

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

**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting**

**Date: August 9, 2022**

**Place: District Office**

Bob Freeman called the regular meeting to order at 5:33 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  
Jacob Howell, Vice President  
Theresa Bell, Secretary  
Kevin Bell  
Lance Lanier  
Christy Mayo

**Members Present**

The following members were absent:

**Members Absent**

Carman Young

The following administrators were present:

**Administrators  
Present**

Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, Superintendent  
Karen Allen, Assistant Superintendent

The following administrators were absent:

**Administrators  
Absent**

Brian Summerhill, Deputy Superintendent

The Board recognized Camille Henson and Colten Nichols. Camille and Colten represented the Van Buren High School at the TSA (Technology Student Association) State and National Competitions. They placed second at State and sixth at Nationals.

**Reports and  
Recognitions**

Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

**Approve Consent  
Agenda**

- D.1.1.** The minutes of the July 19, 2022, Special Called Meeting, of the Board of Directors

Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

**Approve Meeting  
Agenda**

### **District Operations –**

- E.1.** Director Lanier made a motion with a second by Director Howell to approve the financial statement for the months of June and July, 2022. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.2.** Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve the legal transfer of students as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.3.** Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to approve the request to consider the "Petition to Vacate" with the following recommendations:
- That the Owner of Cox Investment Properties construct or have constructed a privacy fence where the property line adjoins Van Buren School District property.
  - That the existing tree line between the property owned by Cox Investment Properties and the Van Buren School District be left undisturbed as an additional natural barrier between the two properties.
- The motion carried 5-0 with 1 abstaining.
- E.4.** Director Lanier made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the election resolution as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.5.** Director Howell made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to approve the resolution to transfer funds as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

1. Project Updates –

Blakemore Phase 2 – Will be completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> home football game

BTMS – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bathrooms will be completed by day 1 of classes

Central Roof – 86,000 sq. ft. roof redo will be completed for teacher arrival on August 10<sup>th</sup> (tomorrow)

Arena – Video Board will be delivered in December. Framework is complete.

Needs details and sound improvement. Probably will not be complete before 1<sup>st</sup> basketball game

NRMS – Slab has been poured and steel has been delivered.

**Superintendent  
Report**

- PAC (Pointer Activities Center) – Slab to be poured after completion of slab/steel at NRMS  
Rena – Roof work to start after Labor Day  
Tate – Drainage work was completed to help rainwater flow away from the building.
2. Region 4 Meeting – ASBA has asked the District to host the Region 4 Meeting on October 4, 2022. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the VBHS Commons.
  3. Legislative Session – So far the only thing to come out of the legislative session is \$50 million set aside for School Safety and Security.
  4. Salary Increases for Teachers – No more details have been given on the \$5000 bonus for certified staff and \$2500 bonus for classified staff. Permission to use ESSER funds is still being studied.

### **Human Resources –**

- H.1.** The Board did not go into closed session.
- H.2.** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve the personnel report as submitted. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Adjournment -**

Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. The motion carried 6-0.

Approved by:

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Robert (Bob) D. Freeman, 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