

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

## Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

Date: October 13, 2020

Place: VBSD Fine Arts Center

Lance Lanier called the regular meeting to order at 5:31 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  
Christy Mayo  
Candice Settle-Beshears  
Carman Young

### **Members Present**

The following members were absent:

### **Members Absent**

Theresa Bell

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

Dustin McRoberts, Fine Arts Center Director, represented the Pointer Media Team. He reported that they have been recently striving to provide upgraded photo, video, graphic design, and live streaming services to our community for multiple sports. Last year 250 viewers tuned in to Friday Football Live Streams. This year the numbers are up to 2300. They are planning to add instant replay as well as other features to promote Van Buren School District.

### **Reports and Recognitions**

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

**Approve Consent  
Agenda**

- D.1.1.** The minutes of the September 8, 2020, Regular Meeting, of the Board of Directors
- D.1.2.** 2020-2021 Financial Interest Vendor List
- D.1.3.** Policy changes proposed by Administration

Director Young made a motion with a second by Director Settle-Beshears to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

**Approve Meeting  
Agenda**

**District Operations –**

- E.1.** Director Settle-Beshears made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the financial statement for the month of September, 2020. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.2.** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Freeman to approve the Act 1120 5% Increases for FY2020 Resolution as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.3.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the legal transfer of students as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.4.** Director Robert Freeman was selected as the delegate to the Arkansas School Boards Association State Conference.
- E.5.** Board Members were asked to review the documents sent to them regarding student JC. The parents of student JC were not present and did not wish to appeal.

Director Settle-Beshears made a motion with a second by Director K Bell to approve the recommendation of expulsion for student JC for 365 days from the date of the incident. At that time student JC may return to the IZARD Alternative Learning Center. The motion carried 6-0.

- 1. School Funding – The State Adequacy Committee is recommending a 2.33% foundation funding increase for FY2022 and FY2023.
- 2. Enrollment – Enrollment for Oct 1 is 5423
- 3. Dark Store Theory – The dark store theory is a

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tax strategy suggesting that properties should be appraised and valued the same whether they are operating or shuttered. Big box retailers use this to lower their property tax value. Dark store theory is becoming an issue in Arkansas and could affect tax revenue for school districts in the not so far off future.

4. Education Foundation – The Education Foundation distributed \$10 gift cards, that can be used at local businesses, to all VBSD staff.
5. Child Nutrition Department – When school was closed during the spring the Child Nutrition Dept did not receive close to \$200,000 in meal reimbursements. To help make up for this, the state is giving school districts an allocation. VBSD will receive \$185,000.
6. Free meals for all students have been extended and will continue for the remainder of the school year.
7. Parkview and Rena libraries are very close to being complete.
8. The District plans to implement a design-build agreement for the Blakemore Field Entry Area Project. The project is planned to begin immediately after football season.

## **Human Resources –**

**G.1.** The Board did not go into closed session.

**G.2.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to approve the personnel report as submitted. The motion carried 6-0.

## **Adjournment -**

Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Settle-Beshears to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried 6-0.

Approved by:

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Lance Lanier, 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