

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**September 11, 2017**  
**VAB – 7 pm**  
**MINUTES**

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Members Present: Wil Emmert, Deborah Harsha, David Schriemer, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, Virgil Knowles

Secretary Karen Hill

Member Absent: Rudy Callen

Administrators Present: Charles Glaes, Stephen Goss, Gail Van Daff, Alyssa Thompson, Matt VanDussen, Dennis Kirby, Ruth Hook, Amie McCaw, Keevin O’Neill, Adam Brush, Mike Barwegen, Maureen Ouvry, Karen McKinstry

Guests Present: Liz Ratashak, Steve Thomas, Linda Lane

**I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. Preliminary Enrollment Figures: Supt. Glaes reported that enrollment is down approximately 34 students at this time. The official count date is October 4.
- B. Status of Open Positions: Supt. Glaes reported that most positions have been filled.
- C. MASB Delegates: Supt. Glaes stated that it is time to select delegates for the MASB 2017 Delegate Assembly on November 9. Board President Knowles will represent VCS as the delegate.
- D. Boil Water Alert: Supt. Glaes gave an update on the Boil Water Alert issued by the Village of Vicksburg.
- E. Legislative Update: Supt. Glaes stated that Gov. Snyder vetoed SB 94 and 95. MASB is opposed to this legislation because of the negative effect it would have on the School Aid Fund.
- F. Resolution: Asst. Supt. Goss explained the resolution urging the Attorney General to intervene on behalf of the Vicksburg Community Schools and all public school entities to prevent a 20% rate increase by Indiana Michigan Power Company.

**II. REPORT AND PUBLIC INQUIRY**

**A. Financial Report – Steve**

- 1. Budget Progress Report: Asst. Supt. Goss presented the budget progress report for August, 2017 showing total revenues of \$259,501; total expenditures of \$862,418 and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of (\$602,917).
- 2. Bond Update: Asst. Supt. Goss updated the Board and audience on the status of the 2014 Building and Site Fund and State Aid Borrowing. Century Bank and Trust was awarded the low bid for \$750,000 for six months with an interest rate of 1.09%

- B. Opening Day Overview - Charlie Glaes and Gail Van Daff: The opening preservice day theme was Achieving Balance – things we can do together as a group to achieve balance. Mrs. Van Daff explained how the opener relates to the District Improvement Plan.
- C. District Improvement Plan Overview - Gail Van Daff: Mrs. Van Daff presented the District School Improvement (DIP) plan at a glance. The DIP is the guide designed by School Improvement Chairs which lists goals, measurable objectives, and strategies to ensure that all student graduate college ready.
- D. Audience: No one wished to address the Board on a non-agenda item.

### III. BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

- A. Approval of the August 14, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes: A motion for item approval was made by Emmert and supported by Lohman.  
Motion carried.
- B. Approval of the Following General Fund Invoices for the Month of August Totaling \$264,341.09 (detail below) - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for item approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.  
Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: Callen  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried.
  - 1. August 16, 2017 = \$5,924.00
  - 2. August 16, 2017 = \$87,824.44
  - 3. August 25, 2017 = 372.00
  - 4. August 25, 2017 = \$170,220.65
- C. Approval of Payment of Purchase Card Disbursements for August 2016 in the Amount of \$115,932.23 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for item approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.  
Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: Callen  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried.
- D. Approval of the Following Teacher Contracts Upon Results of State and Federal Record and Unprofessional Conduct Checks: A motion for item approval was made by Lohman and supported by Emmert. Motion carried.
  - 1. Breanna Welling (Dailey) School Psychologist, MA+15, Step 8
  - 2. Julie Sorenson, IL & TY Behavior Consultant/School Counselor MA+15, Step 7
  - 3. Jill Boudrie - 5th grade IL, BA Step 1
  - 4. Lauren Noyes - 0.549 MS Math, BA Step 1

5. Jennifer Heeres - 0.732 MS Science, BA Step 1

E. 2nd Reading Approval of the Following Revised or New Bylaws/Policies - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for item approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Emmert.

Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: Callen

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

1. G5500C - Elementary Positive Discipline Plan

2. 0168.1 - Open Meeting

3. P2623 - Student Assessment

4. P3120.04 - Employment of Substitutes

5. P3121 - Criminal History Record Checks

6. P4121 - Criminal; History Record Check

7. P5517.01 - Bullying

8. P5610 - Emergency Removal, Suspension and Expulsion of Non-disabled Students

9. P5610.01 - Expulsions/Suspensions - Required by Statute

10. P8330 - Student Records

F. 1st Reading Approval of the following Policy Revisions - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made for item approval by Lohman and supported by Forsyth. Discussion.

Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: Callen

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

1. P5630.01 - Student Seclusion and Restraint

2. P7540.02 - Web Content, Services and Apps

G. Approval of Resolution Urging the Attorney General to Intervene on Behalf of the Vicksburg Community Schools and all Public School Entities to Prevent a 20% Rate Increase by Indiana Michigan Power Company - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for item approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.

Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: Callen

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting.

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President Virgil Knowles  
Date: October 9, 2017

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Secretary Karen Hill