

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

## Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

Date: March 8, 2022

Place: Butterfield Trail Middle School

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

### Regular Meeting Called to Order

The following members were present:

### Roll Call

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

### 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 Ayden and Mason Bayless. Ayden won first place and Mason won second place at the Crawford County Spelling Bee. Ayden and Mason are brothers. Ayden is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Northridge Middle School and Mason is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Rena Elementary School.

### Reports and Recognitions

The Board recognized the Van Buren High School Wrestling Team. Coach John Petree and his wrestlers shared details of their amazing season. Highlights of their season were wins at Duals, Conference Meets, and State Meets.

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

### Approve Consent Agenda

- D.1.1.** The minutes of the February 8, 2022, Regular Meeting, and the February 22, 2022, Special Meeting, of the Board of Directors
- D.1.2.** 2021-2022 Financial Interest Vendor List

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

**Approve Meeting  
Agenda**

**District Operations –**

- E.1.** Director Freeman made a motion with a second by Director K Bell to approve the financial statement for the month of February, 2022. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.2.** Director Howell made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the legal transfer of students as presented. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.3.** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director K Bell to approve the 2022 ATU Spring Concurrent Credit Tuition/Fees as presented. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.4.** Director Freeman made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the election resolution as presented. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.5.** Director Howell made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the VBHS Freshman Academy gym bleachers purchase as presented. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.6.** Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the School Choice application list as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

- 1. Technology Upgrade Update – Security camera upgrades have been completed across the district.
- 2. Northridge Auxiliary Gym – The construction of this facility has been approved for ESSER funding. Bid for this project as well as the Indoor Softball Practice Facility have been rec'd and came in as expected.
- 3. State Track Meet – The district will host the State Track Meet on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 4. Audit – The District rec'd the Audit report with "No Findings".
- 5. Finance Update – Dr. Jeffcoat presented a finance update and a proposal for a 4% salary increase to the base (retroactive for 2021-2022) as well as adding 5 additional steps to the Classified Scale.

**Superintendent  
Report**

The Board agreed to move forward. The proposal will now go to the Personnel Policy Committees and then to a staff vote before coming back to the Board for a vote in April.

### **Human Resources –**

**H.1.** The Board did not go into closed session.

**H.2.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Howell to approve the personnel report as submitted. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Adjournment -**

Director Young made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

Approved by:

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Lance Lanier, 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