

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Sunset Lake Elementary
October 14, 2013 – 7:00 pm
M I N U T E S**

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

Secretary Karen Hill

Member Absent: Tom Danielson

Administrators Present: Charles Glaes, Stephen Goss, Pat Moreno, Keevin O'Neill, Adam Brush, Laura Kuhlman, Maureen Ouvry, Ruth Hook, Ric Beers, Matt VanDussen, Tonya Nash, Mike Barwegen

Guests Present: Erin Johnson, Wil Webb, Dakota Lash, Deanna Katz, Bill Tiller, Korey Scott, Kaela Scott, Monica Freeniard, Jamie Masco, Johannah Green, Trevor Green, Josie Miller, Steve Thomas, Gary Brown, Dave Campbell, Helen Wynkoop, Carol Wright, Deborah Harsha

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Recognitions:

1. National School Lunch Week: October 14-18 "Lunch, Liberty and the Pursuit of Good Health" - Maureen Ouvry: Mrs. Ouvry shared the good things that are happening for National School Lunch Week.
2. Mary Burke: Mallinson Institute for Science Education Distinguished Alumni Award - Laura Kuhlman: Mrs. Kuhlman recognized Mrs. Burke for the honor of receiving the Mallinson Institute for Science Education Distinguished Alumni Award.

B. Dave Campbell – Kalamazoo RESA Superintendent and Gary Brown – Kalamazoo RESA Board Secretary: Mr. Campbell took a moment to introduce himself to the Board and audience and explained the expansion of the Great Start Readiness Program and the move of the Head Start Program to KRESA.

C. Legislative Update: Superintendent Glaes stated that there was nothing to report at this time. The Superintendents plan to meet with Margaret O'Brien soon.

D. October 3, 2013 Count Figures: The 4th Wednesday count was 2,665.59.

E. MASB Fall Conference - November: Board members were asked to let Karen Hill know if planning to attend.

II. REPORT AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

A. Instructional Report - Charles Glaes

1. Focus School Update - Grant Chandler: Mr. Chandler, MSU Field Specialist, was assigned by the State to the district focus school Sunset Lake Elementary. Mr. Chandler explained Sunset Lake is not a low achieving school and is, in fact, high achieving or there would be no gap. Mr. Chandler's work with Sunset Lake Elementary was published in MIExcel's Data Conversations as an example of Focus schools doing outstanding work.

2. "Success for Every Child - Whatever it Takes" - Pat Moreno: Mrs. Moreno and Ms. Masco described the work that Sunset Lake staff are doing to raise the achievement gap.
- B. Community Education Annual Report - Tonya Nash: The focus of Ms. Nash's report was the Adult Ed Program which has been in operation since 1982 and boasts of 273 graduates. Teachers Carol Wright and Helen Wynkoop were at the meeting along with a number of current students, who spoke to their appreciation and passion for the program, their successes within it, and their goals beyond graduation.
- C. Sunset Lake PTA:
 1. President - Erin Johnson: Ms. Johnson gave an overview of all the PTA is doing to assist the staff and students.
 2. Vice President - Kristen Hossink
 3. Treasurer - Rob Moughton
 4. Secretary - Melissa Richardson
- D. Business and Finance Report - Steve Goss:
 1. Budget Progress Report: Asst. Supt. Goss reviewed the budget progress report for September, 2013 showing total revenues of \$1,129,883; total expenditures of \$2,974,819; and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of -\$1,844,936.
- E. Audience: Nichole Day expressed concern about the loss of the school resource officer. Superintendent Glaes explained that the Village of Vicksburg had applied for a grant to fund the position of a resource office, which they did not receive, and the future of the position was uncertain, and controlled largely by the Village, as the District budget could not support it.

III. BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

- A. Approval of the Following Meeting Minutes
 1. September 9, 2013 Regular Meeting: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Lohman to approve regular meeting minutes dated September 9, 2013.
Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Approval of the Following General Fund Invoices - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Lohman and supported by Callen for approval of the following general fund invoices totaling \$245,842.28.
Ayes: Emmert, Callen, Schriemer, Forsyth, Lohman, and Knowles
Nays: None
Absent: Danielson
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.
 1. September 6, 2013 = \$28,771.67
 2. September 13, 2013 = \$109,506.16
 3. September 27, 2013 = \$107,564.45

C. Approval of the Following Teacher Contracts Upon Results of State and Federal Record and Unprofessional Conduct Checks: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Lohman for approval of the following teacher contracts upon results of state and federal record and unprofessional conduct checks.

Motion carried unanimously.

1. David Vales – High School Computerized Manufacturing/Engineering Design BA+20 Step 13
2. Nichole Wisinski – Indian Lake Special Education MA Step 8
3. Katherine Kay – MS Science MA Step 9
4. Carolyn Gundy – School Psychologist MA+15 Step 8
5. Erin Guerrero – 1st Grade at Sunset Lake BA Step 3

D. Approval of EFE Hotel, Restaurant & Travel Management Program trip to Disney World from February 26 - March 2, 2014. All costs to be paid by students: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman for approval of EFE Hotel, Restaurant & Travel Management Program trip to Disney World from February 26 - March 2, 2014. All costs to be paid by students.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:48 pm.

President Virgil Knowles

Date: 11/11/13

Secretary Karen Hill