

VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education
December 9, 2019 – Vicksburg High School PAC – 7:00 pm
MINUTES

Members Present: Wil Emmert, Dan Grabowski, David Schriemer, Tina Forsyth, Rudy Callen, Carol Lohman, and Virgil Knowles

Members Absent: None

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

Administrators Present: Keevin O'Neill, Stephen Goss, Gail Van Daff, Adam Brush, Amie McCaw, Sarah Dyer, Karen McKinstry, Rick Place, Matt Hawkins, Alyssa Tompkins, Ruth Hook, Mike Barwegen, Matt VanDussen, Dennis Kirby

Guests Present: Steve Thomas, Levi Thomas, Sue Moore, Lisa Coe, Nicki Morand, Melissa Kohler, 2019-20 New VCS Teachers

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. O'Neill recognized Amie McCaw for being the named MEMSPA's Michigan Principal of the year.

A. VHS Chamber Singers - Dustin Morris

The Chamber Singers opened the meeting with a holiday performance.

B. Introduction of New Staff

1. Sunset Lake Elementary – Principal McCaw introduced the new 2019-20 staff at Sunset Lake Elementary.
 - a. Melissa Collins - Begindergarten
 - b. Maddie Haskell - Kindergarten
 - c. Jessica Quist - 3rd Grade
 - d. Morgan Ryskamp - 2nd Grade
2. Tobey Elementary – Principal Barwegen introduced the new 2019-20 staff at Tobey Elementary.
 - a. Angie Byrne - 2nd Grade
 - b. Katie Salik - 1st Grade
 - c. Aaron Willett - Special Education
3. Middle School – Principal VanDussen introduced the new 2019-20 staff at Vicksburg Middle School.
 - a. Jeff deVarona - Math
 - b. Jeffery Heisler - Special Education
 - c. Jennifer Lyle - Reading/Math Interventionist
 - d. Jared Meyer - Math
 - e. Joshua Noble - Social Studies
 - f. Jillian Roth - Special Education
 - g. Kristina Spanding - Special Education
 - h. Phil Timko - Math

4. High School – Principal Brush introduced the new teacher at Vicksburg High School for the 2019-20 school year.

a. Emily Chalut - French

C. The Reading Now Network

Supt. O'Neill discussed the resolution asking for a renewed commitment to literacy across our region.

D. Legislative Update

Supt. O'Neill reported that many budget vetoes have been restored and will be voted on tomorrow. He will keep the board updated as things are restored. He also reported that the online sales tax bill has gone through the House and will generate approximately \$90 million next year. The school aide fund is set to receive 75% of it. The curriculum change bill (personal curriculum for students with disabilities) is working its way through the House.

E. Important Dates

Supt. O'Neill highlighted important dates, including the elementary musicals and MS and HS concerts. Staff will be working on SEL PD during the ½ day on Friday, December 13th.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Business and Finance - Steve Goss

1. Monthly Budget Progress Report

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the Monthly Budget Progress Report for November 2019 showing total revenues of \$6,695,704; total expenditures of \$8,504,912 and a deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$(1,809,208).

2. Bond Facility Update – Due to a scheduling conflict, Asst. Supt. Goss provided an update on the bond funding and participating in the school bond fund lending. There is a meeting scheduled on January 8 with the Dept. of Treasury to discuss details of the loan. Bonds from 1991 will be repaid in May of 2020, a new bond at that time will not increase taxes for the taxpayers. In fact, the rate may be reduced.

Asst. Supt. Goss explained the Facility Assessment study and how to interpret the data. This study guides the way to creating a master plan for building improvements. Asst. Supt. Goss answered questions from the Board.

B. Audience

No one wished to address the board on a non-agenda item. Steve Thomas asked about the prevailing wage, and what happens if it is reinstated, how would that affect the bond funding? Discussion followed with Asst. Supt. Goss.

III. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

A. Approval of the following meeting minutes:

1. November 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Callen.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. December 3, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Callen.

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approval of the Following General Fund Invoices Totaling \$356,445.00 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
1. November 1-30, 2019 (checks) = \$304,569.11
 2. November 1-30, 2019 (wire transfers) = \$51,875.89
- C. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for November totaling \$180,569.00 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Grabowski.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Approval of the Following Teacher Contracts Upon Results of State and Federal Record and Unprofessional Conduct Checks: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.
Motion carried unanimously.
1. Jeff de Varona - Middle School Math
- E. Approval to Accept Student Enrollments through Section 105C of Public Act 94 for the Second Semester of the 2019-20 School Year: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Schriemer.
Motion carried unanimously.
- F. 1st Reading Approval of the Following Policy - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Callen.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
1. PO 5460 - Graduation Requirements
- G. 2nd Reading Approval of the following policies - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
1. PO 3130 - Assignment and Transfer
 2. PO 3362 - Anti-Harassment
 3. PO 2261.03 - District and School Report Card (New)
 4. PO 5610 - Emergency Removal, Suspension, and Expulsion of Students

- H. Approval of Literacy Resolution in support of The Reading Now Network - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Grabowski.
Ayes: Emmert, Grabowski, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- I. Approval of FMLA Request for Lindsey Chatel, VMS Math Teacher, for twelve weeks to begin approximately January 26, 2020: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Emmert.
Motion carried unanimously.
- J. Approval of FMLA Request for Jori Machiela, IL 1st Grade Teacher, for 10 weeks to begin approximately March 24, 2020: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.
Motion carried unanimously.
- K. Approval of FMLA Request for Jennifer Rodas, VHS Spanish Teacher, for twelve weeks to begin approximately January 30, 2020: 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 8:45 p.m.

President Virgil Knowles
January 13, 2020

Secretary Amy Manchester