

VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

Date: February 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
Jacob Howell, Vice President
Theresa Bell, Secretary
Christy Mayo
Carman Young

Members Present

The following members were absent:

Members Absent

Kevin Bell
Lance Lanier

The following administrators were present:

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

The Board recognized the VBHS Wrestling Team as Back-to-Back 5A Arkansas Dual State Champions. Coach Petree introduced some of his team. Coach Petree talked about how the program has grown in just a few short years from 11 students to the 115 students that are currently in the program.

Reports and Recognitions

The Board recognized Emilio Jack, 8th grade Butterfield Trail Middle School student. Emilio won 1st place in the 2023 Crawford County Spelling Bee and will move on to the State Spelling Bee Competition in Little Rock. His winning word was V-E-N-G-E-A-N-C-E.

Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

D.1.1. The minutes of the January 10, 2023, Regular Meeting, of the Board of Directors

Director Young 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 Mayo made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the financial statement for the month of January, 2023. The motion carried 5-0.

E.2. Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the legal transfer of students as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

E.3. Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the School Choice Application List as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

E.4. The guardian of student AA was not present and did not wish to appeal. Dr. Jeffcoat opened with a summary of the incident. Mr. Titsworth, the Northridge Middle School Principal, reported the facts of the incident and answered questions from the Board. Administration's recommendation was expulsion for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. The board did not go into closed session.

Student Discipline

Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Young to uphold the recommendation of expulsion for student AA for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year with the opportunity to complete his coursework through virtual learning. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Freshman Academy Winners - Congressman Womack will be presenting the Congressional App Challenge Award to a group of Freshman Academy students on February 15th at 10:00 a.m.

Superintendent Report

2. CTE Showcase – The Career and Tech Ed Showcase will be held on February 24th at 10:45 a.m. in the VBHS Commons.
3. Industry Roundtable – Dr. Jeffcoat will be taking part in a roundtable discussion with VB Chamber members and local industry leaders on February 21st at 11 a.m.

Human Resources –

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

H.2. Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the personnel report as submitted. The motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment -

Director Young made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to adjourn at 6:02 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