

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Special Meeting - VAB  
April 22, 2013 – 6:30 pm  
M I N U T E S**

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Members Present: Wil Emmert, Rudy Callen, David Schriemer, Tom Danielson, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, Virgil Knowles

Secretary Karen Hill

Administrators Present: Charles Glaes, Stephen Goss

Guests Present: Steve Thomas

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Knowles called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. AUDIENCE: No one wished to address the Board on a non-agenda item.

III. POTENTIAL OUTSOURCING OF CUSTODIAL SERVICES

A. Overview of VESPA Negotiations: Supt. Glaes and Asst. Supt. Goss recapped VESPA negotiations comparing VESPA custodial compensation vs. contracted bid costs. A three year savings of over \$680,000 could be realized by going with the bid winner, D M Burr Company. Asst. Supt. Goss stated that the district participated in the KRESA bid for custodial services at part of the State's Best Practice requirement. Administration has encouraged VESPA to participate in the bid process and to come to the bargaining table to see if a compromise can be met.

B. Presentation by D.M. Burr: John Allen and Tim Dillon were present to give details of the bid.

IV. WORK ITEMS

A. Non-Homestead Renewal: Asst. Supt. Goss stated that this millage has been in effect since 1994. Primary residences are not subject to the tax. If the renewal does not pass, the district will lose \$600/student or \$1,575,000 of estimated revenue. The Headlee Override provides up to an additional .5 mil in the event that property valuation increases exceed inflation in order to maintain the assessment at 18.0 mills due to a decrease in property values. A mailer will be sent out to all residents in the Vicksburg Community.

B. Capital Financing Strategies

1. Bond Issue: Asst. Supt. Goss stated that the district will have fully repaid voter approved bonds in seven years. Mr. Goss reviewed the facilities recommendation that was prepared by Tower Pinkster Titus and Secant one year ago. The following items were discussed.

a. Timing

b. Dollar Amount

c. Priorities

2. Bus Installment Purchase: Mr. Goss discussed the option of purchasing a bank of 10 busses taking advantage of the low interest rates. The Board discussed terms,

bus rotation, and gave Mr. Goss approval to get quotes. The district currently spends approximately \$31,000/year in bus repair costs, and a reduction in those costs is projected to help pay for finance costs.

3. Sinking Fund: The option of a sinking fund was also discussed. A sinking fund can only be used for major repairs and capital items that are not equipment. It cannot be used for computers, busses or wages.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Knowles adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

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President Virgil Knowles  
Date: May 13, 2013

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Secretary Karen M. Hill