

VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

Date: December 8, 2020

Place: VBSD Fine Arts Center

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
Kevin Bell, Vice President
Bob Freeman, Secretary
Theresa Bell
Christy Mayo
Candice Settle-Beshears
Carman Young

Members Present

The following administrators were present:

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

Board Members were asked to review the documents given to them regarding student CP. The parents of student CP were present. Also present was their attorney and spokesperson, Phillip J. Milligan. Mr. Milligan conveyed that the parents did wish to appeal in a closed hearing. The closed hearing began at 5:36 p.m.

Student Discipline A

The Board moved to executive session at 6:39 p.m. to discuss student discipline. The Board returned to open session at 7:14 p.m.

Director Settle-Beshears made a motion with a second by Director Freeman to modify the recommendation of expulsion for student CP. The motion and second are to approve expulsion for student CP for the remainder of the 2020 Fall Semester. Student CP may return to the Van Buren High School on January 4, 2021. The motion carried 4-2. As Hearing Facilitator, Director Lanier did not cast a vote.

Board Members were asked to review the documents given to them regarding student TB. The parents of student TB were not present and did not wish to appeal.

**Student
Discipline B**

Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Young to accept the recommendation of expulsion for student TB. The motion and second are to approve expulsion for student TB for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year with the condition that upon return student TB will enroll in the Alternative Learning Environment. The motion carried 7-0.

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

**Approve Consent
Agenda**

- D.1.1.** The minutes of the November 10, 2020, Regular Meeting, of the Board of Directors
- D.1.2.** Policy changes proposed by Administration

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

**Approve Meeting
Agenda**

District Operations –

- E.1.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Settle-Beshears to approve the financial statement for the month of November, 2020. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.2** Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to approve the legal transfer of students as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

- 1. Covid Update – VBSD has started testing. We are currently screening staff members at Tate Elem. and testing symptomatic staff members at the PD Center. We are also going to begin testing, per new CDC guidelines, staff that would like to shorten their quarantine and return back to work.
- 2. ASBA Annual Conference – The ASBA Annual Conference begins virtually tomorrow and runs through Friday (December 9-11). Please let Shari know if you have any issues or need help getting into any of your sessions.

**Superintendent
Report**

Human Resources –

- G.1.** The Board went into closed session at 7:18 p.m. to discuss personnel issues
The Board returned to open session at 7:40 p.m.
- G.2.** Director Young made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to approve the personnel report as submitted. The motion carried 7-0.
- G.3.** Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to accept the resignation of Director Settle-Beshears. Director Settle-Beshears steps down in order to fulfill other job duties. The motion carried 6-0.
- G.4.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the nomination of Jacob Howell to fill the position of Director vacated by Director Settle-Beshears' resignation. The motion carried 6-0.

Report to the Public –

Mr. Summerhill presented the Annual VBSD Report to the Public.
Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the Annual Report to the Public as submitted. The motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment -

Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Freeman to adjourn at 7:58 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