

VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

Date: April 13, 2021

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
Jacob Howell
Christy Mayo
Carman Young

Members Present

The following administrators were present:

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Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, Superintendent
Karen Allen, Assistant Superintendent

The following administrators were absent:

Administrators Absent

Brian Summerhill, Deputy Superintendent

Dr. Jennifer Feeny updated the Board on River Valley Virtual Academy enrollment and student achievement. She shared that their pass rate exceeds the national average for virtual academies. She also talked about a recent parent survey which showed that about half of the students intend to return in the fall and 25% remain uncertain as to whether they will continue with online learning or return to on-campus learning.

Reports and Recognitions

The Board also recognized an Oliver Springs first-grader, Gracie Lott. Gracie was inspired by a book, "The Mitten Tree", read to her by her teacher. She headed up a project "Creating a 'mitten tree' at her school. Students and staff donated more than 100 pairs of mittens for local children. She was joined at the meeting by Oliver Springs Elementary

Principal, Dr. Summer Cox.

Mr. Drew Cone, Athletic Director, highlighted the District's recent wellness event. The Pointer Hotshot Classic was held on April 5. Each campus held free throw and three-point competitions and sent their winners to Clair Bates Arena for the finals. District staff, students, and community members were able to watch on the Pointer Media livestream.

VBSD Business Manager, Lori Trentham, presented the 2020 Audit Report. The Board will approve the audit in a separate item during the business portion of the meeting.

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 March 9, 2021, Regular Meeting, and the March 30, 2021, Special Meeting, of the Board of Directors

D.1.2. Policy changes proposed by Personnel Policy Committee and Administration

Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Howell 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 Freeman to approve the mask policy as presented. The motion carried 5-2.

E.2. Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the financial statement for the month of March, 2021. The motion carried 7-0.

E.3. Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the 2020 Audit as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

E.4. Director Young made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve changes to Administrative, Certified, and Classified Salary Schedules as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

E.5. Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Freeman to approve

the purchase of two 14-passenger buses as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

E.6. Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the legal transfer of students as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

E.7. Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Freeman to approve the school choice list as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

1. VBHS Graduation – May 21, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.
Each student will get 8 tickets.
2. Senior Events – AR Scholars-April 20th, Top 40-April 27th, Scholarship Night-May 11th.
3. Prom – May 1st at Van Buren High School
4. Blakemore Update – Utilities complete.
Structures going up. Bathrooms 99% complete.

Superintendent Report

Human Resources –

G.1. The Board went into closed session at 6:55 p.m. The Board returned to open session at 7:33 p.m.

G.2. Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the personnel report and addendum as submitted. The motion carried 7-0.

G.3. Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve an amendment to the contracts of the Deputy (Brian Summerhill) and Assistant (Karen Allen) Superintendents. The amendment will provide a 2% increase as well as a retroactive increase (2%) for the current school year. The motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment -

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

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