

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 11, 2024 - 7:00 PM
Indian Lake Elementary
11901 S 30th Street
Vicksburg, MI 49097**

MINUTES

Members Present: Ron Centofanti, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, David Schriemer, Stephanie Willoughby and Virgil Knowles

Members Absent: Dan Grabowski

Board Secretary: Amy Manchester

Administrators Present: Keevin O'Neill, Steve Goss, Gail VanDaff, Allison Dygert, Joe Werkema, Amie McCaw, Sarah Bacalia, Mike Barwegen, Dewey Waterman, Karen McKinstry

Guests Present: Lisa Coe, Kelly MacDonell, Natalie Mason, Angela Walton, Beth Schmid, Amber Cousins, Saleem Ismail, Joe Cash, Patty Heinzelman, IL Student Choir and their parents, IL Student Council members

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

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Introductions

Principal, Dr. Bacalia, introduced the IL Student Council and Mrs. Cox, their Advisor. She also recognized the choir and teacher, Mrs. Heintzelman.

B. Legislative Update

Legislature in the House is deadlocked at this time. The House and Senate are discussing their budget proposals. Supt. O'Neill met with several legislators in Lansing last week. It was discussed that there are too many categorical grants which is taxing on the local districts and MDE. There is a push for equitable instead of competitive grants.

C. Important Dates

Supt. O'Neill directed the Board to the listing of important dates including the HS Musical production of Annie and gave a reminder regarding Spring Break.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the monthly budget progress report for February 2024 showing total revenues of \$19,148,923; total expenditures of \$19,797,141 and deficiency of revenue over expenses of \$(648,218).

B. Investment Holdings Update - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss provided an update of the District's investment accounts.

C. 2024 School Building and Site Bonds, Series 3 - Steve Goss

Asst Supt. Goss reported that the resolution to get the process started is included in the packet. Many things will be happening behind the scenes. The Bond Sale will be

May 2, 2024. There will be a resolution to ratify the bonds at the May Board of Education Meeting with closing at the end of May.

D. Mathematics Curriculum Proposals - Angela Walton

VHS Math Teacher, Angela Walton, presented two new mathematics proposals and answered questions from the Board.

E. Indian Lake Elementary Annual Report - Sarah Bacalia

Principal, Dr. Bacalia, presented the IL Annual Report which included an update on student data and attendance, student and staff recognitions and fun PTSO sponsored activities.

III. AUDIENCE

Joe Cash addressed the Board regarding his appreciation of the VCS staff and administration.

IV. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

A. Approval of the February 12, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes: A motion for approval was made by Willoughby and supported by Schriemer.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of General Fund Invoices Totaling \$686,692.22 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by and supported by Schriemer and supported by Centofanti.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

C. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for January 2024 Totaling \$83,363.17 - 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 the resignation of IL Speech and Language Pathologist, Sarah Fleming, Effective June 7, 2024: A motion for approval was made by and supported by Schriemer and supported by Willoughby.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. 1st Reading Approval of HS Advanced Mathematics Curriculum Proposal - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Centofanti.

Motion carried by roll-call vote.

F. 1st Reading Approval of HS AP Precalc Curriculum Proposal - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Forsyth.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

G. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of Bonds - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Centofanti.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

- H. Approval to award the following construction contracts based on the results of bids received February 29, 2024 (Series 3, Release 1). Total project costs of \$2,219,907 will be funded using proceeds from the 2020 building and site bonds, Series 3 – ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Centofanti and supported by Forsyth.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

1. B.P. 2.4- Restroom Selective Demolition - Abatement and Demolition Services, \$150,000
 2. B.P. 2.8- ACM & Non-ACM Classroom & Corridor Flooring Demolition - HBC Environmental, \$109,500
 3. B.P. 9.0- Terrazzo Refinishing - Central Tile & Terrazzo Co., \$37,848
 4. B.P. 9.2- Metal Studs & ACT Ceilings - Ritsema & Associates, \$179,150
 5. B.P. 9.3- Restroom Tiling - Migala Carpet One, \$353,812
 6. B.P. 9.6- Classroom & Corridor Flooring - Central Tile & Terrazzo Co., \$669,697
 7. B.P. 9.9- Painting - Stanton Interiors, \$196,000
 8. B.P. 22.1- Plumbing & Mechanical Improvements - DHE Plumbing & Heating, \$364,400
 9. B.P. 26.1- Electrical Improvements - CT Electric, \$159,500
- I. Approval of Field Trip to Chicago for HS Spanish Students on May 18, 2024: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Willoughby. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

President Virgil Knowles
April 8, 2024

Secretary Amy Manchester