Van Buren Board of Education
Minutes of the Board of Education
Regular Meeting

February 10, 2020

President Pearce called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Joe Brodie, Athletic Director, acknowledged the Fall Athletes in Football, Soccer and Volleyball. 2019-2020 KLAA All-Conference in Football were Deion Burks, Jamari Buddin, Christian Dhue-Reid, Darrell Johnson, Hunter Little, Darian Murray, Damon Payne, Myles Rowser, Andre Seldon, Coleon Smith and Cameron Wallace. Boys Soccer awards went to Chandler Wilson and Josiah Yoder. Volleyball awards went to Jasmine Jones, Adriana Lane and Denae Shelby. Congratulations Athletes!

Board members present: Amy Pearce, Susan Featheringill, Keith Johnston, Kelly Owen, Calvin Hawkins, Darlene Loyer Gerick and Simone Pinter. Also in attendance were: Superintendent Peter Kudlak, Sara Cortese, Director of Finance, Abdul Madyun, Director of Human Resources, James Williams, Director of Plant Operations and Jeff Moore, Director of Instruction. Karen Johnston, Director of Student Services was absent. Motion by Kelly Owen, support by Keith Johnston, that the Board approve the agenda as presented. There was discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Questions and comments from the audience regarding Agenda Items – None

Motion by Susan Featheringill, support by Calvin Hawkins, to approve the consent agenda as presented with the removal of check #149761 for $108.00 to Johnston Enterprises and check # 149739 for $168.00 to Amy Reeves; Minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2020; Minutes from the Closed Session Meeting of January 27, 2020; Requested Changes in Instructional Staff: Resignation, Lauren Kinnamon, BHS teacher, less than 1 year for job opportunity, effective 2/20/20; Requested Changes in Non-Instructional Staff: Resignation, Marcus Steele, Tyler Elementary Paraprofessional, one year service for job opportunity, effective 1/27/20, Recommended Frank Murphy, Student Services Paraprofessional, effective 1/27/20; Check Register and NJROTC Field Trip. There was discussion. Motion carried.

The first administrative item was the France Field Trip. Ms. Mulvey, BHS French Teacher, spoke about the upcoming trip to France. For the trip, they will be using World Strides Travel Agency. 18 students will be attending this year. We are planning on doing this every two years. Ms. Mulvey felt that it is important to dive into the culture and speak the language in order to make a lasting impression. Motion by Kelly Owen, support by Keith Johnston, that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approve the 2020 BHS France Field Trip for the French Class students as presented. There was discussion. Motion carried.

The next item was the VBEA Contract Approval presented by Mr. Madyun. This is a two year contract. There is an economic opener built in as well as the health coverage remaining the same. Marcus Hosman, VBEA President, spoke a little bit about the process and that he felt this contract was moving in the right direction as far as a more competitive comparison in the Wayne

County area. He said that they are also very happy with the longevity pay that was added. Motion by Darlene Loyer Gerick, support by Keith Johnston that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approve the Tentative Agreement between the Van Buren Public Schools District and the Van Buren Education Association dated January 23, 2020 as presented. There was discussion. Motion carried with Susan Featheringill and Simone Pinter abstaining due to conflicts of interest.

The third agenda item was the Early Middle College/Dual Enrollment Presentation by Jeff Moore. The purpose of this presentation was to give an update of the BHS students taking classes to earn college credits for the 2019-2020 school year. Information only.

The next item was the AE (Architect & Engineer) Recommendation. James Williams referred to the presentation from the previous board meeting and asked if there were any questions. Motion by Kelly Owen, support by Simone Pinter that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approve IDS, Integrated Design Solutions, as the AE Design Firm with the total award recommendation of $1,615,000 which includes a total fixed fee of $1,600,000 for the scope of services described in the RFP and the AIA B101-2017 draft contract and a Not-to-Exceed amount of $15,000 for reimbursable expenses as outlined in the AIA B101-2017 draft contract as presented. There was discussion. Motion carried.

The last item was the EVAAS Presentation. Mr. Moore shared the EVAAS data which is academic growth data based on M-Step and PSAT results. The state has been using this tool for over two years; however, many districts are just now starting to use this tool. Information only.

Questions & Comments from the Audience for non-Agenda items - None

Cabinet Member Reports:

BHS Students – Amon Madyun and Maggie Southers – Monday through Wednesday BHS will have candy sales that will be delivered on Friday, Feb. 14; the last week of February, BHS will have an assembly celebrating Black History Month; Belleville's Got Talent will be on Feb. 26; Feb. 18-Feb. 21 will be the Week of Kindness with each day representing a nationwide cause; BWW Fundraiser on Feb. 12 for the Senior Class.

Sara Cortese - Director of Finance – I will be working with James Williams and Karen Waller because the fund balance for the food service is too large and money needs to be spent. Pete and I participated in a conference call with Baker/Tilly to receive our bond rating.

Pete Kudlak – Superintendent – On Feb. 2, the Dental Clinic held their free clinic for the community at Edgemont Elementary School. The stats from that day were:

DENTAL
108 guests served
103 X-rays provided
69 people had teeth cleaned (several told me that this was so much appreciated because they hadn't been able to have teeth cleaned in many years!)
34 teeth were extracted
27 fillings placed

VISION
78 guests served
67 pairs of Rx glasses

Total guests served
186 guests

Total value of services
$86,500
We are looking at changing some of our tobacco/vaping discipline actions. The whole point is for students to stop vaping or smoking. We want to give those help or support to stop. Abdul will give a Hard Cap Presentation at the next board meeting.

Abdul Madyun - Director of Human Resources – Will be starting negotiations with VBASA and then VBEST.

Jeff Moore – Director of Instruction – Sara and I have been working hard on the Marshall Plan and GIS Grants.

Items of Business from the Members of the Board:

Darlene Loyer Gerick – Grilled at the Mongolian BBQ two weeks ago for a BHS Fundraiser. It was a lot of hard work. Sue Duda-Osborne and Stefanie Halliday announced that the sign language class will sign the National Anthem at a Detroit Tiger Game this summer.

Amy Pearce – Thank you Mr. Moore for your presentations. Supplemental Count Day is February 12 and the schools will also be celebrating the 100th day of school. Girls Basketball plays on Tuesday and Friday. Come out and support the teams. McBride Middle School is having their NJHS Induction on Thursday at BHS.

Calvin Hawkins – I liked Mr. Moore's presentation on EVAAS. The information is still hard to take in but I am glad we are attacking it. Want to see us defeat this problem.

Susan Featheringill – Mr. Moore had great presentations.

Motion by Susan Featheringill, support by Kelly Owen to adjourn the regular meeting.

Regular session adjourned at 8:24p.m.

Darlene Loyer Gerick
Board of Education Secretary

Debra McWilliams
Recording Secretary