722,611.

B. Investment Portfolio Update - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss gave an update on the District's investments.

C. Kalamazoo RESA 2023-2024 General Education Fund Budget Resolution - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss reviewed details of the upcoming KRESA Budget and recommends the passing of the resolution to support the General Education Fund Budget for the 2023-24 school year.

D. Request for Approval to Set June 12, 2023 for the Annual Public Hearing to Consider the District's Proposed 2023-2024 Budget - Steve Goss

E. Proposed Increase of Breakfast and Lunch Prices for the 2023-2024 School Year - Sarah Dyer

School Nutrition Director, Sarah Dyer explained that it's a required calculation done by the state which mandates our school meal prices. She answered questions from the Board.

F. Dairy Bid from Cedar Crest Farms for the 2023-24 School Year - Sarah Dyer

Sarah Dyer recommended staying with Cedar Crest Farms for the next school year.

III. AUDIENCE

Gabby Yost spoke regarding the VHS Student Senate Cedar Point Trip and informed the board of the plans for their upcoming trip.

IV. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

A. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from April 10, 2023: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Schriemer.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of the Special Board Meeting Minutes from May 3, 2023: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Buikema.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval of General Fund Invoices for April 2023 Totaling \$423,572.97 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

D. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for March 2023 Totaling \$95,351.76 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Willoughby.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

- E. Approval to Set June 12, 2023 for the Annual Public Hearing to Consider the District's Proposed 2023-24 Budget. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Willoughby.
Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Approval of Resolution for Local District Vote on KRESA General Fund Budget for the 2023-2024 School Year. ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Buikema, Forsyth, Lohman, Schriemer, and Willoughby
Nays: None
Absent: Grabowski
Abstain: Knowles
Motion carried by roll-call vote.
- G. Approval of Resolution to Consider Designation of Electoral Representative for the June 5, 2023 Biennial Election: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Willoughby.
Motion carried unanimously.
- H. Approval to Increase the Price of Breakfast and Lunch for the 2023-2024 School Year. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Schriemer.
Ayes: Buikema, Forsyth, Lohman, and Schriemer
Nays: Willoughby
Absent: Grabowski
Abstain: None
Motion carried by roll-call vote.
- I. Approval of Dairy Bid from Cedar Crest Farms in the amount of \$91,565.00 for the 2023-24 School Year - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- J. Approval of VHS Senate Field Trip to Cedar Point on June 1, 2023: A motion for approval was made by Willoughby and supported by Schriemer.
Motion carried unanimously.
- K. 1st Reading Approval of VCS Policies 7540.02, 7540.03, 7540.04, 8300, 8305, 8315 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

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

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

1. AP Environmental Science Curriculum Proposal
2. VHS Economics Curriculum Proposal
3. VMS Extension Elective Curriculum Proposal
4. VMS World Language Elective Curriculum Proposal

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

President Vigil Knowles
June 12, 2023

Secretary Amy Manchester