

**Vicksburg Community Schools
Board of Education Special Meeting
August 13, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.**

Via <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7nYxfoDG42RoWf0l6cs4AA/live>

Members Present: Will Emmert, Dan Grabowski, Tina Forsyth, Skip Knowles

Members Absent: David Schriemer, Carol Lohman, Rudy Callen

Board Secretary: Amy Manchester

Administrators Present: Keevin O’Neill, Steve Goss, Gail VanDaff, Don Puckett

Guests Present: Calls were received from the public.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Knowles called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan

Supt. O’Neill shared the newest draft of the Preparedness and Response Plan

B. Return to School Companion Document

Supt. O’Neill reported the document plan will be shared with families on Friday along with the parent questionnaire.

C. KVIC Curriculum Offerings (www.kresa.org/kvic)

The KVIC curriculum must be approved by the Board so it may be offered along with other school virtual options.

D. Potential Soft Start Plan

Supt. O’Neill announced how important personal responsibility is for screening. All school employees will submit an affidavit of health screening prior to reporting to work each shift.

The potential soft start would include bringing students into school in smaller groups during the first week to review and practice safety protocols. After Labor Day, school would start as planned on a regular schedule.

E. Building Ventilation Systems - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss shared information with the Board regarding an air purification system (BPI) that can be used with the current univents to increase better airflow. BPI systems treat the air-stream by adding charged particles into the air, which causes smaller particles, including airborne pathogens, to attach and create larger particles that can be collected by the filters. Mike Frederick from Frederick Construction and Lyal Ward from Tower answered questions from the Board.

Before going to Audience and Board Action, President Knowles read letters of support from Board Members Dr. David Schriemer and Dr. Carol Lohman.

III. BOARD ACTION

A. Approval of the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan – ROLL CALL

VOTE:

A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Emmert.

Ayes: Emmert, Forsyth, Grabowski and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: Callen, Schriemer, Lohman

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approval of the KVIC Virtual Curriculum and Current Course Catalog to be used for remote use if needed – ROLL CALL VOTE:

A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth.

Ayes: Emmert, Forsyth, Grabowski and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: Callen, Schriemer, Lohman

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Approval of contract with Quality Air to provide bi-polar ion inserts at a cost of approximately \$485,000 – ROLL CALL VOTE:

A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Emmert.

Ayes: Emmert, Forsyth, Grabowski and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: Callen, Schriemer, Lohman

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. AUDIENCE

The Board received several comments from the community regarding agenda items. A separate list of callers are on at the Board office.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 10:33 am

President Virgil Knowles
September 14, 2020

Secretary Amy Manchester