

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

**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting**

**Date: August 11, 2020**

**Place: VBSD Fine Arts Center**

Lance Lanier called the regular meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Director Lanier welcomed all that were in attendance.

**Regular Meeting  
Called to Order**

The following members were present:

**Roll Call**

Lance Lanier, President  
Kevin Bell, Vice President  
Bob Freeman, Secretary  
Theresa Bell  
Christy Mayo  
Carman Young

**Members Present**

The following members attended remotely:

Candice Settle-Beshears

The following administrators were present:

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

Summer Cox, Kolby Snellenberger, and Myron Heckman, Principals at Oliver Springs Elementary, Butterfield Trail Middle School, and VBHS Freshman Academy, respectively, spoke to Board Members about back-to-school plans, open house, blended learning, and social distancing.

**Reports and  
Recognitions**

Director Settle-Beshears made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

**Approve Consent  
Agenda**

- D.1.1.** The minutes of the June 25, 2020, Special Called Meeting, and the July 28, 2020, Special Called Meeting, of the Board of Directors
- D.1.2.** New policy proposed by Administration as amended
- D.1.3.** District Personnel Policies and Salary Schedules (in order to comply with Arkansas Code Annotated §6-11-129, §6-17-201(d), and §6-17-2301(d))
- D.1.4.** School Improvement Plans
- D.1.5.** 2020-2021 ESSA Statement of Assurances

Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

**Approve Meeting Agenda**

**District Operations –**

- E.1.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the financial statements for the months of June and July, 2020. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.2.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the legal transfer of students as presented. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.3.** Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to approve the resolution to transfer funds as presented. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.4.** Director Freeman made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the Annual Election Choosing Date Resolution as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

- 1. Bond Refunding – Kevin Faught with Stephens has prepared a \$4 million bond for refunding. The Board will meet at a Special Called Meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup> to approve the refunding.
- 2. ASBA Journal Article – The center fold story of the March 2020 ASBA Journal was Arkansas School Boards Association Honors Van Buren.
- 3. Solar Energy Audit – The results of the audit projected a cost savings of \$28,000 per year. This savings does not include the cost of land or installation of LED lighting. The board supported Dr. Jeffcoat’s recommendation that, at this time, it is not in the best interest of the District to move forward with the solar energy project.
- 4. Freshman Academy Servery – The new servery will be completed by the weekend.

**Superintendent Report**

5. Parkview/Rena Libraries – The projects are close to completion. The prefabricated walls are scheduled to be delivered by September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
6. Blakemore Field Project – The Band Shell Project will begin on August 17<sup>th</sup> and should take about a week to complete.
7. Izard – The abatement of the Izard building came in at \$97,000.

### **Human Resources –**

- G.1.** The Board did not go into closed session.
- G.2.** Director Young made a motion with a second by Director Freeman to approve the personnel report as submitted. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Adjournment -**

Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

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