

VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Special Called Board Meeting
Date: February 22, 2022
Place: District Office

Lance Lanier called the special meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Director Lanier welcomed all that were in attendance.

**Special Meeting
Called to Order**

The following members were present:

Roll Call

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

Members Present

The following members were absent:

Members Absent

Bob Freeman, Vice President

The following administrators were present:

**Administrators
Present**

Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, Superintendent
Brian Summerhill, Deputy Superintendent

The following administrators were absent:

**Administrators
Absent**

Karen Allen, Assistant Superintendent

Also attending as representation for VBSD was

Teddy Stewart, of Bequette, Billingsley, and Kees P.A.

The guardian of student BO was present and did wish to appeal in an open hearing. Dr. Jeffcoat opened with a summary of the incident. The guardian, Cecilia Alvarado, communicated only in Spanish. The student's uncle, Vincent Mendoza, spoke on her behalf. Mr. Mendoza asked the board to consider voting to not expel BO on the grounds that BO did not intend to use the weapon. Administration's recommendation is expulsion for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. The board did not go into closed session.

Student Discipline

Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Young to uphold the recommendation of expulsion for student BO for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year with the opportunity to complete his current credits through virtual learning. The motion carried 6-0.

1. Construction Bids – Bids were received for two projects: Northridge Auxiliary Gym and VBHS Indoor Softball Practice Facility. The bids came in as expected.
2. Winter Weather – VBSD will announce the use of an AMI day for tomorrow, Wednesday, February 23, because of the approaching winter weather.

**Superintendent
Report**

Adjournment -

Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. The motion carried 6-0.

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