

Regular Meeting
Monday, November 8, 2021 7:00 PM

Tobey Elementary
8551 East Long Lake Drive
Scotts, MI 49088

**Vicksburg Community Schools
Board of Education
MINUTES**

Members Present: Jennifer Buikema, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, Stephanie Willoughby, David Schriemer, and Virgil Knowles

Members Absent: Dan Grabowski

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

Admins Present: Keevin O'Neill, Steve Goss, Gail VanDaff, Matt VanDussen, Adam Brush, Matt Hawkins, Amie McCaw, Sarah Bacalia, Mike Barwegen, Sarah Dyer, and Jessica Wheeler

Guests Present: Anna Roach, Kris DeVries, Tiffany Stacey, Michael Foster, Lisa Coe, Kristen Donner-Porter, Rachelle Kalee, John Eiler, Jessica Zantjer, Nate Bagley, Deb McLouth, Veralyn Cline, Julie Skrzypek, Lyndsay Foote, Stephanie Wagner, Carley Stuut, Nick & Samantha DeRyke, Melissa Sparks, Tricia Keown, Shannon Schaab, Shawn Dailey, Holly Hill, Dawn Freeland, Lindsey Somers, Melissa Rogers, Jeri Rosier, Katie Salak, Melissa Hallack, Mary-Teresa Fletter, Garrett Kaltenbach, Kelly MacDonell, Dana Ames

President Knowles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I.A. Recognitions

Supt. O'Neill thanked VCS staff for all of their hard work and recognized that students are 9 weeks into the school year. The staff is doing an outstanding job. He also thanked the Vicksburg community for their continued support of the schools.

Supt. O'Neill met with the Kalamazoo County Health Department and received an update regarding the children's (aged 5-11) vaccinations and upcoming clinics. The mask mandate is due to expire in December 17th. The District will now be offering three options for families with children deemed close contacts. The student may quarantine for 10 days, test after 7 days (on day 8), or the close contact may test to stay in school, but must wear a mask and test on days 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

I.B. Legislative Update

Vaccination mandates for employees with over 100 employees may be instituted in the near future. If unvaccinated, employees will be subject to weekly testing. Expect to hear more from MIOSHA in the upcoming weeks.

I.C. Important Dates

Supt. O'Neill referred to the listing of important dates including the high school play, Clue, which will be held at the PAC.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

II.A. June 30, 2021 Audit Presentation - Plante Moran

Mike Foster and Tiffany Stacey from Plante Moran presented an overview of the District audit for 2020-21. The District received an unmodified rating again this past year.

II.B. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Goss presented the Budget Progress Report for October, 2021 showing total revenues of \$4,435,613; total expenditures of \$6,648,316 and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$(2,212,703).

He also reported that there will be a pretty substantial budget amendment due to in part to additional hiring and settlements with employee groups. Salaries and wages are going up and adjustments need to be made to accommodate that.

II.C. School Nutrition Program Annual Report - Sarah Dyer

School Nutrition Director, Sarah Dyer, introduced staff to the Board and presented the annual report for the School Nutrition Department.

II.D. Tobey Elementary Annual Report - Mike Barwegen

Principal Barwegen presented his annual report to the Board including highlights from the past year, community service, and staff and student recognitions. He also recognized the PTSO for their support.

III. AUDIENCE

Kristen Donner-Porter addressed the Board regarding quarantine concerns. Rachelle Kalee addressed the Board regarding concerns with her child's quarantine this week. John Eiler stated his child's quarantine letter was wrong based on what the Health Department stated and has concerns regarding the Board's leadership. Garrett Kaltenbach addressed the Board regarding COVID-19 policies. Kelly MacDonell addressed the Board regarding staff and student cases of COVID-19 and asks all parents to be vigilant when sending kids to school.

IV. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

IV.A. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated October 11, 2021: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth.

IV.B. Approval of General Fund Invoices for October 2021 Totaling \$443,126.06 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

IV.C. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for September 2021 Totaling \$111,166.39 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Buikema and supported by Forsyth. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

IV.D. 2nd Reading Approval of 8th Grade Jazz Band Curriculum Proposal - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Schriemer. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

IV.E. 1st Reading Approval of VCS Policies 0100, 6152, 8310, and 8320 - ROLL CALL
VOTE: A motion for approval was made by Buikema and supported by Lohman. Motion
carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

With no further business to come before the board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting
at 8:37 pm.

Board President Virgil Knowles

Board Secretary Amy Manchester

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