

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 9, 2024
7:00 PM
Vicksburg Administration Building
301 S. Kalamazoo St.
Vicksburg, MI 49097**

Minutes

Board Member Present: Ron Centofanti, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, Dan Grabowski, Dave Schriemer, and Virgil Knowles

Board Members Absent: Stephanie Willoughby

Board Secretary: Tamara Young

Administrators Present: Keevin O'Neill, Steve Goss, Adam Brush, Matt Hawkins, Allison Dygert, Joe Werkema, Sarah Bacalia, Amie McCaw, Gail Vandaff, Mike Roy, Dewey Waterman, Alyssa Thompson

Guests Present: Lisa Coe, Jaime Buikema, Dusty Morris, Melissa Kohler

President Knowles called the meeting to order at 6:59pm.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Legislative Update

Supt. O'Neill reported not much happening right now in Lansing with campaign season upon us. He will have more to report after the supt meeting next week.

B. Important Dates

Supt O'Neill thanked everyone for a great tailgate last Friday. The positivity was contagious. We had 47 booths and the boosters gave away over 1200 hot dogs.

Supt O'Neill reminded everyone to check the important dates list. No theme for homecoming yet, but that's always a fun week. Johnny's market partnership is exciting. Now through October a penny from every gallon pumped from the purple pump will be donated to the school. He encouraged everyone to use the designated purple pump. This is the last meeting at the VAB for a while. We will be at Sunset next month.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Steve Goss presented the monthly budget and finance report for August 2024. He highlighted that we have now received the 2 new maintenance vehicles and the 7 new school buses.

B. Investment Holdings Update - Steve Goss

Asst. Supt. Steve Goss gave an update on the District's investment accounts. Schriemer did ask if we anticipated having to borrow from these accounts this

year until the state revenue started to appear. Goss does not anticipate needing to do that this year.

C. VCS Athletics Annual Report - Mike Roy

Athletic Director Mike Roy reported on athletics from the last school year. He started by thanking the board for the last 22 years in Vicksburg. He enjoys working and raising his children in the small town atmosphere Vicksburg offers. He wanted to give a special thanks to Dewey Waterman, Larry Preston, and Darla Cousins for always having our facilities ready for events. He also wanted to thank Sarah Dyer and Karen McKinstry for their support. He highlighted girls basketball and girls softball for their great seasons last school year. He also stressed the importance of having “full time students, part time athletes”. Schriemer added that stressing the GPA to remain eligible helps many students excel. Lohman asked about the fueling station. He reported it was funded through grants/donations last year. They are currently researching how to sustain this important service for our athletes.

III. Audience

Dusty Morris spoke about the community tailgate. He reported it was an excellent event. The VEA booth was very popular. The dunk tank and balloon animals were well received. He thanked staff members who manned the booth. Bulldog pride was excellent.

IV. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

A. Approval of the August 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of General Fund Invoices Totaling \$1,838,107.73 - ROLL CALL VOTE

A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Forsyth. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

C. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for Totaling \$94,155.25 - ROLL CALL VOTE

A motion for approval was made by Grabowski and supported by Centofanti. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

D. Approval of the Following Teacher Contracts Upon Results of State and Federal Records and Unprofessional Conduct Checks

A motion for approval was made by Schriemer and supported by Lohman. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Kathryn LaCasse - GSRP Teacher
2. Nina Bostocky - GSRP Teacher
3. Nathaniel Orłowski - HS Teacher
4. Amanda Harrington - Speech Language Pathologist

E. 1st Reading Approval of the Following Policies - ROLL CALL VOTE

A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Grabowski. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

1. PO 7540.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
2. PO 8531 Free and Reduced - Price Meals

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm.

President Virgil Knowles
October 14, 2024

Secretary Tamara Young