

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
December 14, 2009  
7:30 pm – VAB**

**MINUTES**

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**Members Present:** Carol Lohman, Wil Emmert, Jean Eldred, David Schriemer, Tom Danielson

**Members Absent:** Virgil Knowles and Tina Forsyth

**Administrators Present:** Supt. Charles Glaes, Rob Kuhlman, Keevin O'Neill, Greg Tibbetts, Laura Kuhlman, Pat Moreno, Rick Szabla, Mike Barwegen, Maureen Ouvry, Tonya Nash, Ric Beers

**Guests Present:** Vernon Thompson, Sarah Thompson, David Westman, John Gisler, Sharon Moyle, Bobby Burris, Kenny Burris, Bobby Clyne, Steve Thomas, Kim Miller, Joanne Craddock, Scott Gajos, Chris and Tymona Natelborg, Katy Litzner, Lindsay and Dane Bosel, Allie Lamers, Kimberly Moss, Susan Pepps, Diane Zeman, Gary Boyle-Holmes, Jane Crist, Margaret and Bill Root, Mary Clyne, Kim Smith

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. VHS Chamber Singers: The choir entertained the audience with holiday songs.
- B. District Holiday Art Project - Rob Kuhlman: Mr. Kuhlman congratulated the students on having their artwork selected for the Red & White. Students received a gift card to Michael's.
  - 1. Carina Duerschmied
  - 2. Jennifer Pierluissi
- C. Introduction of New Staff Members: The Principals introduced the new staff for their buildings.
  - 1. High School
    - a. Lindsay Bosel - Math
    - b. Kimberly Moss - Special Ed
  - 2. Middle School
    - a. Allie Lamers - Foreign Language
  - 3. Indian Lake
    - a. Susan Pepps - Title I
    - b. Scott Gajos - Physical Ed
  - 4. Tobey
    - a. Tymona Natelborg - Special Ed
    - b. Katy Litzner - Counselor
- D. Legislative Update: Supt. Glaes reported that while the Governor had postponed the \$127 reduction to the Per Pupil Foundation, MASA anticipates that there will be a reduction after the January 11 Joint Revenue Estimating Conference. Supt. Glaes also stated that Race to the Top legislation is expected to pass.
- E. Important Dates: Supt. Glaes referred to holiday opportunities on the calendar.

## II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

- A. Business and Finance - Steve Goss
1. Monthly Budget Progress Report: Asst. Supt. Goss reviewed the budget progress report for November 2009 showing total revenues of \$5,127,067; total expenditures of \$6,799,585; and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of -\$1,672,518. Mr. Goss stated that a budget amendment will be on the January agenda for approval.
- B. Instructional Report - Weighted Grading - Rob Kuhlman: Mr. Kuhlman explained the rationale supporting weighted grades using a 1.25 multiplier for VHS Advanced Placement, ATYP Advanced Placement courses, and KAMSC courses only, beginning with the current junior class. Upon investigation with several colleges, it will not be beneficial for 2010 graduating seniors to use weighted grading as most colleges have already determined the majority of scholarships.
- C. Audience: David Westman, Vicksburg parent, read a Kalamazoo Gazette article regarding the importance of arts in school. Mr. Westman asked that the Board take this into consideration when making budget cuts.  
Response: The Board knows and appreciates the VCS' history of having a strong arts program. The challenge is how to economically provide programs with what the State provides.

## III. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

- A. Approval of the Following Meeting Minutes:
1. November 10, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Danielson and supported by Emmert to approve the November 10, 2009 regular meeting minutes.  
Motion carried unanimously.
  2. December 8, 2009 Special Meeting - Open Session: A motion was made by Eldred and supported by Danielson to approve the December 8, 2009 special meeting – open session minutes.  
Motion carried unanimously.
  3. December 8, 2009 Special Meeting Closed Session: A motion was made by Schriemer and supported by Eldred to approve December 8, 2009 special meeting closed session minutes.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Approval of the Following General Fund Invoices - ROLL CALL VOTE:
1. November 6, 2009 = \$125,093.69: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Danielson to approve payment of invoices dated November 6, 2009 totaling \$125,093.69.  
Ayes: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Danielson, Lohman  
Nays: None  
Absent: Knowles and Forsyth  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

2. November 23, 2009 = \$86,606.09: A motion was made by Eldred and supported by Emmert to approve invoices dated November 23, 2009 totaling \$86,606.09.  
Ayes: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Danielson, Lohman  
Nays: None  
Absent: Knowles and Forsyth  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.
3. November 30, 2009 = \$5,887.54: A motion was made by Schriemer and supported by Emmert to approve invoices dated November 30, 2009 totaling \$5,887.54.  
Ayes: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Danielson, Lohman  
Nays: None  
Absent: Knowles and Forsyth  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Approval of Third Year of a Four Year Probation for the Following Teachers: A motion was made by Danielson and supported by Emmert to approve third year of a four year probation for the following teachers:  
1. Kelly Vanlaningham - Sunset Lake 2nd Grade  
2. Amanda Davis - Sunset Lake 4th Grade  
3. Linda Tompkins - Tobey WINGS Teacher  
Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Approval of FMLA Request for Alyson Lonsway, Sunset Lake Counselor, beginning on or about January 4, 2010 for six to eight weeks for the birth of a child. A motion was made by Schriemer and supported by Eldred to approve FMLA request for Alyson Lonsway, Sunset Lake counselor, beginning on or about January 4, 2010 for six to eight weeks for the birth of a child.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Approval to Accept Student Enrollments through Section 105C of Public Act 94 for the Second Semester of the 2009-10 School Year: A motion was made by Schriemer and supported by Emmert to approve student enrollments through Section 105C of Public Act 94 for the second semester of the 2009-10 school year.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Approval of Michigan Department of Education 2009-10 Great Start Readiness Program Participating Resolution - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Danielson and supported by Emmert to approve the Michigan Department of Education 2009-10 Great Start Readiness Program Participating Resolution.  
Ayes: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Danielson, Lohman  
Nays: None  
Absent: Knowles and Forsyth  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.
- G. 2nd Reading Approval of Revisions to the Following Policies/Guidelines: A motion was made by Schriemer and supported by Eldred for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading approval of revisions to the following policies/guidelines:  
1. G5460 - Graduation Requirements  
2. P5460 - Graduation Requirements  
3. G5410 – Promotion, Placement, and Retention

Ayes: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Danielson, Lohman

Nays: None

Absent: Knowles and Forsyth

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- H. 1st Reading Approval of Weighted Grading Proposal - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Eldred and supported by Emmert for 1<sup>st</sup> reading approval of weighted grading proposal. KAMSC Advanced Calc will be added for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

Ayes: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Danielson, Lohman

Nays: None

Absent: Knowles and Forsyth

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- I. 1st Reading Approval of Revisions/New to the Following Policies – ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Eldred and supported by Danielson for 1<sup>st</sup> reading approval of revisions/new to the following policies.

1. P2623 - Student Assessment

2. P3430.01 / 4430.01 - FMLA

3. P6144 – Investments

4. P7217 - Weapons

5. P7540.05 - Electronic Mail

6. P8310 - Public Records

7. P8330 - Student Records

Ayes: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Danielson, Lohman

Nays: None

Absent: Knowles and Forsyth

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- J. Approval of WINGS Field Trip to Kalamazoo Valley Museum on January 5, 2010. All costs to be paid by the students. A motion was made by Danielson and supported by Emmert to approve WINGS field trip to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum on January 5, 2010. All costs to be paid by the students.

Motion carried unanimously.

- K. Approval of Vicksburg French Club Trip to Quebec from March 4-7, 2010. All costs to be paid by the students. A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Schriemer to approve the Vicksburg French Club Trip to Quebec from March 4-7, 2010. All costs to be paid by the students.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to address, Vice President Lohman adjourned the meeting at 8:49 pm.

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Vice President Carol Lohman

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Secretary Karen Hill

Date: January 11, 2010

