

**VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42, BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting**

**Date: April 14, 2020**

**Place: Remote via Zoom**

Candice Settle-Beshears called the regular meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Director Settle-Beshears welcomed all that were in attendance.

**Regular Meeting  
Called to Order**

The following members were present:

**Roll Call**

Candice Settle-Beshears, President  
Lance Lanier, Vice President  
Kevin Bell, Secretary  
Theresa Bell  
Bob Freeman  
Carman Young

**Members Present**

The following members were absent:

**Members Absent**

Christy Mayo

The following administrators were present:

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Present**

Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, Superintendent  
Brian Summerhill, Deputy Superintendent  
Karen Allen, Assistant Superintendent

The Board recognized the Certified Personnel Policy Committee and the Classified Personnel Policy Committee. Mrs. Allen spoke about the committee's process and acknowledged the leadership of both chairs: Certified – Missy Hefner and Classified – Grant Beckham. Mrs. Allen also went over the chart explaining changes to policies that are being recommended for approval in the consent agenda.

**Reports and  
Recognitions**

Director Young made a motion with a second by Director K Bell to elect Lance Lanier as Van Buren

**Election of  
President**

School Board President. The motion carried 6-0. Director Lanier accepted and continued as chair.

Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Candice Settle-Beshears to elect Kevin Bell as Van Buren School Board Vice President. The motion carried 6-0. Director K Bell accepted.

**Election of Vice President**

Director Settle-Beshears made a motion with a second by Director Young to elect Bob Freeman as Van Buren School Board Secretary. The motion carried 6-0. Director Freeman accepted.

**Election of Secretary**

Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Settle-Beshears to elect Bob Freeman as Van Buren School Board Disbursing Officer. The motion carried 6-0. Director Freeman accepted.

**Election of Disbursing Officer**

Director Young made a motion with a second by Director Settle-Beshears to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

**Approve Consent Agenda**

**D.1.1.** The minutes of the March 10, 2020, Regular Meeting, of the Board of Directors

**D.1.2.** Policy changes proposed by Personnel Policy Committee and Administration

Director Settle-Beshears made a motion with a second by Director K Bell to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

**Approve Meeting Agenda**

**District Operations –**

**E.1.** Director Young made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the financial statement for the month of March, 2020. The motion carried 6-0.

**E.2.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Settle-Beshears to approve the legal transfer of students as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

- E.3.** Director Settle-Beshears made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the purchase of buses from Central Bus Sales as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.4.** Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve a Hold Harmless Resolution as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.5.** Director Settle-Beshears made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the Tate and Parkview floor replacement projects as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.6.** Director Young made a motion with a second by Director Settle-Beshears to approve the school choice list as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

- 1. Grab-n-Go Meals – Cafeteria Managers are serving meals at Central, Tate, and Northridge. Numbers of meals served continues to increase. **Superintendent Report**
- 2. Communications Team – Dustin McRoberts, Brittany Ransom, and Ashley Snellenberger have been doing a good job as the Communications Team for the District. They are sending out important information as well as positive messages for VBSD. #pointerspression
- 3. MORE – The situation we are facing has generated MORE. More emails, meetings, and questions. One question that you can answer if it is asked to you is about graduation. We do intend to have a graduation ceremony. More details later. April 23 will be drive-thru cap and gown pick-up.
- 4. Online Documents – We have been working to get as many processes placed on the website as possible. We now have enrollment, school choice, and area exceptions. We will have online kindergarten registration in early May.
- 5. Electronic Contracts – Contracts will be sent out electronically to Certified staff on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Classified contracts will be sent out later.
- 6. Playground Closure – For the safety of the community we will be closing all district playgrounds.
- 7. District Construction Projects – The following projects have been completed: Oliver Springs Elementary, VBHS Softball Dugouts, VBHS Baseball Scoreboard

### **Human Resources –**

- G.1.** The Board went into closed session at 6:15 p.m. via separate closed session Zoom Meeting.  
The Board returned to open session Zoom Meeting at 6:34 p.m.
- G.2.** Director Young made a motion with a second by Director Settle-Beshears to approve the personnel report as submitted. The motion carried 6-0.

**Adjournment -**

Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. The motion carried 6-0.

Approved by:

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Lance Lanier, President of the Board

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Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, Ex-Officio Secretary

Reported by Shari L. Ross, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent/School Board