

VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

Date: December 12, 2023

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

Mrs. Julia Cottrell reported to the Board that she, and more than 200 students and staff from Central, Rena, and Tate Elementary Schools attended an OKC Thunder basketball game. The students attending the meeting told the board their favorite parts of the game which ranged from the buzzer beating shot, to the bus ride, to the concession stand, to getting to be with their friends. The other three elementary schools will attend a game during the spring semester.

Reports and Recognitions

Tim Varner, with MAHG, and Travis Beshears, with Beshears Construction, presented plans for construction of new band and wrestling facilities. These new facilities will be added to the current Van Buren High School.

Kevin Faight, with Stephens Financial, presented a plan for refunding a 2nd lien bond. This would provide the funds for the VBHS project as well as some other smaller projects that need to be completed.

Director T Bell 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 14, 2023, Regular Meeting, of the Board of Directors
- D.1.2.** Student Transfer Report
- D.1.3.** Student Discipline

Director Lanier 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 Lanier made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to approve the financial statement for the month of November, 2023. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.2.** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the resolution to transfer funds as presented. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.3.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve the purchase of three (3) new buses as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

- 1. Election – Director Lance Lanier will be running unopposed at the March 5, 2024 election.
- 2. Pinnacle Award – Director Lance Lanier earned the Pinnacle Award and was presented a plaque at the 2023 ASBA Annual Conference. The Pinnacle Award is given to board members who have earned at least 200 credit hours of training.

Superintendent Report

Human Resources –

- H.1.** The Board went into closed session at 6:45 p.m. The Board returned to open session at 6:59 p.m.
- H.2.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve the personnel report as submitted. The motion carried 7-0.

H.3. Frank Charles Henson, Special Education Teacher at King Elementary School, requested a hearing after being recommended for termination. Mr. Henson spoke to the Board regarding reasons why he was unable to complete the first year requirements of his ALP. Dr. Jeffcoat explained to the Board that the District had no other options than to terminate based on requirements from the State.

Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the termination as submitted. The motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment -

Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

Approved by:

Robert (Bob) D. Freeman, President of the Board

Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, Ex-Officio Secretary

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