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

**January 14, 2019**

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Belleville High School Commons on January 14, 2019. Superintendent Kudlak called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Board Members present: Susan Featheringill, Darlene Loyer Gerick, Calvin Hawkins, Amy Pearce, Keith Johnston, Kelly Owen, and Simone Pinter. Also in attendance were Superintendent Peter Kudlak, Abdul Madyun, Director of Human Resources, Jeff Moore, Director of Instruction, James Williams, Director of Plant Operations, Karen Johnston, Director of Student Services and Shareen Barker, Director of Finance.

Superintendent Kudlak accepted nominations for the Office of President. Susan Featheringill nominated Keith Johnston. Superintendent did a roll call and it was 6-0 vote for Keith Johnston with Mr. Johnston abstaining. Keith Johnston was elected as President of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education for the 2019 year.

President Johnston opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Simone Pinter nominated Susan Featheringill for Vice President. The vote was as follows: 7-0 vote for Susan Featheringill. Susan Featheringill was elected Vice President of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education for the 2019 year.

President Johnston opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Susan Featheringill nominated Darlene Loyer Gerick for Secretary. The vote was as follows: 7-0 vote for Darlene Loyer Gerick. Darlene Loyer Gerick was elected Secretary of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education for the 2019 year.

President Johnston opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Darlene Loyer Gerick nominated Simone Pinter for Treasurer. The vote was as follows: 7-0 vote for Simone Pinter. Simone Pinter was elected Treasurer of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education for the 2019 year.

Superintendent Kudlak explained the meeting schedule presented. It was noted by Susan Featheringill that there were two board meetings listed in July when usually we only have one meeting that month. Mr. Kudlak said we can keep it and take a look at the need for two as we get closer to July. Motion by Susan Featheringill, support by Darlene Loyer Gerick that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approve the Board of Education Meetings Schedule for January through December 2019 as presented. There was discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Shareen Barker presented the recommendation to continue to utilize PNC Bank as depository for the District. Motion by Darlene Loyer Gerick, support by Amy Pearce to approve the

Depository Resolution for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. There was discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Shareen Barker presented the recommendation to continue to authorize the Director of Finance or the Superintendent as investment authority for the District. Motion by Kelly Owen, support by Susan Featheringill to approve the Resolution for Investment Authority for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. There was discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

President Johnston noted the need to appoint Board Members to Committee positions. He asked for volunteers. The positions were assigned accordingly:

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| Finance Committee: | Simone Pinter, Amy Pearce, Susan Featheringill |
| Policy Committee: | Calvin Hawkins, Amy Pearce, Susan Featheringill |
| School Improvement: | Kelly Owen, Darlene Loyer Gerick, Calvin Hawkins |
| Facilities Committee: | Simone Pinter, Keith Johnston, Darlene Loyer Gerick |
| Health Advisory: | Kelly Owen, Keith Johnston |

The Reinstatement Committee will be filled by a monthly rotation of two board members.

The Organizational Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

## Regular Meeting

President Johnston called the Regular meeting to order at 7:15p.m.

Mr. Kudlak read the Resolution recognizing School Board Members this month and presented each board member with a copy of the resolution and certificate of appreciation. Mr. Kudlak thanked each member for their hard work and dedication to the district.

Mr. Kuklak also thanked Bob and Carrie Castino as well as the BYC for their generous donations in December to VBPS families. It was overwhelming generosity and it made a difference to all those families. They were presented with a certificate of appreciation.

Lastly, Mr. Kudlak thanked Jessica Darcy and the Holiday Inn Express in Belleville for their donation of hats and mittens to Rawsonville Elementary School. Each student received one or the other or both before leaving for Winter Break.

Board Members present: Susan Featheringill, Darlene Loyer Gerick, Calvin Hawkins, Amy Pearce, Keith Johnston, Kelly Owen, and Simone Pinter. Also in attendance were Superintendent Peter Kudlak, Abdul Madyun, Director of Human Resources, Jeff Moore, Director of Instruction, James Williams, Director of Plant Operations, Karen Johnston, Director of Student Services and Shareen Barker, Director of Finance.

Motion by Susan Featheringill, support by Kelly Owen, that the Board approve the agenda with the removal of check # 145611 to Johnston Lithograph in the amount of $1240.00 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Questions and comments from the audience regarding Agenda Items – None

Motion by Kelly Owen, support by Darlene Loyer Gerick, to approve the consent agenda as presented; Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2018; Minutes from the December 10, 2018 Closed Session #1 & #2; Requested Changes in Instructional Staff, Bridget Cole, Edgemont Elementary School Resource Room Teacher beginning 1/14/19; Requested Changes in Non-Instructional Staff, Chrystal Lampinen, Edgemont Elementary School Paraprofessional beginning January 7, 2019; and Check Register.

The first administrative item was to ratify the Closing of Denton Road Property that took place on December 27, 2018. Mr. Kudlak was present to sign all paperwork on behalf of the VBPS Board of Education. There was a motion by Darlene Loyer Gerick, support by Kelly Owen to ratify the closing of the Denton Road Property located in Canton Township for the sum of $425,000.00 which includes all documents signed by the Superintendent on behalf of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education as presented. There was discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

The next item was the Board Operating Procedures. This was discussion only regarding any changes that need to be made to the Operating Procedures Manual. Mr. Kudlak and the Board Members went through each page of the manual. This will be taken to the next Board Meeting for approval. Information only.

The third item on the agenda was the MASB Training Share-out from Susan Featheringill. Ms. Featheringill had attended a MASB workshop and wanted to share the information she had gotten at those meetings. She also said how important it is for all of the board members to attend these classes whenever possible. There was discussion. Information only.

**Cabinet Member Reports:**

**Shareen Barker - Director of Finance** – Mr. Kudlak and I will be looking for a credit rating for the bonds. This week is another District Wide PTO Meeting and a Decision Based Budget Meeting.

**Pete Kudlak – Superintendent** – The generosity of the community is overwhelming. The support is phenomenal. The Robotics Club started their season off this past Saturday. The St. Anthony's Property purchase is moving along.

**Karen Johnston – Director of Special Services** – The admin building is getting a make-over and looks great. Working on the Act 18 money for the ASD program budget which is due on Wednesday. Still conducting interviews for open positions.

**Abdul Madyun – Director of Human Resources** – Still working on teacher negotiations. There is a shortage of paraprofessionals everywhere. My office has been holding paraprofessional testing once a month to help get them certified.

**Jeff Moore – Director of Instruction** – Would like to thank the community for all their generosity during the holidays. Gave the members a sample of the STEAM Logo. This event will be February 2, 2019. Also, thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Hussey, who graciously donated $1250.00 for a book program at Rawsonville Elementary School.

**Maggie Southers and Soraya Taylor – BHS Students** – On January 30, 2019 there is a Dine to Donate at the Mongolian BBQ to support the Senior Party. The week of February 11, 2019 is Homecoming Week. Also this week is the Random Acts of Kindness which acknowledges kind things done by others throughout the week. The Tuff Puff game is the week of Feb. 11, 2019.

**Items of Business from the Members of the Board:**

**Amy Pearce** – It would be nice to get something that could be passed out to students with resources and where they can get help. Do It For Daniel was a great success. Jeff Olson, father of Daniel who struggled with mental illness his whole life, shared his story and hopes to help others struggling with the same issues. Mr. Tedaldi, teacher at BHS, was honored at the U of M basketball game as the Teacher of the Game.

**Darlene Loyer Gerick** – Also agrees with Ms. Pearce that there should be something to hand out to parents, students, staff with resources on where to get help if needed.

**Calvin Hawkins** – Encouraged by the weekly principal reports and everything that is going on in our schools.

President Johnston stated that there was a need to go into closed session pursuant to Open Meetings Act 8(b) – Student Discipline. Motion by Darlene Loyer Gerick, support by Simone Pinter, that the Board adjourns into closed session at 8:26pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Darlene Loyer Gerick, support by Kelly Owen to enter back into open session at 9:15pm.

Administrative Item for action on Student Discipline. It was stated that there will be no action taken.

Motion by Susan Featheringill, support by Kelly Owen to adjourn the regular meeting. Regular session adjourned at 9:15pm.

Darlene Loyer Gerick
Board of Education Secretary

Debra McWilliams
Recording Secretary