

VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

Date: January 10, 2023

Place: Fine Arts Center

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
Kevin Bell
Lance Lanier
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

The Board recognized the Van Buren High School Band. Drew Cone, VBSD Athletic Director, introduced VBHS Band Director, Ron Smith. Mr. Cone said that the band won their third state championship in a row and that they had won five of the last six Arkansas 6A State Championships. Mr. Smith introduced his staff and two senior students.

Reports and Recognitions

Dr. Jeffcoat announced that January is School Board Recognition Month and thanked Board Members for all they do for the Van Buren School District

Dr. Jeffcoat asked the Board to notice the Course Planning Guide placed in front of them. These planning guides will be given to secondary students and parents to help them get ready for class scheduling this spring.

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

Approve Consent Agenda

D.1.1. The minutes of the December 13, 2022, Regular Meeting, of the Board of Directors

D.1.2. The 2022 School Board Training Hours

Director T Bell 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 Lanier made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to approve the financial statement for the month of December, 2022. The motion carried 7-0.

E.2. Director Howell 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 T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve the purchase of six (6) leased buses as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

1. Arena Renovation Update -

The renovation is 90% complete. The arena was built 12 years ago. These are the first updates in that 12 year time frame.

Superintendent Report

2. Training Hours – ASBA/DESE requires that all board members complete training hours and that those hours are reported at the end of each calendar year. Your hours were emailed to you for review. Those hours will be reported before the end of January.

3. Kindergarten Registration – The date for Kindergarten Registration is April 14, 2023.

4. Health Insurance Rates - New health insurance rates will go into effect with the January payroll.

Human Resources –

- H.1.** The Board went into closed session at 6:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Superintendent Evaluation. The Board returned to open session at 6:30 p.m.
- H.2.** Director K Bell made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve the personnel report as submitted. The motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment -

Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Young to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

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