

VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

Date: January 14, 2025

Place: District Office

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

**Regular Meeting
Called to Order**

The following members were present:

Roll Call

Jacob Howell, President
Christy Mayo, Vice President
Kevin Bell
Theresa Bell
Lance Lanier
Kyle Putman

Members Present

The following members were absent:

Members Absent

Carman Young, Secretary

The following administrators were present:

**Administrators
Present**

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

Mr. Myron Heckman introduced 1st Sergeant Phillips and the Van Buren High School JROTC. Several cadets are being recognized this month for their kindness and service to the community over the holidays. They were visiting the Alma Nursing and Rehab Center and noticed that 57 "angels" were still on their tree. They adopted all 57 angels and recruited the other JROTC cadets to help fill the wishes of the angels. Then they visited the Center to deliver the gifts and spend quality time with the residents.

**Reports and
Recognitions**

Mr. Myron Heckman presented part 2 of attendance data explaining how elementary counselors set goals and track data to encourage student growth.

Director Lanier 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 December 10, 2024, Regular Meeting, of the Board of Directors
- D.1.2.** 2024 School Board Training Hours
- D.1.3.** Physical Education Waiver
- D.1.4.** Student Transfer Report
- D.1.5.** Student Discipline

Director T Bell 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 Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Lanier to approve the financial statement for the month of December, 2024. The motion carried 6-0.
- E.2.** Director Lanier made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the 26-27 Estimated Budget of Expenditures as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

- 1. Statement of Financial Interest – Mrs. Ross will have your 2024 statements for you after the meeting. Please return the completed statements by January 27th.
- 2. Kindergarten Registration – April 11, 2025
- 3. Enrollment – 5567 This number is down from last year by about 150 likely due to the Tyson closure.
- 4. VBHS Graduation – May 16, 2025, Blakemore Field. Plan B is to reserve UAFS Stubblefield Center as a bad weather space.
- 5. Snow Days – Two make-up days are currently Feb 17th and March 21st

Superintendent Report

Human Resources –

- H.1.** Director K Bell made a motion to go into closed session at 5:47 p.m. for the purpose of Superintendent evaluation. A second was made by Director Lanier. The motion carried 6-0
The Board returned to open session at 6:03 p.m.
- H.2.** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to approve the personnel report as submitted. The motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment -

Director Putman made a motion with a second by Director K Bell to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. The motion carried 6-0.

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