

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION Meeting
November 9, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Vicksburg High School - PAC**

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: None

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

Administrators Present: Keevin O'Neill, Steve Goss, Gail Van Daff, Adam Brush, Matt Hawkins, Amie McCaw, Tim Fuller, Sarah Dyer, Rick Place, Ruth Hook, Matt VanDussen, Alyssa Tompkins

Guests Present: Steve Thomas, Liz Ratashak, Dave Smith, Angela Walton, Rachel King, Kelly MacDonnel, Kari deBoer, Jenn Rodas, Tiffany Sadowski, Patty Heinzelman Dan Ouellette, Sheri Blough, Lisa Coe, Jill Tibbetts, Jill Barton, Rachel King, Laura Wilson, Chris Laaksonen, Jody Young, Diana Haring, Martha Flynn, Katie Salik, Kelly Walters, Mikela Higgason, Michelle Malito, Lisa Johnson, Kelly Christiansen, Dustin Morris

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Recognitions

Supt. O'Neill congratulated Athletic Director, Mike Roy who received the prestigious MHSSA 2020 Bush Award.

Supt. O'Neill thanked Ethan Jastifer who completed his Eagle Scout project at the OEC this past weekend by installing a new sign. He also coordinated efforts with Troop 51 to clean up leaves and the area around the OEC.

B. Legislative Update

Supt. O'Neill announced that a hazard pay Covid-19 grant program is available to teachers and support staff. Other bills are moving slowly through legislature regarding the teacher evaluation system.

Supt. O'Neill reported that administration had met with the VEA team and presented a new proposal. They plan to meet November 19th. He also announced the Reconfirmation hearing would take place during this meeting.

C. Important Dates

Supt. O'Neill directed people to see the dates included with the packet.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the monthly progress report for the month ending October, 2020 showing total revenues of \$ 4,281,929; total expenditures of \$ 5,447,831 and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$(1,165,902).

1. Bond Update

Asst. Goss reported behind the scenes work is still going on for projects that will be completed next year. He hopes to present a more in-depth report at the next board meeting.

The District recently completed the annual audit, which went very well.

The auditors will present at the December board meeting.

- B. Food Service Annual Report - Sarah Dyer, Director
Food Service Director Sarah Dyer presented her annual report. She reported it was very different feeding students this year. Over 1,249 students were fed and 17,486 meals were packed in one day and distributed to families during the shutdown. Food distribution continues for virtual students. Sarah is happy that new dishwashers will be installed in all kitchens soon. She announced all students receive free meals until the end of the school year regardless of income status. All children under the age of 19 are eligible, even if they are not Vicksburg students.
- C. Tobey Elementary Annual Report – Unchartered Desert Isle - Mike Barwegen
Principal Barwegen presented the Tobey annual report which included an update on activities and what they are doing as a school to keep learning fun. He strives to include all students, including all virtual students, in the day to day activities of school.
- D. Reconfirmation of Extended Continuity of Learning Plan (ECOL) Hearing
 - 1. Informational Report/Recommendation
Supt. O'Neill explained the Health Department metrics which are included with the ECOL. Health officials are monitoring the situation for the local school districts.
 - 2. Public Comment Regarding ECOL
The Board asked questions and shared comments regarding the ECOL. There were no comments from the public regarding the ECOL plan.
- E. Audience
The Board received a comment from parent Kari deBoer regarding a non-agenda item. Several comments were received from teachers in the audience regarding both agenda and non-agenda items. A complete list is on file in the Vicksburg Board office.

III. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

- A. Approval of the October 12, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Lohman. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Approval of General Fund Invoices Totaling \$409,254.17 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- C. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for September, 2020 Totaling \$205,962.14 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

- D. Approval of Extended Continuity of Learning (ECOL)
Reconfirmation/Recommendation - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- E. Approval of AP Spanish Student Field Trip to Guatemala in June 2021: A motion to table Agenda Item III.E. until December was made by Buikema and supported by Forsyth. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. III.E. 1st Reading Approval of the Following Policies - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Buikema. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
 - 1. PO 7440 - Facility Security
- G. 2nd Reading Approval of the Following Policies - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Buikema. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
 - 1. PO 5611 - Due Process Rights
- H. Approval of Retirement for Sunset Lake Teacher Jenny Taylor - 30 Years Service: A motion for approval was made by Buikema and supported by Forsyth. Motion passed unanimously.
- I. Approval of the Following Teacher Contract Upon Results of State and Federal Record and Unprofessional Conduct Check: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Buikema. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 1. Kimberly Parsons - 1st Grade Tobey (virtual) BA step 5
- IV. Approval of Resignations of Tobey Elementary Teacher Lynne Buell, effective immediately, Sunset Lake Teacher Erin Clark, effective November 6, 2020 and Ron Markle, effective October 30, 2020: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

President Virgil Knowles
December 14, 2020

Secretary Amy Manchester