

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 10, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Vicksburg High School - PAC
Vicksburg, Michigan**

MINUTES

Members Present: Jennifer Buikema, Tina Forsyth, David Schriemer, and Virgil Knowles

Members Absent: Dan Grabowski, Carol Lohman, Stephanie Willoughby

Board Secretary: Amy Manchester

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

Guests Present: Chad & Christine Bowles, Jody Young, Chris Laaksonen, John & Jodie Hatridge, Todd & Gosia Bontrager, Wendy & Leo Cherette, Amanda & Pete Szczechesny, Lisa & Nate Willcutt, Adam & Erin Barker, Lucas Wolthuis, Shellie Bush, Tina Porter, Rich & Kerri Bailey, Wayne Bush, Lisa Coe, Shannon Howard

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

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Recognitions – Supt. O'Neill welcomed the Class of 2023 Top 13 students and congratulated them for all of their accomplishments.

1. Class of 2023 Senior Recognitions - Adam Brush

HS Principal Adam Brush introduced each student and spoke to them about their future plans.

2. Graduation – Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bulldog Stadium.

3. Senior Awards – May 18, 2023 at the High School PAC.

B. Legislative Update

Supt. O'Neill reported the Read by Grade 3 retention law has been repealed, which is great news.

C. Important Dates

Supt. O'Neill directed the Board to the listing of important dates including the VCS Celebration of the Arts which will be held at the HS on April 20th. Staff Appreciation will be held during the second week of May. The KRESA Biennial Election is coming up in June.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. VHS AP Environmental Science Curriculum Proposal - Tina Porter

VHS Science Department Chair, Tina Porter, presented the AP Environmental Science Curriculum Proposal and answered questions from the Board.

B. VHS Economics Curriculum Proposal - Kyle Roberts

Curriculum Director Gail VanDaff presented the VHS Economics Curriculum proposal in place of Kyle Roberts who was unable to attend. She answered questions from the Board.

- C. VMS English Extension Elective Curriculum Proposal - Jody Young
Middle School English Teacher, Jody Young, presented the English Extension Election Curriculum proposal and answered questions from the Board.
- D. VMS World Language Elective Curriculum Proposal - Shannon Howard
MS Spanish Teacher Shannon Howard, presented the World Language Elective Curriculum proposal to the Board and answered questions.
- E. Return to In Person Learning Plan Update - Gail Van Daff
Curriculum Director Gail Van Daff presented the Bi-Annual Return to In-Person Learning Plan Update.
- F. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss
Asst. Supt. Goss presented the monthly budget progress report for month ending March 31, 2023, showing total revenues of \$20,892,191; total expenditures of \$ 20,801,840 and revenues over expenitures of \$90,351.
- G. Investment Portfolio Update - Steve Goss
Asst. Supt. Goss gave an update of the District's investment funds.

III. AUDIENCE

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

IV. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

- A. Approval of the March 13, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Buikema.
Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Approval of General Fund Invoices Totaling \$589,420.25 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Buikema and supported by Forsyth.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- C. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for February 2023 Totaling \$81,525.12 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Shriemer and supported by Forsyth.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- D. Approval to Extend the Following Administrative Team Members' Individual Contracts for the 2023-24 School Year Based on Evaluations through 2022-23: A move for approval was made by Buikema amd supported by Forsyth.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - 1. Principals
 - a. Adam Brush - High School Principal
 - b. Matt Hawkins - High School Asst. Principal
 - c. Allison Dygert - Middle School Principal
 - d. Joe Werkema - Middle School Asst. Principal

- e. Mike Barwegen - Tobey Elementary Principal
 - f. Sarah Bacalia - Indian Lake Elementary Principal
 - g. Amie McCaw - Sunset Lake Elementary Principal
 - h. Rick Place - Pathways High School Principal
2. Directors/Supervisors/Coordinators
 - a. Alyssa Thompson - Community Education Director
 - b. Jessica Wheeler-Ponton - Communications Director
 - c. Sarah Dyer - Food Service Director
 - d. Michael Roy - Athletic Director
 - e. Don Puckett - Technology Director
 - f. Gail Van Daff - Director of Curriculum and Instruction
 - g. Karen McKinstry - Transportation Director
 3. Lourdes Puzevic - Human Resources Director
 4. Dewey Waterman - Facilities Director
- E. Approval to Extend the Following Non-Line Position Contract for the 2023-24 School Year Based on Evaluations through 2022-23: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Schriemer.
Motion carried unanimously.
1. Tim Fuller - Performing Arts Center Manager
- F. Approval to Extend the Following Contract as Per Contractual Agreement: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Buikema.
Motion carried unanimously.
1. Stephen Goss - Assistant Superintendent
- G. Approval of the Following Retirement Requests Effective June 9, 2023: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Schriemer
Motion carried unanimously.
1. Diana Haring - 34 Years of Service
 2. Melissa Jamerson - 33 Years of Service
 3. Chris Kosiba - 20 Years of Service
 4. Eric Teall - 24 Years of Service
 5. Jody Young - 32 Years of Service
- H. 1st Reading Approval of AP Environmental Science Curriculum Proposal - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Forsyth.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- I. 1st Reading Approval of VHS Economics Curriculum Proposal - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Buikema.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

- J. 1st Reading Approval of VMS English Extension Elective Curriculum Proposal - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Buikema and supported by Forsyth.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- K. 1st Reading Approval of VMS World Language Elective Curriculum Proposal - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Forsyth.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- L. 2nd Reading Approval of VCS Policy 3120 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Forsyth.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- M. Approval to go into Closed Session at the Request of the Superintendent for the Purpose of a Periodic Personnel Evaluation, which is in accordance with Act 267 of the P.A. of 1987, Section 81, of the Open Meetings Act - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Buikema and supported by Forsyth to go into closed session at 8:05p.m. for Supt O'Neill's Personnel Evaluation.
Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
The Board returned to open session at 9:43 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

President Virgil Knowles
May 8, 2023

Secretary Amy Manchester