

VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education
January 16, 2017 – VHS - 7:00 pm
MINUTES

Members Present: Wil Emmert, Deborah Harsha, Rudy Callen, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, and Virgil Knowles

Members Absent: David Schriemer

Board Secretary Karen Hill

Administrators Present: Charles Glaes, Stephen Goss, Gail Van Daff, Keevin O’Neill, Adam Brush,

Guests Present: Steve Thomas, Brian Butchbaker, Jessica Peck, Warren Lawrence, Anna Knowles, Sarah Coffman, Liz Ratashak, JoEllen Pollack

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Approval of Virgil Knowles as Temporary Chairperson to Convene this Meeting through Action Item III. A. 1: Election of Officers: A motion for approval was made for by Emmert and supported by Forsyth. Motion carried.
- B. School Board Recognition Month: Supt. Glaes thanked the Board for all they do for students, staff, and the community.
- C. VCSF Annual Report - Warren Lawrence: General Lawrence presented the VCSF Annual Report and discussed the addition of corporate donors and collaboration with the Kalamazoo Community Foundation.
- D. Introduction of New Staff – Principals: Building principals introduced new staff who were unable to attend the New Teacher Reception in December.
 - 1. Brian Butchbaker - HS
 - 2. Jessica Peck – HS
 - 3. JoEllen Pollack - MS
 - 4. Sarah Coffman - IL
- E. Legislative Update: Supt. Glaes referred to an article in the [Detroit News](#) listing the new House Speaker Tom Leonard set of priorities for 2017. Mr. Glaes also discussed the Consensus Revenue Meeting. The audience was encouraged to contact legislators.
- F. Important Dates: Mr. Glaes referred to the listing of important dates including the Vicksburg Rotary Showboat and the Vicksburg Middle School Science Night.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

- A. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss
 - 1. Budget Progress Report for the Month Ending December 31, 2016: Asst. Supt. Goss presented the budget progress report for December, 2016 showing total revenues of \$8,890,739; total expenditures of \$10,251,610 and deficiency of

revenues over expenditures of \$(1,360,871).

2. Bond Update: Asst. Supt. Goss reported that approximately \$700,000 of the remaining \$1.5 mil for the bond, is allocated for additional technology. In addition to the bond update, Mr. Goss reported that the VHS bleacher repairs are about 90% complete with completion expected in about 2 weeks. The cost for repairs is completely covered by insurance.

B. Vicksburg High School: *Driven* - Keevin O'Neill: Principal O'Neill stated the High School staff are committed to the District Vision that "All students will graduate college and career ready". Mr. O'Neill shared celebrations including the fact that more than 25% of students participate in marching band, students are finding opportunities to give back through the blanket, food, personal items, and blood drives. Other exciting things at VHS include: The Bulldog Band Invitational, WMU innovation day, Project Lead the Way, listed on the State's 7th Annual AP Honor Roll, and renovations to the building. In addition to all of these activities, student test scores are among the highest in the county.

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

III. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

A. Organization of the 2016-17 School Board: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Emmert to elect Virgil Knowles as President, Carol Lohman as Vice President and to appoint Stephen Goss as Treasurer and Karen Hill as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Election of Officers

a. President

b. Vice-President

2. Appointment of Officers

a. Treasurer - Stephen Goss

b. Secretary - Karen Hill

B. Approval of the following Board Meeting Minutes: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Callen. Motion carried unanimously.

1. December 12, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

2. December 22, 2016 - Special Meeting Minutes

C. Approval of the Following General Fund Invoices Totaling \$237,029.21 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.

Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: Schriemer

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. December 12, 2016 = \$91,385.92

2. December 8, 2016 = \$1,530.00
 3. December 16, 2016 = \$126,364.09
 4. December 30, 2016 = \$17,749.20
- D. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements Totaling \$194,246.92 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: Schriemer
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- E. 2nd Reading Approval of the Following Policies - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: Schriemer
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
1. P1217 Weapons
 2. P3217 Weapons
 3. P4217 Weapons
 4. P5772 Weapons
 5. P7217 Weapons
- F. Approval of FMLA Request for Rachel Higgins-Bernhardt, SL Speech Teacher, for twelve weeks to begin approximately March 9 and ending approximately June 8, 2017. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.
Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

President Virgil Knowles
February 13, 2017

Secretary Karen Hill