

VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

Date: January 12, 2021

Place: VBSD Fine Arts Center

Lance Lanier called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 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
Theresa Bell
Jacob Howell
Christy Mayo
Carman Young

Members Present

The following administrators were present:

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

Board Members heard presentations from Principals representing King Elementary School and Northridge Middle School. Administrators told about programs and events that are successful as they transition to a more virtual way of serving their students.

Reports and Recognitions

Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

D.1.1. The minutes of the December 8, 2020, Regular Meeting, of the Board of Directors

D.1.2. 2020 School Board Training Hours

Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

Approve Meeting Agenda

District Operations –

- E.1.** Director Freeman made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the financial statement for the month of December, 2020. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.2** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the legal transfer of students as presented. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.3** Director Freeman made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the purchase of a modular classroom as presented. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.4** Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to approve the extended Covid leave resolution as presented. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.5** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the resolution to transfer funds as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

- 1. Blakemore Project – MAHG opened bids that came in at 2.3M which is as expected. Danny Spears presented an update on the self-construction projects that are underway.
- 2. Funding – VBSD received 1.3M from the CARES Act. We are expecting to receive an additional 5M from HEROS funding.
- 3. Legislative Session – Arkansas Legislative Session started this week. We will be watching very closely and keeping the Board updated.
- 4. Covid Update – Karen Allen updated the Board on the number of staff absences since we returned from break. She also explained the plan for staff (Group 1B) to receive the Covid vaccine that will be available beginning January 18th.
- 5. VBHS Basketball – Due to Covid, VBHS Basketball has cancelled games scheduled for January 12, 15, and 19.

Superintendent Report

Human Resources –

- G.1.** The Board went into closed session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The Board returned to open session at 6:59 p.m.

G.2. Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the personnel report and addendum as submitted. The motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment -

Director Young made a motion with a second by Director K Bell to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

Approved by:

Lance Lanier, President of the Board

Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, Ex-Officio Secretary

Reported by Shari L. Ross, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent/School Board