

VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

Date: December 14, 2021

Place: Butterfield Trail Middle School

Lance Lanier called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 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
Bob Freeman, Vice President
Carman Young, Secretary
Kevin Bell
Theresa Bell
Jacob Howell
Christy Mayo

Members Present

The following administrators were present:

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Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, Superintendent
Brian Summerhill, Deputy Superintendent

The following administrators were absent:

Administrators Absent

Karen Allen, Assistant Superintendent

The Board recognized Ben Cantrell, a Van Buren High School Senior, who has qualified as a Semi-finalist in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Reports and Recognitions

Mrs. Joyce Haver presented a report, along with King Elementary Principal, Amy House, and Butterfield Trail Middle School Principal, Kolby Snellenberger. They gave a summary of Solution Tree and told how it is used in each of the two buildings.

The Board recently attended the 2021 ASBA Annual Conference in Little Rock. The Van Buren School District Board of Directors received the following awards:

- Robert Freeman, Master Board Member, for Earning at least 50 hours of board development training. Bob has sixty-three (63) hours.
- Van Buren School Board, ASBA Master Board, because each member has earned at least 50 hours of continuing education.

Tim Varner, from MAHG, made a presentation updating the board on three upcoming construction projects:

- Blakemore, Phase 2
- VBHS Indoor Practice Facility
- Northridge Auxiliary Gym

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

**Approve Consent
Agenda**

D.1.1. The minutes of the November 9, 2021, Regular Meeting, of the Board of Directors

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

**Approve Meeting
Agenda**

District Operations –

E.1. Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the financial statement for the month of November, 2021. The motion carried 7-0.

E.2. Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Freeman to approve the legal transfer of students as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

E.3. Director Freeman made a motion with a second by Director Howell to approve the budget of estimated expenditures as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

E.4. Director Howell made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the Master Plan Resolution as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Report

1. Redistricting – Dr. Jeffcoat reported that the District received official approval from the Crawford County Election Commission of the updated School Board Zones.
2. Bus Update – Dr. Jeffcoat updated the board on the progress made since 2015 when the plan was implemented to upgrade the bus fleet. In 2015 the District had 64 buses and the average year model was a 2002. In 2021 the District has 56 buses and the average year model is a 2014. The buses travel 685 miles each morning and each afternoon.
3. Dr. Jeffcoat, Myron Heckman and Jennifer Feeny will be traveling to Little Rock tomorrow to present at a Charter Renewal Application Hearing. The River Valley Virtual Academy’s original application was approved five years ago and when approved tomorrow will not have to renew for another five years.

Human Resources –

H.1. The Board did not go into closed session.

H.2. Director Young made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the personnel report as submitted. The motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment -

Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director K Bell to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

Approved by:

Lance Lanier, President of the Board

Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, Ex-Officio Secretary

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