

December 15, 2011

Vicksburg Warren School District *Communicator*

The Board of Trustees of the Vicksburg Warren School District met in a regular meeting, Thursday, December 15, 2011, in the Board Room Central Office, 1500 Mission 66, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Members present were Mrs. Zelmarine Murphy, President; Mr. Bryan Pratt, Vice President; Mr. Joe Loviza, Secretary; and Mr. Jim Stirgus, Jr. Mrs. Sally Bullard was absent. Also present were Dr. Elizabeth Swinford, Superintendent; Mrs. Debra Hulum, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Paula Johnson, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Briggs Hopson, Attorney; Shannon Daniels, Executive Secretary; Cedric Tillman, Videographer for 6; and Pam Hitchins, Vicksburg Post. Also present were spectators, which included staff members and interested citizens.

Mrs. Zelmarine Murphy called the meeting to order.

Mr. Stirgus made the motion to adopt the agenda with the removal of item #9. Mr. Pratt seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Mrs. Murphy, aye; Mr. Pratt, aye; Mr. Loviza, aye; Mr. Stirgus, aye. The motion carried. (Agenda Item V2)

Dr. Swinford introduced Mr. Jason McKeller, Grove Street Dean of Students.

The minutes from the regular board meeting held on November 17, 2011, were presented for approval. Mr. Loviza made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Stirgus seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Mrs. Murphy, aye; Pratt, aye; Mr. Loviza, aye; Mr. Stirgus, aye. The motion carried. (Agenda Item IV)

Dr. Swinford presented the Superintendent's Report:

- Vicksburg Jr. High Robotics won 1st place in perserverance.
- The high school robotics meeting was held at ERDC.
- Dale McClung presented the financial report for the month of December.

The following cash donations were presented for approval:

- Dana Road Elementary received a check in the amount of \$270.36 from MNM Enterprises dba McDonald's to be used to purchase student awards.
- Sherman Avenue Elementary received a check in the amou 0.00 from Waring Oil Company to be used to purchase science and math kits for the library.
- Redwood Elementary received a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Owensville Communications WVBG 1490 for 3rd grade Honor Choir as Division I winner in the Christmas Caroling contest.
- Redwood Elementary received a check in the amount of \$500.00 from Owensville Communications WVBG 1490 5th-6th grade Honor Choirs as Division II runner-up in Christmas Caroling contest.

(Agenda Item VI 1)

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The 2010-2011 budget for the Vicksburg Warren School District was adopted on May 6, 2011. Since the adoptions, the District has received notification of additional revenues and/or adjustments in previous amounts allocated. The amendments to the budgeted revenues and expenditures through November were presented for approval. (Agenda Item VI 2)

The accounts payable claims docket for December, 2011, was presented for approval. (Agenda Item VI 3)

A list of licensed employees to be compensated for extra duties for November 2011, was presented for approval. These extra duties are not included in the original contracts and were performed outside of regular duties. (Agenda Item VI 4A)

The following retired teachers or currently employed teachers will serve as mentors for the 2011-2012 school year. The district will compensation each educator in the amount of \$500 for each mentee assigned to him/her: Retirees: Willie Mae Hunter, Linda Powell, Fern Strahan, Linda Turner; Current Employees: Mary June Cooksey, Zabraida Flowers, Heather Gordon, Alice Jones, Claire Peck, Cheryl Ricks, Cassandra Ringo. (Agenda Item VI 4B)

The following certified personnel were recommended for positions within the District for the 2011-2012 school year: Traci Brown-Esparza, Jessica Garner, Mary Johnson, Ginger Koestler, Gary Post, Diedra Winters, Tavares Johnson. (Agenda Item VI 4C)

The following certified employees were recommended for a “change in status” for the 2011-2012 school year: Sandra Cullins, Mildred Gilliam, Glen Kane, Patrick Nutt, JoAnn Oliver. (Agenda Item VI 4D)

The following certified staff members have resigned and requested to be released from the 2011-2012 contract of employment: Sara Harper, Lorna Still. (Agenda Item VI 4E)

The following classified personnel were recommended to fill classified positions within the District for the 2011-2012 school year: Lemond Harris, Jr., Daniel McClellan. (Agenda Item VI 4F)

The following classified employees were recommended for a “change in status” for the 2011-2012 school year: Angela Brown, Virginia White. (Agenda Item VI 4G)

The Board approved a list of substitutes for the 2011-2012 school year. (Agenda Item VI 4H)

The Board approved the list of items that are no longer serviceable or any use to the District. Permission was requested to dispose of the items through Advantage Recycling. (Agenda Item (VI 5A)

The Board approved the list of an item that has been reported as lost or stolen. The item will be removed from the fixed assets inventory list. (Agenda Item VI 5B)

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The following out of state travel requests were submitted for consideration:

- Vicksburg Jr. High School requested permission for the Male Initiative Club to travel to Washington, D.C. to visit the White House, Lincoln Memorial and the Martin Luther King Memorial on April 18-21, 2012. (Agenda Item VI 6A)
- Warren Central High School requested permission for the NJROTC to participate in a drill meet in Covington, Louisiana on March 24, 2012. (Agenda Item VI 6B)
- Warren Central High School requested permission for the NJROTC to travel to New Orleans, Louisiana on March 14-17, 2012, and to Dallas, Texas March 28, 2012 – April 1, 2012, for regional competitions. (Agenda Item VI 6C)
- Warren Central High School requested permission for the NJROTC to travel to Delhi, Louisiana on January 19, 2012, to participate in a rifle meet. (Agenda Item VI 6D)
- Special Education requested permission for Alicia Jackson, Krista Guynes, and Teresa Mosley to travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on February 21-24, 2012 to attend the National Association of School Psychologists 2012 Annual Convention. (Agenda Item VI 6E)

Revision of board policy JGBD-R Administering Medication to Students was presented for final approval at this time. (Agenda Item VI 7)

The FY 2011-2012 School Improvement Plan and Application were approved by the board. (Agenda Item VI 8)

The request for sixteenth section interest fund loans to district maintenance funds was approved by the Board. (Agenda Item VI 10)

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting will be held on January 26, 2012, in the Board Room at Central Office, 1500 Mission 66, 5:30 p.m.