

VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Special Called Board Meeting Date: July 16, 2024 Place: District Office

Jacob Howell called the special called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Director Howell welcomed all that were in attendance.

Special Meeting Called to Order

The following members were present:

Roll Call

Jacob Howell, President
Christy Mayo, Vice President
Carman Young, Secretary
Kevin Bell
Theresa Bell
Bob Freeman
Lance Lanier

Members Present

The following administrators were present:

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

Mrs. Karen Allen introduced to the Board the newly hired Administrators. Attending were: Jeff Dean, Parkview Elementary Principal; Beth Talley, Central Elementary Asst. Principal; and BreAnne Rogers, Freshman Academy Asst. Principal. Unable to attend because they were at the Renaissance Conference were: Crystal Reeves, King Elementary Asst. Principal; and Brad Reeves, Freshman Academy Principal.

Reports and Recognitions

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

Approve Consent Agenda

- D.1.1.** The minutes of the June 11, 2024, Regular Meeting, of the Board of Directors
- D.1.2.** Student Transfer Report

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

Approve Meeting Agenda

District Operations –

- E.1.** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve the financial statement for the month of June, 2024. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.2.** Director Lanier made a motion with a second by Director Freeman to approve the student transfers 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 Northridge Middle School Gym bleachers as presented. The motion carried 7-0.
- E.4.** Director Lanier made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the ASBA Insurance Renewal as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

- 1. High School Construction – Bids have been rec'd. Originally came in at 9.7M but have scaled back to 9.1M. Portables are ready to be moved.
- 2. No Cell Phone Policy @ VBHS – Board discussed information given by Dr. Jeffcoat and high school principal, Eddie Tipton, regarding no cell phone policy pilot program started by Governor Sanders. Lots of details left to work through.
- 3. Back-to-School Convocation – August 8th @ 8:30 a.m.
- 4. First Day of School – August 14th; Last Day of School – May 21st
- 5. Dragonfly – Shari will be working in your Dragonfly accounts to renew your AAA Sports Pass. Please disregard any strange or alarming emails.
- 6. LEARNS Act-Merit Pay – Dr. Jeffcoat explained the situation with merit pay and that a miscommunication from the state caused 12 staff members to miss out on merit pay. Dr. Jeffcoat asked for permission to research the things that caused them to not be eligible and if those prove to be out of their control he will bring a payment resolution to the board at the August board meeting. The resolution would allow the District to pay those 12 teachers what they would have been paid in merit pay had the communication from the state been clear.

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 Young to approve the personnel reports as submitted. The motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment -

Director Young made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

Approved by:

Jacob Howell, President of the Board

Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, Ex-Officio Secretary

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