

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

**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting**

**Date: February 11, 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  
Carman Young, Secretary  
Theresa Bell  
Kyle Putman

**Members Present**

The following members were absent:

**Members Absent**

Kevin Bell  
Lance Lanier

The following administrators were present:

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Present**

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

Mrs. Sonia Guerrero introduced Jay Gentry, Northridge Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, who recently won the 2025 Crawford County Spelling Bee. He will represent Crawford County at the Arkansas State Spelling Bee in Little Rock on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Reports and  
Recognitions**

Mr. Myron Heckman introduced Van Buren High School Biomedical Students and their teacher, Rebecca Carlson. The Biomedical class is part of the Career and Tech Education (CTE) program at VBHS.

Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

**Approve Consent  
Agenda**

- D.1.1.** The minutes of the January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting, of the Board of Directors
- D.1.2.** Policy Changes proposed by the Personnel Policy Committee and Administration
- D.1.3.** Student Transfer Report
- D.1.4.** 24-25 Approved Vendor List
- D.1.5.** Student Discipline

Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Putman to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

**Approve Meeting  
Agenda**

### **District Operations –**

- E.1.** Director Young made a motion with a second by Director Putman to approve the financial statement for the month of January, 2025. The motion carried 5-0.
- E.2.** Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to approve student transfer GC EC as presented. The motion carried 5-0.
- E.3.** Director Putman made a motion with a second by Director Mayo to approve student transfer AJM as presented. The motion carried 5-0.
- E.4.** Director T Bell made a motion with a second by Director Putman to approve student transfer CR as presented. The motion carried 5-0.
- E.5.** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Putman to approve student transfer AS as presented. The motion carried 5-0.
- E.6.** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve Option 1 of the 25-26 school calendar as presented. The motion carried 5-0.
- E.7.** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Putman to approve the school choice application list as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

- 1. Safety Grant – The District will be receiving funds to help purchase more safety equipment and complete existing and future safety projects. Mr. Summerhill is making student and staff safety a top priority.

**Superintendent  
Report**

2. Legislation – Legislators began meeting on January 13, 2025. Currently 94 education bills have been filed. Dr. Jeffcoat highlighted several bills that are being discussed.
3. Tilapia Harvest – The first group of tilapia from the aquaponics facility have been sent to harvest. They will be ready for purchase soon.
4. New Administration Building – The District closed on the new administration building property, located at 14 Gothic Ridge Road, on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Renovations have already started.

## **Human Resources –**

**H.1.** The Board did not go into closed session.

**H.2.** Director Mayo made a motion with a second by Director Young to approve the personnel report as submitted. The motion carried 5-0.

## **Adjournment -**

Director Young made a motion with a second by Director T Bell to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.

Approved by:

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Jacob Howell, 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