

**Vicksburg Community Schools
Board of Education
January 14, 2019 – VHS – 7:00 pm
MINUTES**

Members Present: Wil Emmert, David Schriemer, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, and Virgil Knowles

Members Absent: Rudy Callen, Deborah Harsha

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

Administrators Present: Keevin O'Neill, Stephen Goss, Gail Van Daff, Adam Brush, Matt Hawkins, Don Puckett, Karen McKinstry, Rick Place, Dennis Kirby, Matt VanDussen, Mike Barwegen, Alyssa Tompkins, Ruth Hook, Maureen Ouvry

Guests Present: Steve Thomas, Sue Moore, Liz Ratashak, Bob Willhite, Lisa Coe

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 by Emmert and supported by Forsyth. Motion carried.
- B. School Board Recognition Month - Supt. O'Neill thanked the VCS Board Members for their support and dedication to the district. It is greatly appreciated.
- C. Vicksburg Community Schools Foundation Annual Report - VCSF President Bob Willhite presented Foundation highlights from the 2017-18 school year and shared information about the new Big Read Machine Bus Mobile.
- D. Legislative Update - Supt. O'Neill reported that it was a Lam Duck session for the books! HB4991 passed which will reduce funds to the general fund and the letter grade accountability passed. MDE has asked the new attorney general to review the act to ensure it is not unconstitutional. Please continue to push your legislators for school equity.
- E. Important Dates - Supt. O'Neill referred to important upcoming dates included in the packet.
- F. School Resource Officer (SRO) - Supt. O'Neill shared details about the current SRO contract. Officer Derek Guthrie is our current SRO.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

- A. Budget and Finance Report
 - 1. Budget Progress Report for the Month Ending December 31, 2018: Asst. Supt. Goss presented the budget progress report for December, 2018 showing total revenues of \$8,573,299; total expenditures of \$10,339,799 and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$(1,766,500).
 - 2. Bond Update – Asst. Supt. Goss shared information about the facility reviews/assessments in planning for the possibility of a bond issue in 2020. Feedback from staff and community focus groups will be collected. Asst. Supt. Goss updated the board on current investments. Approximately \$1.6 million of the capitol project funds were invested in a liquid market fund that earns 2.24% interest. The district invested \$3.75 million in the debt retirement fund, divided between a US Dept. of Treasury bill, \$1.375 million (both maturing in April) and \$1.375 million in commercial paper.

- B. Bridging Gaps - Principal Brush presented the VHS Annual Report. He shared information on awards and recognitions received by the high school and discussed the various clubs that "give back" to the community. Asst. Principal Hawkins discussed the VHS AP course offering list and AP data for the students and shared the VHS Tutorial schedule. Principal Brush shared MI School Data for Vicksburg's advanced courses and shared the exciting news that VHS has been selected as an AP Capstone school for the 2019-2020 school year.
- C. Audience - no one wished to address the board on a non-agenda item.

III. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

- A. Organization of the 2018-2019 School Board: A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Emmert to elect Virgil Knowles as President, Carol Lohman as Vice President and to appoint Stephen Goss as Treasurer and Amy Manchester as Secretary.
Motion carried unanimously.
1. Election of Officers
 - a. President – Virgil Knowles
 - b. Vice-President – Carol Lohman
 2. Appointment of Officers
 - a. Treasurer - Stephen Goss
 - b. Secretary - Amy Manchester
- B. Approval of the following Board Meeting Minutes: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Emmert.
Motion carried unanimously.
1. December 10, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
- C. Approval of the Following General Fund Invoices Totaling \$135,838.07 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Emmert.
Ayes: Emmert, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: Callen, Harsha
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
1. December 1-31, 2018 (checks) = \$92,913.59
 2. December 1-31, 2018 (wire transfers) = \$42,924.48
- D. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements Totaling \$143,555.53 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Emmert, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: Callen, Harsha
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Approval of School Resource Officer Contract: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.
Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Approval of Vicksburg Middle School 8th Grade Trip to Cedar Point on June 14, 2019. All costs to be paid by students. A motion for approval was made

by Forsyth and supported by Emmert.
Motion carried unanimously.

G. 1st Reading Approval of the Following Policies – ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth.

Ayes: Emmert, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: Callen, Harsha

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. PO5111 Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Students
2. PO7540.02 Web Content, Services and Apps (Replacement)

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

President Virgil Knowles
February 11, 2019

Secretary Amy Manchester