

VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education
January 15, 2018
7:00 pm - VHS
MINUTES

Members Present: Wil Emmert, Deborah Harsha, David Schriemer, Rudy Callen, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, Skip Knowles

Members Absent: None

Secretary Amy Manchester

Administrators Present: Keevin O'Neill, Adam Brush, Matt Van Duessen, Dennis Kirby, Amie McCaw, Ruth Hook, Mike Barwegen, Gail VanDaff, Nancy Spicketts, Maureen Ouvry, Alyssa Thompson, Karen McKinstry, Don Puckett

Guests Present: Steve Thomas, Liz Ratashak, Bob Wilhite, Warren Lawrence, Julie Sorenson, Erin Clark, Linda Lane

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 Callen and supported by Forsyth.
Motion carried unanimously.
- B. School Board Recognition Month – Supt. Glaes recognized the board members and expressed appreciation for their dedicated service to Vicksburg Community Schools.
- C. VCSF Annual Report – General Warren Lawrence reported the yearly highlights of the Vicksburg Community Schools Foundation and shared the 2016-2017 Annual Report with the Board.
- D. Introduction of New Staff - Principals
 - 1. Julie Sorenson - Principals Hook and Barwegen introduced Julie who is the new Guidance Counselor at Indian Lake Elementary (3 days/week) and Tobey Elementary (2 days/week). She comes to VCS from Comstock Public Schools.
 - 2. Erin Clark – Principal McCaw introduced Erin who is a new Kindergarten Teacher at Sunset Lake Elementary. She comes to VCS from Kalamazoo Public Schools.
- E. Legislative Update – Supt. Glaes discussed the Consensus Revenue Conference final report from its meeting in May 2017. School Aid Fund is up, but economic pressure from a declining General Fund is likely to result in a small per pupil increase next year. We will know a bit more after the Governor presents his budget plan.
MPSERs 3% refund of health care contributions will be returned to Districts by January 22, 2018. Asst. Supt. Goss gave an update on how and when the funds may be returned.

House Bill 5393 would amend the Revised School Code to provide that, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, school districts, intermediate school districts (ISDs), and public school academies (PSAs) could not bar a student from participating in interscholastic athletic activities because the student transferred to the district, regardless of the reason for the transfer. Supt. Glaes shared concerns about the bill.

Supt. Glaes explained the resolution supporting the School Finance Research Collaborative. It was decided to table this agenda item until the next meeting, after the report is published.

- F. Important Dates – In addition to the listed dates, Supt. Glaes announced there will be a Bulldog Bounce at Indian Run Golf Course on February 24, 2018, sponsored by the Athletic Boosters.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss

1. Monthly Budget Progress Report – Asst. Supt. Goss presented the budget progress report for December, 2017 showing total revenues of \$8,582,306; total expenditures of \$9,549,665 and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of (\$967,359). The budget amendment will be presented at the next Board meeting.
2. Bond Update – Asst. Supt. Goss discussed the bond expenditures from the first two series. Money left from those series will carry over to series three. Asst. Supt. went through the bid process and the bids received for the next phase.

- B. Positive Action + Positive Thinking = Success – HS Principal Keevin O’Neill presented on what VHS is doing to support the District’s mission and vision. He shared information about the programs and opportunities for the students of VHS and answered questions from Board.

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

III. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

- A. Organization of the 2017-18 School Board – A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Callen.

Motion carried unanimously.

1. Election of Officers

- a. President – Virgil Knowles
- b. Vice-President – Carol Lohman

2. Appointment of Officers – A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Emmert.

Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Treasurer - Stephen Goss
- b. Secretary - Amy Manchester

- B. Approval of the following Board Meeting Minutes

1. December 11, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes - A motion for approval was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth.
Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Approval of the Following General Fund Invoices Totaling \$233,163.61 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
 1. December 1, 2017 = \$70,573.04
 2. December 14, 2017 = \$117,039.16
 3. December 28, 2017 = \$45,551.41
- D. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements Totaling \$139,685.34 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman.
Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Approval to award the following construction contracts with the following low bidders. Projects to be funded with proceeds from Series 3 of the bonds approved by voters in 2014 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Callen and supported by Forsyth.
Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
 1. Demolition
Xtreme Demolition: \$12,000.00
 2. Concrete
Regional Concrete: \$115,162.00
 3. Masonry
Bracy Jahr: \$29,850.00
 4. Membrane Roofing
Great Lakes Systems: \$387,840.00
 5. Membrane Roofing
Hoekstra Roofing: \$574,545.00
 6. Aluminum Framed Entrances
Architectural Glass & Metals Inc: \$484,835.00

7. Metal Studs, Drywall, and Interior Finishes
Ritsema Associates: \$45,290.00
 8. Painting
West Michigan Painting: \$8,295.00
 9. Mechanical
CL Mahoney: \$34,900.00
 10. Building Control Systems
ControlNet: \$139,500.00
 11. Building Electrical
Oswalt Electric: \$39,700.00
 12. Earthwork, Site Furnishings, and Landscaping
Fulton Excavating: \$197,270.00
 13. Asphalt Paving
J. Allen Co: \$35,340.00
- F. 1st Reading Approval of the Following New Policies or Policy Revisions -
ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Callen.
Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
1. P1421 - Criminal History Record Check
 2. P1439 - Administrator Discipline
 3. P2410 - Prohibition of Referral or Assistance
 4. P2414 - Reproductive Health and Family Planning
 5. P2418 - Sex Education
 6. P3121 - Criminal History Record Check (Professional Staff)
 7. P3139 - Staff Discipline (Professional Staff)
 8. P4121 - Criminal History Record Check (Support Staff)
 9. P4139 - Staff Discipline (Support Staff)
 10. P8142 - Criminal History Record Check (Operations)
 11. P8321 - Criminal Justice Information Security
- G. Approval of Resolution of Support: School Finance Research Collaborative - A motion to table this item until the next regular board meeting was made by Schriemer and supported by Emmert.
Motion carried unanimously.

H. Approval of VMS 8th Grade Trip to Cedar Point on June 15, 2018. All costs to be paid by students. 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 9:10 pm.

President Virgil Knowles
Dated: February 12, 2018

Secretary Amy Manchester