

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**January 11, 2010**  
**VHS – 7:00 pm**  
**MINUTES**

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**Members Present:** Wil Emmert, Jean Eldred, David Schriemer, Tom Danielson, Tina Forsyth, Carol Lohman, and Virgil Knowles  
Board Secretary Karen Hill

**Administrators Present:** Supt. Charles Glaes, Asst. Supt. Stephen Goss, HS Principal Rob Kuhlman, HS Asst. Principal Keevin O'Neill, MS Principal Greg Tibbetts, MS Asst. Principal Laura Kuhlman, TY Principal Mike Barwegen, SL Principal Pat Moreno, IL Principal Rick Szabla, Transportation Director Ric Beers, Adult/Community Ed Director Tonya Nash, Food Service Director Maureen Ouvry, PAC Manager Tim Fuller

**Guests Present:** John Gisler, Allen and Shelly Reynolds, Michelle Ballard, Jane Crist, Tammy lobe, Vernon Thompson, Bailey Haring, Diana Haring, Alexis Schnieder, Brad Russell, Don Siretti, Jennifer West, Nanette Sperry, Lucia Dalla, Liz Ratashak, Logan Wolf, Trevor Jennings, Andrew Lyngstad, David Beeman, Ryan Heath

**I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Recognitions**

1. **School Board Recognition Month:** Supt. Glaes referred to the Governor's Proclamation declaring January as School Board Recognition Month. Board members were recognized for serving the students, staff, and community of Vicksburg Community Schools.

**B. Notice of Open Board Seat:** Supt. Glaes was pleased to announce that Board Member Danielson will run again for the Board.

1. Board Seat of Tom Danielson Expires June 30, 2010 - 4 Year Term - Candidates Must be Legal Residents of the School District, 18 Years of Age, and be Registered Voters

a. Each Candidate Must Secure a Statement of Organization from the Schoolcraft Township Clerk

b. Each Candidate Must Provide a Statement of Citizenship and a Statement Acknowledging that Making False Statement in the Affidavit is Perjury, Punishable for a Fine up to \$1,000 or Imprisonment for up to Five (5) Years or Both

c. Nominating Petitions are Due to the Schoolcraft Township Clerk on February 9, 2010- 4:00 p.m. - 40 Valid Signatures Required

**C. Legislative Update:** Supt. Glaes reviewed the latest legislative developments including a projected additional \$269 per pupil reduction for 2010-11. Based on the projected enrollment loss of 50 to 100 students, this could mean a loss of revenue of \$1.4 to \$1.8 million. Mr. Glaes reported that the Board approved VCS involvement in the Governor's Race to the Top grant last week. Key points include the raising of the drop out age to 18 from 16 beginning with current 6<sup>th</sup> graders, requirement of teacher and administrator evaluations linked to student growth, merit pay, and reinstatement of administrator certification.

D. Important Dates: On January 21 a Drug Awareness meeting for MS/HS parents will be held at the PAC. Mr. Kuhlman stated that a drug abuse and counseling psychologist will be present along with the KV Enforcement Team. Mr. Glaes and Mr. Goss will hold a community budget meeting in the PAC on January 26 at 6:30 pm to discuss the District's 2010-2011 projected budget.

## II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

### A. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss:

1. Budget Progress Report for the Month Ending December 31, 2009: Asst. Supt. Goss reviewed the budget progress report for December 2009 showing total revenues of \$6,881,394; total expenditures of \$9,084,576; and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of -\$2,203,182.
2. Amendment Report for the 2009-10 General Fund Budget: Asst. Supt. Goss reviewed the amendment report and requested approval later on the agenda.

B. MI Merit Exam Results - Rob Kuhlman: Mr. Kuhlman reviewed MI Merit data showing improvements in all areas.

C. Transportation Department Annual Report - Ric Beers: Mr. Beers introduced many of his staff in attendance. A total of 435,000 safe miles were driven last year. Al Reynolds addressed the Board on innovative ways their department is cutting costs.

D. Performing Arts Center Annual Report - Tim Fuller: Mr. Fuller shared performance highlights for the year including the WMU Jazz Quartet, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade musical Aladdin, HS musical, and community programs.

E. Facilities and Operations Annual Report - JR Rice: Mr. Rice gave an overview of completed projects. Mr. Rice stated that summer projects came in under budget.

F. Audience: No one wished to address the Board on a non-agenda item.

## III. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

### A. Approval of the Following Minutes:

1. December 14, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Eldred to approve the December 14, 2009 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
2. January 6, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth to approve the January 6, 2010 special meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

### B. Approval of the Following General Fund Invoices - ROLL CALL VOTE:

1. December 7, 2009 = \$257,782.46: A motion was made by Danielson and supported by Forsyth to approve payment of invoices dated December 7, 2009.  
Ayes: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Danielson, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.
2. December 21, 2009 = \$93,106.85: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Eldred to approve payment of invoices dated December 21, 2009 totaling \$93,106.85.  
Ayes: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Danielson, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

3. December 29, 2009 = \$5,703.20: A motion was made by Danielson and supported by Forsyth to approve payment of invoices dated December 29, 2009 totaling \$5,703.20.  
Ayes: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Danielson, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Approval of Resolution to Adopt Amendments to the 2009-10 General Fund Budget - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth to approve Resolution to adopt amends to the 2009-10 General Fund Budget.  
Ayes: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Danielson, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

- D. 2nd Reading Approval of Revisions/New to the Following Policies - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading approval of revisions/new to the following policies:  
Ayes: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Danielson, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

1. P2623 - Student Assessment
2. P3430.01 / 4430.01 - FMLA
3. P6144 - Investments
4. P7217 - Weapons
5. P7540.05 - Electronic Mail
6. P8310 - Public Records
7. P8330 - Student Records

- E. 2nd Reading Approval of Weighted Grading Proposal - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Schriemer and supported by Eldred for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading approval of Weighted Grading Proposal.  
Discussion: KAMSC classes do not all have exams. KAMSC are college level, but do not receive college credit. Advanced Placement classes all have exams and do receive college credit if they pass. Some colleges only use core courses for computing grade point averages.  
Ayes: Emmert, Eldred, Schriemer, Danielson, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Approval of request for leave under FMLA for Jennifer and Eric Teall for up to twelve weeks combined for the adoption of a child beginning approximately mid-March: A motion was

made by Forsyth and supported by Emmert for approval of request for leave under FMLA for Jennifer and Eric Teall for up to twelve weeks combined for the adoption of a child beginning approximately mid-March.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm.

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President Virgil Knowles

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Secretary Karen Hill

Date: February 8, 2010