

VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

Date: October 8, 2019

Place: VBSD Professional Development Center

Candice Settle-Beshears called the meeting to order at 5:39 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
Christy Mayo

Members Present

The following members were absent:

Members Absent

Carman Young

The following administrators were present:

Administrators Present

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

Dr. Jeffcoat welcomed everyone to the newest Van Buren School District facility, the VBSD Professional Development Center. The PD Center will host District trainings, community/education meetings, and will eventually house the River Valley Virtual Academy.

Reports and Recognitions

Kevin Faight, with Stephens, Inc. presented the results of bids for the refunding of two bonds. Resolutions for each bond will be presented as action items in the Regular Agenda.

The Board recognized City Heights Elementary School for being named a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School.

Dr. Jeffcoat discussed the Master Plan and Partnership Submission. He presented a list of planned projects that will be submitted to the state for approval and funding. A resolution will be presented as an action item in the Regular Agenda.

Mr. Summerhill presented the Annual Report to the Public. A resolution will be brought to the Board as an action item in the Regular Agenda.

Dr. Jeffcoat introduced Kolby Snellenberger. Mr. Snellenberger is the new principal at Butterfield Trail Middle School.

Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

**Approve Consent
Agenda**

- D.1.1.** The minutes of the September 10, 2019, Regular Meeting, of the Board of Directors
- D.1.2.** Policy changes proposed by Administration

Director Freeman made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

**Approve Meeting
Agenda**

District Operations –

- E.1.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to approve the financial statement for the month of September, 2019. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.2.** Director Lanier made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the operating budget amendment as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.3.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve a resolution for the sale of refunded bonds (\$6,445,000.00) as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

- E.4.** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve a resolution for the sale of refunded bonds (\$3,840,000.00) as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.5.** Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve the Master Plan and Partnership Project Resolution as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.6.** Director Lanier made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to approve the Annual Report to the Public as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.7.** Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to approve the legal transfer of students as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.8.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Freeman to approve a contract disclosure and resolution for employee Bonnie Duff as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.9.** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve a contract disclosure and resolution for employee Amy Wesson as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.10.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve the selection of Director Robert Freeman as the delegate to the Arkansas School Boards Association State Conference in December, 2019. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.11.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Freeman to approve the Act 1120 FY2019 5% Increases Resolution as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

1. Property Tax Relief Fund – The State has said that there will be no negative impact for schools. They are revisiting the distribution of funds. **Superintendent Report**
2. Region 4 Meeting – ASBA Region 4 Meeting will be held at the Fort Smith Service Center, Building B-Auditorium, 3205 Jenny Lind Road, Fort Smith. The meeting will begin at 5:30 on Thursday, October 17, 2019.
3. Fine Arts Center – The VBSD Fine Arts Center will host the Dallas Childrens Theater production of Miss Nelson has a Field Day on October 14th and 15th. All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will see the show at the FAC.
4. Early Dismissal – Students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. on both Oct. 15th and 17th for Parent Conferences.

5. School Violence Prevention Grant – Mr. Summerhill has applied for a grant to replace school security cameras. We will find out in about 2 weeks if we will be receiving this grant.
6. Softball Field Renovation – We are making good progress with the renovation at the softball field. Blockwork is almost complete.
7. Oliver Springs Elementary Construction – We are also making good progress at the Oliver Springs Elementary construction site. The outside should be finished soon.
8. LED Lights at Track – We are almost finished installing all LED lights at the track. These can be left on all night.
9. King Elementary Walking Trail Lights – OG&E is installing lights along the King Elementary walking trail.
10. Rena Walking Trail – The Rena walking trail is being upgraded to concrete. This will be a big improvement over what was there before.

Human Resources –

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

G.2. Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the personnel report as submitted. The motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment -

Director Lanier made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. The motion carried 6-0.

Approved by:

Candice Settle-Beshears, President of the Board

Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, Ex-Officio Secretary

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