

VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education
December 14, 2015
7:00 pm – VAB
MINUTES

Members Present: Wil Emmert, Deborah Harsha, David Schriemer, Rudy Callen, Carol Lohman
Board Secretary Karen Hill

Members Absent: Tina Forsyth, Virgil Knowles

Administrators Present: Charles Glaes, Steve Goss, Mike Barwegen, Ruth Hook, Aimee McCaw,
Gail VanDaff, Laura Kuhlman, Matt VanDussen, Keevin O'Neill, Adam Brush, Steve Miller, Ric
Beers, Karen McKinstry, Tonya Nash, Maureen Ouvry, Kathy Hurley,

Guests Present: Amy Manchester, Beckie Oswalt, Adam Barker, Erin Barker, Laura Moore, Greg
Chiu, Russon Family, Glerum Family, Hatridge Family, Steve Thomas, Michelle and Tim Wester,
Liz Ratashak, Kelly MacDonell, Kyle Nettleman, Rachel Bernhardt, Jessie Van, Lindsey Felts,
Bridget Reichow, Kelly Walters, Aubrie Burns, Dawn Phelps, Kayci Whitmore, Kristina
Newhouse, Ashley Kettenbeil, Amy Dunn, Linda Campbell, Kathy Hurley, Karen and Mike
McKinstry

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. VHS Chamber Singers - Dustin Morris: Director Dustin Morris and the Chamber Singers performed four carols for the audience.
- B. Governor Snyder's Proclamation declaring October as Dwarfism Awareness Month - Mike Barwegen and Patrick Russon: Tobey Principal Mike Barwegen recognized Patrick Russon and his classmates for working with Governor Snyder to make October Dwarfism Awareness Month in Michigan.
- C. Introduction of New Staff: Administrators took a moment to introduce their new staff to the Board and audience.
 - 1. Kathy Hurley - Special Education Supervisor
 - 2. Aubrie Burns - Sunset Lake - 1st Grade
 - 3. Rachel Bernhardt - Sunset Lake Speech
 - 4. Kristina Newhouse - Sunset Lake - Kindergarten
 - 5. Dawn Phelps - Sunset Lake - 3rd Grade
 - 6. Bridget Reichow - Sunset Lake - 3rd Grade
 - 7. Kelly Walters - Sunset Lake - 4th Grade
 - 8. Kayci Whitmore - Sunset Lake - Begindergarten
 - 9. Lindsey Felts - Indian Lake - 3rd Grade
 - 10. Ashley Kettenbeil - Indian Lake - ECSE
 - 11. Kyle Nettleman - Indian Lake - Kindergarten
 - 12. Kelly MacDonell - Tobey - 4th Grade
 - 13. Aimee Barnhart - MS - Science

14. Jessica Van - MS - Title I
15. Lucas Wolthuis - MS - Social Studies
16. Leslie Buscher - HS - Special Education
17. Anne Marie Fleming - HS - Special Education
18. Linda Campbell - Multiple Bldgs - Psychologist
19. Amy Dunn - Multiple Bldgs - Psychologist
20. Karen McKinstry - Transportation Director

D. Retirement of Ric Beers and Steve Miller: Supt. Glaes and the Board recognized and thanked Mr. Beers and Mr. Miller for their years of service to the district in their many roles.

E. Important Dates: Supt. Glaes referred to concert dates listed in Board packets.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Business and Finance - Steve Goss

1. Monthly Budget Progress Report: Asst. Supt. Goss reviewed the budget progress report for October, 2015 showing total revenues of \$5,970,598; total expenditures of \$ 7,730,232; and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of -\$ (1,759,634).

Low energy prices plus warmer weather should equal an energy savings. Bond bids will be held in January for Phase 2 projects, school bus financing. Custodial departure at Tobey elementary: It was agreed, when entering contract, that we would transition to private through attrition over time. Sunset Lake and VAB have been serviced by GRBS all year. In keeping with plan laid out in May, we plan to transfer remaining Tobey staff person to the HS and move Tobey over to GRBS over break.

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

III. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes Dated November 9, 2015: A motion was made by Schriemer and supported by Callen to approve regular meeting minutes dated November 9, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of the Following General Fund Invoices Totaling \$219,269.90 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Schriemer to approve the following general fund invoices totaling \$219,269.90.

Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Callen, Lohman

Nays: None

Absent: Forsyth, Knowles

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. November 6, 2015 = \$80,674.44
2. November 20, 2015 = \$138,595.46

- C. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for October totaling \$164,337.50 -
ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Schriemer to approve purchase card disbursements for October totaling \$164,337.50.
Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Callen, Lohman
Nays: None
Absent: Forsyth, Knowles
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Approval to Accept Student Enrollments through Section 105C of Public Act 94 for the Second Semester of the 2015-16 School Year: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Schriemer to accept student enrollments through Section 105C of Public Act 94 for the Second Semester of the 2015-16 School Year. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Approval of the Following Resignations: A motion was made by Schriemer and supported by Callen for approval of the resignations below.
Motion carried unanimously.
1. District Instructional Coach Allison Taylor effective December 18, 2015
 2. High School Special Education Teacher Kellie Lindeman effective August 13, 2015
- F. 1st Reading Approval of G7510A - Use of School Facilities and Equipment:
There has been severe damage, particularly in the HS, over the past 5 years from groups using the gym for practice of outdoor sports such as baseball and softball (holes in gym bleachers, concrete block, scoreboards, floor and lights). Even though people are informed of the guideline changes, violations to the guidelines continue to occur. Requests for such usage have risen significantly in the past five years. The HS floor, walls, lighting, and sprinkler system have just been redone, and the district cannot afford to continue risking damage. Mr. Emmert requested some clarification which will be reviewed for second reading. A motion was made by Callen and supported by Emmert for 1st reading approval of G7510A – Use of School Facilities and Equipment.
Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Callen, Lohman
Nays: None
Absent: Forsyth, Knowles
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice President Lohman adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Vice President Carol Lohman
January 11, 2016

Board Secretary Karen Hill