

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 12, 2022 - 7:00 PM
Vicksburg Administration Building
Vicksburg, MI 49097**

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: None

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

Admins Present: Keevin O'Neill, Steve Goss, Gail VanDaff, Don Puckett, Adam Brush, Matt Hawkins, Allison Dygert, Joe Werkema, Amie McCaw, Lourdes Puzevic, Alyssa Thompson, Jessica Wheeler, Sarah Bacalia

Guests Present: Lisa Coe, Kelly MacDonell, Kelly Christiansen, Mike Roy

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

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Recognitions

Supt. O'Neill thanked the Community Education department for a wonderful Community Tailgate with record participants and attendees. He also thanked the rest of VCS's dedicated staff and commended them for a great start of the school year. He announced the 5 year plan has been started with an upcoming survey to allow families, staff, students and community members to have a voice in where the district is headed in the future.

B. Legislative Update

Supt. O'Neill reported that the month of August was very quiet at the Capital with most sessions canceled. No action has taken place during the past month.

C. Important Dates

Supt. O'Neill directed the board to upcoming important dates portion of the packet which includes Homecoming on October 17th.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Budget and Finance Report for month ending August 31, 2022 - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the monthly budget progress report for month ending August 31, 2022 showing total revenues of \$1,125,330; total expenditures of \$3,820,742 and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$(2,695,412).

B. Investment Holdings Report - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss provided an update on the investment portfolio.

C. Athletic Department Annual Report - Mike Roy

Athletic Director Mike Roy presented the VCS athletic department's annual report which he started by recognizing his assistant of 21 years, Rhonda VanderKamp. He expressed appreciation to the staff that helps the program run smoothly. He shared the committees he is on with MHSAA and discussed the many tournaments the HS has hosted. The athletic boosters are very supportive with 8 student scholarships each year. VCS

coaches and students have received numerous awards and recognitions. He shared that 20 students who will be competing at the collegiate level.

D. Outdoor Education Center Annual Report - Kelly Christiansen

Outdoor Educator Center (OEC) Teacher Kelly Christiansen provided the OEC's annual report including highlights from the past year and an overview of the lessons and impactful learning experiences the student have at that location. There are fall and spring visits with the upper elementary students having two visits each year. The OEC has had support from both the Vicksburg Foundation and the Vicksburg Community Schools Foundation.

III. AUDIENCE

No one wished to address the board on a non-agenda item.

IV. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

A. Approval of the August 8, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of General Fund Invoices Totaling \$496,984.79 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Lohman.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

C. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for July 2022 Totaling \$98,469.06 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Buikema.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

D. Approval of the Following Teacher Contracts Upon Results of State and Federal Records and Unprofessional Conduct Checks: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Grabowski.

Motion carried unanimously.

1. Cristina Ebert - 3rd Grade at SL, MA+20
2. Rasma Gertners - Special Education at SL, MA+23
3. Laura Gordon - VHS/Pathways HS SEL/Student Success Coordinator, MA+20
4. Kristin Kite - 4th Grade at SL, MA+15
5. Megan Schlabach - VHS Agriscience, BA-1
6. Alex Schmidtendorff - 2nd Grade at SL, MA+13
7. Ryan Vallier - VMS Special Education, MA+20
8. Patricia Veeder - English Intervention at VMS, MA+24
9. Rebecca Wing - 4th Grade at SL, MA+8

E. Approval of the Following Teacher Resignations Effective Immediately: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.

Motion carried unanimously.

1. Whitney Bast
2. Elizabeth Breitenbach
3. Lauren Ireland

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

President Virgil Knowles

October 10, 2022

Secretary Amy Manchester