

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

### Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

Date: December 13, 2022

Place: District Office

Bob Freeman called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Director Freeman welcomed all that were in attendance.

### Regular Meeting Called to Order

The following members were present:

### Roll Call

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

### Members Present

The following administrators were present:

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

The Board recognized Parkview Elementary, Butterfield Trail Middle School, and Northridge Middle School for showing improvement on the Aspire test. Mr. Heckman talked about the criteria for receiving this recognition. The principals explained what they felt that their staff has been doing to help students and to raise test scores.

### Reports and Recognitions

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

### Approve Consent Agenda

**D.1.1.** The minutes of the November 8, 2022, Regular Meeting, and the November 17, 2022, Special Called Meeting, of the Board of Directors

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

## **Approve Meeting Agenda**

### **District Operations –**

- E.1.** Director Lanier made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the financial statement for the month of November, 2022. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.2.** Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve the legal transfer of students as presented. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.3.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the Budget of Estimated Expenditures as presented. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.4.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve the Lawncare and Landscaping Contract Renewal as presented. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.5.** The guardian of student LW was not present and did not wish to appeal. Dr. Jeffcoat opened with a summary of the incident. Mr. Titsworth, the Northridge Middle School Principal, reported the facts of the incident and answered questions from the Board. Administration's recommendation was expulsion for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. The board did not go into closed session.

### **Student Discipline**

Director Lanier made a motion with a second by Director Young to uphold the recommendation of expulsion for student LW for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year with the opportunity to complete his coursework through virtual learning. The motion carried 7-0.

- 1. Construction Update -
  - PAC-Getting to the final phase
  - NRMS Aux Gym-Rain Delay
  - Blakemore Phase 3-Onsite soon
  - Aquaponics-Beginning construction
  - Arena-Electronics install 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Security-Finishing door locks at Freshman Acad. Then will finish VBHS.

### **Superintendent Report**

2. Band – VBHS Band has won last 5 of 6 Arkansas 6A State Championships. We will recognize them at the January board meeting in the Fine Arts Center.
3. School Choice – The dates for accepting School Choice applications for 2023-2024 are January 1 – May 1, 2023.
4. School Calendar 2023-2024 - Mrs. Allen is working with the PPC Calendar Subcommittee to develop options for the 2023-2024 school calendar. It will be presented for approval at the February or March board meeting.

### **Human Resources –**

- H.1.** The Board went into closed session at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel. The Board returned to open session at 6:12 p.m.
- H.2.** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the personnel report as submitted. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Adjournment -**

Director Lanier made a motion with a second by Director Young to adjourn at 6:14 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

Approved by:

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Robert (Bob) D. Freeman, 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