

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

## Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Date: August 8, 2023 Place: District Office

Bob Freeman called the regular meeting to order at 5:31 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  
Brian Summerhill, Deputy Superintendent

The following administrators were absent:

### **Administrators Absent**

Karen Allen, Assistant Superintendent

The Board heard a report from Mr. Myron Heckman and Mrs. Sonia Guerrero. They reported that the District will be switching from the previously used ASPIRE test to the ATLAS test. They explained differences between the two tests as well as noting that the ASPIRE test is predictive and the ATLAS test is Criteria and Reference based.

### **Reports and Recognitions**

Dr. Jeffcoat reported that Convocation was held this morning at 8:30. The speaker was Tim Clue. Teachers enjoyed breakfast, games, and a Van Buren Chamber Cash Give-away.

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 11, 2023, Special Meeting, of the Board of Directors
- D.1.2.** Policy changes proposed by Administration
- D.1.3.** District Personnel Policies and Salary Schedules (in order to comply with Arkansas Code Annotated §6-11-129, 6-17-201(d), and 6-17-2301(d))
- D.1.4.** Student Discipline

Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Mayo 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 T Bell to approve the financial statement for the months of June and July, 2023. 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 Mayo made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the ASBA Insurance Renewal as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.4.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve the ESEA Statement of Assurances as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.5.** Director Howell made a motion with a second by Director K Bell to approve the resolution regarding student transfers as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.6.** Director Lanier made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to approve the election resolution as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.7.** Director Howell made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the resolution to transfer funds as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

- 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School - August 16, 2023
- 2. Open Houses – Secondary, Middle, and Elementary  
Open Houses are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday respectively.
- 3. August 14, 15, 16 – Teachers are off contract on Monday and Tuesday. Teachers and students report to class on the 16<sup>th</sup> for the first day of class.

**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 6-0.

## **Adjournment -**

Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to adjourn at 6:07 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