

VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

Date: February 11, 2020

Place: District Office

Candice Settle-Beshears called the regular meeting to order at 5:31 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
Theresa Bell
Bob Freeman
Christy Mayo
Carman Young

Members Present

The following members were absent:

Members Absent

Kevin Bell, Secretary

The following administrators were present:

**Administrators
Present**

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

The Board recognized the Van Buren High School eSports team. Mr. Tipton, VBHS Principal, introduced members of the team who recently competed at state and were awarded the Runner-Up trophy in Rocket League. The team members were Jordan Deuley, Ryan Ruehle, and Joseph Calderon.

**Reports and
Recognitions**

Nancy Robbins reported changes to state weighted credits. These changes will apply to graduation in 2020-2021. Policy 4.45.2 is being updated in the consent agenda to reflect these changes.

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

**Approve Consent
Agenda**

D.1.1. The minutes of the January 14, 2020, Regular Meeting, of the Board of Directors

D.1.2. 4.45.2—Van Buren High School Diplomas

Director Young made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

**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 January, 2020. The motion carried 6-0.

E.2. Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the legal transfer of students as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

E.3. Director Lanier made a motion with a second by Director Freeman to approve the lease of buses from Midwest Bus Sales as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

E.4. Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to approve lawn maintenance bid #2 submitted by Greenview Lawn as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

E.5. Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve the bond refunding as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

1. Absentee Rates – To combat illness we have hand sanitizer stations in all buildings. Since November we have 347 confirmed cases of the flu. We ran an absence rate report for February for the last 3 years. For 16-17 the absence rate was 13.37%; for 17-18 it was 10.86%; and for 18-19 it was 7.97%. So far for the month of February (19-20) the absence rate is 6.97%. We will continue to monitor the rate on a weekly basis.
2. Father Daughter Dance – The Father Daughter Dance to benefit Impact was held on Monday, February 10. 886 tickets were sold. This is the primary fundraiser for the Impact Program.

**Superintendent
Report**

3. Kindergarten Registration – Kindergarten registration is at every elementary on April 3rd except for those zoned to attend Oliver Springs Elementary. Those students zoned for Oliver Springs Elementary will register at the PD Center.
4. Solar Service Agreement – The Arkansas Department of Energy, an office of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, will do an RFP to find a vendor for the district to use for Solar Services.
5. Aquaponics – Roy Kendrick, VBSD Child Nutrition Director, has gotten approval from the state to spend up to \$180,000 to build an aquaponics system that will allow us to grow our own lettuce and save approx. \$50,000 per year.
6. Freshman Acad Serving Area Project – We plan to remodel the Freshman Academy serving area this summer. It will look very much like the VBHS servery. The cost will be under \$250,000.

Human Resources –

- G.1.** Director Lanier made a motion with a second by Director Young that the Board go into closed session at 6:24 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent’s contract and personnel issues. The motion carried 6-0.
The Board returned to open session at 7:26 p.m.

Director Lanier did not return to the meeting after 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 5-0.
- G.3.** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Young to extend the Superintendent’s contract until 2023 and amend personal and sick days as submitted. The motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment -

Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Young to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.

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