

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

## Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

Date: November 10, 2020

Place: VBSD Fine Arts Center

Lance Lanier called the regular meeting to order at 4:33 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

### Members Present

The following members attended remotely:

### Members Attending Remotely

Carman Young

The following members were absent:

### Members Absent

Theresa Bell

The following administrators were present:

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

Nancy Robbins, Material Evaluation Committee Chair  
Miranda Crawford, VBSD Parent  
Materials: *Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson*  
*Shout by Laurie Halse Anderson*

### Materials Evaluation

Mrs. Robbins reported the process, comments, and decision of the committee. She answered questions from the Board.

Mrs. Crawford spoke to the Board about her concerns and wishes for the removal of the books from the Middle Schools.

Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Settle-Beshears to uphold the committee's decision which was to keep both books, *Speak* and *Shout* in the eighth grade classroom libraries and *Speak* in the middle school library. The motion carried 6-0.

The Board recognized the Van Buren High School Band. The VBHS Band recently competed at the state level and was named the 2020 Arkansas 6A State Marching Band Champions. This is the third State Championship won by the VBHS band in the last four years.

### **Reports and Recognitions**

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

### **Approve Consent Agenda**

- D.1.1.** The minutes of the October 13, 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 Mayo made a motion with a second by Director K Bell 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 K Bell to approve the financial statement for the month of October, 2020. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.2.** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Freeman to approve the payment of ATU Concurrent Credit tuition/fees as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.3.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to approve the legal transfer of students as presented. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.4.** Director Settle-Beshears made a motion with a second by Director Freeman to approve MAHG as the design-build firm for the Blakemore renovation as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

**Superintendent  
Report**

1. Covid Update – VBSD has been selected for two types of rapid detection testing, BINAX Screeners and Veritor Systems. BINAX is as it says, a screener and Veritor is a test for staff who are already showing symptoms.
2. Blakemore Renovation Project – While renovating the entrance of Blakemore Field, plans are to remove the building at IZARD which would mean that the ALE program would move. ALE can move into the Adult Education building and Adult Education will move from their building into available space at City Heights.

**Human Resources –**

- G.1.** The Board went into closed session at 6:30 p.m. The remote line with Director Young was disconnected.  
The Board returned to open session at 6:50 p.m.
- G.2.** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Settle-Beshears to approve the personnel report as submitted. The motion carried 5-0.

**Adjournment -**

Director Settle-Beshears made a motion with a second by Director Freeman to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.

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