

VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

Date: November 14, 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
Theresa Bell, Secretary
Kevin Bell
Lance Lanier
Christy Mayo

Members Present

The following members were absent:

Roll Call

Jacob Howell, Vice President
Carman Young

Members Absent

The following administrators were present:

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Present**

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

Mrs. Sonia Guerrero reported to the Board that she has been working on applications to get the District designated as a Purple Star School District. The Arkansas Purple Star Award recognizes schools and school districts that show a major commitment to serving students and families connected to our nation's armed forces.

**Reports and
Recognitions**

Dr. Jeffcoat presented information about his recent trip to Taiwan. He was chosen to be a part of a 15-member education delegation to Taiwan. Dr. Jeffcoat and his travel mates visited several schools in all parts of the country and met with teachers and Administrators of Taiwanese education. The goal is to continue with visits to both Taiwan and the US by educators and students.

Director T Bell made a motion with a second by

Approve Consent

Director Lanier to approve the Consent Agenda.
The motion carried 5-0.

Agenda

- D.1.1.** The minutes of the October 10, 2023, Regular Meeting, of the Board of Directors
- D.1.2.** Policy updates proposed by Personnel Policy Committee and Administration
- D.1.3.** Student Transfer Report
- D.1.4.** Student Discipline

Director Lanier made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

Approve Meeting Agenda

District Operations –

- E.1.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve the financial statement for the month of October, 2023. The motion carried 5-0.
- E.2.** Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve Administration's recommendation for the legal transfer of students as presented. The motion carried 5-0.
- E.3.** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve Administration's recommendation for the legal transfer of students as presented. The motion carried 5-0.
- E.4.** Director Lanier made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the military support resolution as presented. The motion carried 5-0.
- E.5.** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the 2025-26 Estimated Budget of Expenditures as presented. The motion carried 5-0.
- E.6.** Director Lanier made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the ATU Concurrent Credit Tuition/Fees as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

- 1. Van Buren High School Football – VBHS Football won vs West Memphis in the State Playoffs and move on to round two vs Little Rock Christian.
- 2. Report to the Public – Mr. Brian Summerhill, Deputy Superintendent, presented the Annual Report to the Public.
- 3. Blakemore Field Project – The Blakemore Field Project is expected to be complete after the first of the year.

Superintendent Report

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 Lanier to approve the personnel report as submitted. The motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment -

Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.

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