Valley View School Board
February 02, 2026
Blazer House (1632 Strawfloor Drive)
5:30 PM

The Valley View School Board met for its regular board meeting on February 02, 2026, at 5:30 PM at Blazer House, 1632 Strawfloor Drive, Jonesboro, AR.

Board Members present included Dr. Kristy Rowe – President, Todd Reed – Vice President, Ryan Gibson – Secretary, Michael Phillips – Disbursing Officer, Brant Tosh – Alternate Disbursing Officer, Richard Rogers – Member, and Lee Lane – Member.

On a motion by Richard Rogers, seconded by Todd Reed, with a unanimous decision of 7-0, the board meeting was opened and minutes from the previous board meeting on January 05, 2026, were read and approved.

DISTRICT RECOGNITION/STUDENT ACADEMIC DATA REPORT:
Sara Osment, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Career & Technical Programs Data Overview, which included data on the career and technical education programs of study currently offered to Valley View students as well as the number of students who completed each program of study in the 2024-2025 school year.

No Action was taken by the Board.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:
Angie Berryhill, C.R. Crawford Senior Project Manager, and Jeff Steiling, Architect, provided an update on the construction progress of the New High School Addition. Mrs. Berryhill and Mr. Steiling shared the current status of testing being conducted on components of the project completed to date that have shown through quality assurance testing to be outside established parameters. Mr. Steiling and the project structural engineer are currently reviewing all testing data as it is received to determine next steps. This review process should be completed by the end of the week.

No Action was taken by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Roland Popejoy, Superintendent, noted that there were no signatures on the Public Comment sign-in sheet.

STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS:
Roland Popejoy, Superintendent, informed the Board that there were no student transfer requests recommended for denial.

Student transfer requests approved by the superintendent during the month prior under the board resolution are included as an addendum. (see attached)

Roland Popejoy, Superintendent, shared with the Board an update on the Student Choice applications to date.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:
Administrative reports were included in the board packet as well as communicated to the Board during the meeting.

Roland Popejoy, Superintendent, shared District Upcoming Events with the Board. The following specific events were highlighted:

- February 4 - National Signing Day - 10:30 AM - Blazer Arena
- February 6 - Basketball Homecoming vs. Batesville -
  - Chili Supper w/ Cinnamon Rolls - Starting at 5:00 PM
  - Court Presentations @ 5:30 PM
  - Rescheduled Basketball Centennial Celebration
  - Recognition of '56/'86/'01 Basketball Teams Between Games
- February 10 - Basketball vs. Paragould
  - Rescheduled Hall of Honor Presentation Between Games
- February 19 - Agriculture Community Open House & Lunch - High School Agri Shop at 10:00 AM
- February 21 - CTE Auction - Meal & Silent Auction at 5:00 PM and Live Auction at 6:00 PM

No Action was taken by the Board.

FINANCIAL REPORT:
On a motion by Brant Tosh, seconded by Michael Phillips, with a unanimous decision of 7-0, the Board approved the December 2025 Monthly Financial Report presented by Judy Clampit, CFO.

CONSIDER APPROVAL PROPOSED POLICY REVISIONS FOR POLICIES 4.4, 4.47, & 7.12:
Roland Popejoy, Superintendent, provided Proposed Policy Revisions from the Arkansas School Boards Association (ASBA) to the Board.

The revisions included revising the wording used in Policy 4.4 on the process used when evaluating students transferring into the district for placement purposes, defining special school events in Policy 4.47 for allowable possession and use of personal electronic devices, including the possession and use of personal electronic devices in concurrent credit courses for two-factor authentication in Policy 4.47, and specifying the intent of the Board with the district's mileage reimbursement rate of $0.52 in Policy 7.12.

On a motion by Michael Phillips, seconded by Brant Tosh, with a unanimous decision of 7-0, the board took the recommendation of the superintendent and approved the proposed policy revisions for 4.4, 4.47, and 7.12. (see attached)

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY LEAD SALARY SCHEDULE:
Roland Popejoy, Superintendent, communicated to the Board that the Interim Technology Lead positions are the leadership positions that are being created to coordinate the technology department for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year upon the resignation of Bubba Carter as Technology Director.

On a motion by Lee Lane, seconded by Todd Reed, with a unanimous decision of 7-0, the board took the recommendation of the superintendent and approved the Technology Lead Salary Schedule. (see attached)

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ASBA LEAGAL LIABILITY INSURANCE QUOTE FOR EDUCATORS LIABILITY, EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY AND GENERAL LIABILITY OUTSIDE OF ARKANSAS:
On a motion by Todd Reed, seconded by Michael Phillips, with a unanimous decision of 7-0, the board took the recommendation of the superintendent and approved the ASBA insurance renewal for educators legal liability and employment practices liability in the amount of $17,651.77 and the general liability outside of Arkansas in the amount of $541.05, beginning February 01, 2026 and ending on January 31, 2027.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
The Board moved into Executive Session at 6:24 PM to discuss Employment.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:22 PM.

CONSIDER PERSONNEL RESIGNATION, RETIREMENTS, INTERNAL TRANSFERS, AND HIRING:
On a motion by Ryan Gibson, seconded by Lee Lane, with a unanimous decision of 6-0, the Board took the recommendation of the superintendent and approved the following personnel actions for the 2025-2026 school year:

Certified Resignations/Retirements:

Kimberly Love	Jr. High Special Education Teacher	(Effective at the end of 2025-2026)
Joseph Waleszonia	High School Social Studies	
	Head Jr. High Football Coach	
	Assistant Boys Soccer Coach	(Effective at the end of 2025-2026)
Jennifer Martin	Elementary Teacher	(Effective at the end of 2025-2026)
Christen Miles	Elementary Teacher	(Effective at the end of 2025-2026)
Laura Blalock	Elementary Teacher	(Effective at the end of 2025-2026)
Cameron Murray	Physical Education Teacher	
	Assistant High School Football Coach	
	Assistant Track Coach	(Last contracted day January 30, 2026)

Classified Internal Transfers/Contract Adjustments:

Tim Long	From: Technology Technician II	
	To: Technology Lead	(Retroactive to January 20, 2026)

Classified New Hires:

Jackson Pugh Technology Lead (Retroactive to January 20, 2026)

Additional/Revised Positions for 2026-2027 School Year:

The Board approved the posting of an Assistant Band Director/Music Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year as a reconfigured Jr. High Music Appreciation position.

The Board Member not present was Michael Phillips – Disbursing Officer.

CONSIDER SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION AND CONTRACT:

On a motion by Richard Rogers, seconded by Ryan Gibson, with a unanimous decision of 6-0, the Board approved the Superintendent's Contract that includes the required A.C.A. §6-17-123 Superintendent Performance Targets requirements and extends the Superintendent's contract through June 30, 2029. (see attached)

OLD BUSINESS:

Roland Popejoy, Superintendent, presented to the Board a revised land lease proposal and certified survey for the potential construction of a monopole wireless communications tower on a portion of the property at 2131 Valley View Drive. The Board tabled this item pending further conversations the Board requested the Superintendent to have with the site acquisition company providing the proposal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Roland Popejoy, Superintendent, presented to the Board a revised 2025-2026 School Calendar to address the additional instructional hours needed to meet the state minimum requirements following the seven (7) days school was closed as a result of the recent extended winter weather event. The revised calendar changes February 3, 2026 to an early release student day rather than a teacher collaboration day prior to parent/teacher conferences, April 3 to a student day rather than a campus closed day, and adds five (5) instructional minutes within the current instructional day in each building for the remaining school days in the calendar.

On a motion by Lee Lane, seconded by Richard Rogers, with a unanimous decision of 6-0, the board took the recommendation of the superintendent and approved the Revised 2025-2026 School Calendar as presented. (see attached)

SET NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The Board set the next regular board meeting for Monday, March 02, 2026, at 5:30 PM in the Administration Board Room.

ADJOURNED:

On a motion by Lee Lane, seconded by Richard Rogers, with a unanimous decision of 6-0, the board meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

President Dr. Kristy Rowe:

Secretary Ryan Gibson: