

Vicksburg Community Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Google Hangouts at <https://meet.google.com/psq-gury-ore>
April 20, 2020 – 7:00 pm

MINUTES

Members Present: Wil Emmert, David Schriemer, Dan Grabowski, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, Rudy Callen, Virgil Knowles

Members Absent: None

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

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

Guests Present: Steve Thomas, Lisa Coe, John Steers

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. VCS Continuity of Learning Plan Update

Supt. O'Neill provided the Board with an update regarding the VCS Continuity Plan. He thanked Curriculum Director, Gail Van Daff for all of her dedication and work on creating the plan. Their priority was to make sure it was equitable allowing all students access to materials with the equal opportunity to learn. Supt O'Neill stated there were signed Letters of Agreement (LOA) with the district bargaining groups. All staff members will help make this plan a success. Parents and students will receive weekly and daily lesson plans. Administration is hoping to receive approval tomorrow. Gail VanDaff gave a public shout out to all teachers and administrators for the collaborative work that has happened over the past two weeks to get the learning plan in place. President Knowles praised Supt. O'Neill and Gail for all of their hard work and being proactive during the process. Supt. O'Neill expressed his appreciation to Steve Goss for working with the budget and helping to facilitate LOA's with the bargaining groups. Gail also thanked Don Puckett and the Technology Department for their dedication and help.

B. Bond Update

The Township has been working to get all of the absentee ballots into the hands of voters. Supt. O'Neill directed anyone with questions to see the VCS Homepage Bond section.

C. Class of 2020

1. Recognitions

Principal Brush is working with the Top 10 (11) seniors to put together a video presentation.

2. Graduation

Many questions regarding May graduation. It's never too early to start planning. The district will do a remote graduation in May and if possible do an in-person ceremony at a later date. The HS has some great ideas to ensure the class of 2020 gets the recognition they deserve. More information will be coming.

3. Senior Awards

Plans are being made to present students with their awards, even if it means driving to their homes to deliver them.

D. Kindergarten Enrollment Update

The district is enrolling Kindergarten students for Fall and are doing that remotely at this time. Supt. O'Neill will have a report at the May Board Meeting.

E. Resolution - Grant Emergency Power to Superintendent to Comply with EO 2020-35

Supt. O'Neill explained the need for the resolution due to the Executive Order. This allows flexibility for him to make decisions without scheduling numerous Special Board Meetings or temporarily changing policies.

F. Important Dates

1. TBD – So many dates have not yet been determined, but the Holiday Inn musical will be performed as soon as it is safe to do so.

Elementary 5th Grade Graduation is being discussed amongst the Principals. Prom obviously will need to be rescheduled.

2. July Organizational Meeting - July 13, 2020

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Business and Finance Report - Steve Goss

1. Budget Progress Report for the Month Ending March 31, 2020

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the monthly budget progress report for March 2020 showing total revenue of \$17,540,988; total expenditures of \$18,184,298 with deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$(643,310).

Asst. Supt. Goss stated we would table the request to purchase 7 new school buses. President Knowles supported postponing the purchase and was glad Asst. Supt. Goss was being proactive and is planning for an uncertain future.

B. Audience

John Steers stated he was not happy with the way the district made the meeting available to the public. He shared complaints about the Bond and how people were going to vote.

III. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

A. Approval of the March 9, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes – ROLL CALL Vote: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and Forsyth

Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approval of the Following Invoices totaling \$383,965.26 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Callen and supported by Forsyth.

Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. March 1-31, 2020 (checks) = \$263,339.59

2. March 1-31, 2020 (wire transfers) = \$120,625.67

- C. Approval of Disbursement of Funds for Purchases Made Under the District's Purchase Card Program Totaling \$77,008.78 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.

Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Approval of Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to the Superintendent To Comply with Executive Order 2020-35 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.

Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Approval to Extend the Following Administrative Team Members' Individual Contracts for the 2020-2021 School Year Based on Evaluations through 2019-20 – ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Callen and supported by Emmert.

Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.

1. Principals

- a. Adam Brush - HS Principal
- b. Matt Hawkins - HS Asst. Principal
- c. Matt VanDussen - MS Principal
- d. Dennis Kirby - MS Asst Principal
- e. Mike Barwegen - TY Principal
- f. Ruth Hook - IL Principal
- g. Amie McCaw - SL Principal
- h. Rick Place - Pathways HS Principal

2. Directors/Supervisors/Coordinators

- a. Alyssa Thompson - Adult/Community Ed Director
- b. Sarah Dyer - Food Service Director
- c. Michael Roy - Athletic Director
- d. Don Puckett - Director of Technology
- e. Gail Van Daff - Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- f. Karen McKinstry - Transportation Director

F. Approval to Extend the Following Non-Line Position Contracts for the 2020-21 School Year Based on Evaluations through 2019-2020 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman

Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. Tim Fuller - Performing Arts Center Manager

G. Approval to Extend the Following Contract as per Contractual Agreement

1. Stephen Goss - Asst Superintendent – ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth

Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- H. Approval of the Following Retirement Requests effective June 12, 2020 –
ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Grabowski
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
1. Donna Sink - Sunset Lake Teacher - 34 years of service
- I. Approval of FMLA for Chelsie Schimp, Sunset Lake Teacher, beginning approximately May 13, 2020 through June 12, 2020 – ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- J. Approval to postpone the purchase seven, 77 passenger school buses from Holland Bus Company for a total cost of \$629,489 – ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Emmert.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- K. 2nd Reading Approval of VMS Agile Mind CCSS Mathematics Curriculum Proposal - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Emmert.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- L. 1st Reading Approval of the Following Policies - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Callen.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. PO 2628 - State Aid Incentives
2. PO 3210 - Staff Ethics
3. PO 5230 - Late Arrival and Early Dismissal
4. PO 6800 - System of Accounting
5. PO 7300 - Disposition of Real Property
6. PO 7440.03 - Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems
7. PO 8462 - Student Abuse and Neglect
8. PO 8640 - Transportation for Field Trips

M. 2nd Reading Approval of the Following Policies - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.

Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. PO 2410 - Prohibition of Referral or Assistance
2. PO 2418 - Sex Education
3. PO 5200 - Attendance
4. PO 6321 - New School Construction, Renovation
5. PO 8400 - School Safety Information
6. PO 8500 - Food Service
7. PO 1422.01 - Drug Free Work Place

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

President Virgil Knowles
May 11, 2020

Secretary Amy Manchester