

VAN BUREN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL SESSION
FEBRUARY 4, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.

The Special Session of the Van Buren Community School Board of Directors came to order February 4, 2015 at 6:01 P.M. at the High School Library in Keosauqua. Members present were President Bob Steingreaber, Vice-President Kara McEntee, Director Sheila Parsons, Director Andrew Lydolph, Director Cindy Lowe, Director Rick Plowman, Director Stan Whitten and Superintendent Dr. Pam Ewell.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Director McEntee, second by Director Whitten to approve the agenda with additions of Dixie Saunders presentation after Approval of Agenda and Supplemental State Aid Resolution listed on the agenda after Joint Board Meeting with Harmony. Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried.

Dixie Saunders Presentation

Dixie Saunders presented a slide show to board members on taxation, valuation and the board's responsibilities to the Assessor's office.

Early Retirement Plan 2014-15-Acceptance of applicants

Dr. Ewell recommended the acceptance of early retirees: Carol Alvis, Dave Alvis, Nancy Dewes, Ed Dickinson and Christine Shaw. Motion by Director Parsons, second by Director McEntee to accept the early retirement of Carol Alvis, Dave Alvis, Nancy Dewes, Ed Dickinson and Christine Shaw. Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried.

Construction documents-Estes and BLDD

No new documents were presented at this time.

Piper Jaffray

The board was presented with a preliminary loan participant package from Piper Jaffray. The distribution of Form of Term Sheet was tabled until a future meeting. To follow the construction timelines already in place this will need to be done by early April.

Approve Krehbiel Insurance, Dennis Krehbiel owner, & MidAmerica Insurance-to administer Health Retirement Accounts (HRA) for retirees

Motion by Director Whitten, second by Director McEntee to approve Krehbiel Insurance, Dennis Krehbiel owner, & MidAmerica Insurance to administer Health Retirement Accounts (HRA) for retirees contingent upon acceptance of contract. Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried.

School Business Official-sharing agreement with Great Prairie AEA-discontinue as per AEA request

The board was presented with a letter from Dennis Gourley informing Van Buren CSD that the sharing agreement with Great Prairie AEA for a School Business Official will end on June 30, 2015. Motion by Director McEntee, second by Director Whitten to accept the termination letter. Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried.

Motion by Director McEntee, second by Director Whitten to approve the following hires, resignations, fundraisers and the consent agenda.

Hires

- a. Varsity softball coach-Chris Harris
- b. Substitute bus driver-Kory Horn (pending licensure)

Resignations

- a. Nancy Helmick, Associate, special education

Fundraisers

- a. Student Council, Kathleen Humble, Feb. 2015, Buckets at school and local businesses, for Kids Against Hunger
- b. Spanish Club, Kathleen Humble, March or April 2015, School Carnival, for Spanish trip and supplies
- c. Three on Three Basketball Tourney, Mike Hurley, Jan. 26-Feb. 5, to American Heart Association

Consent Agenda

- a. Travel and Leave Requests
 - i. National Conference TAP model-Teacher Leadership-grant funds
 1. March 14-15, 2015, Los Angeles, National Conference, overnight
March 13-15
 - a. Mary Dawn Schuck, Jenny Smith

Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried.

Joint Board Meeting with Harmony

The joint board meeting with Harmony will be held March 4th. Harry Heiligenthal is available to facilitate this meeting. The meeting will be held at the Roberts Building if available.

Supplemental Aid Resolution

The board directed Dr. Ewell to work on the resolution to be Van Buren specific. This item will be on the February 18th agenda.

Adjourn

Motion by Director Parsons, second by Director McEntee to adjourn meeting. Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

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WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 4, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.

The Work Session of the Van Buren Community School Board of Directors came to order February 4, 2015 at 7:08 P.M. at the High School Library in Keosauqua. Members present were President Bob Steingreaber, Vice-President Kara McEntee, Director Sheila Parsons, Director Andrew Lydolph, Director Cindy Lowe, Director Rick Plowman, Director Stan Whitten and Superintendent Dr. Pam Ewell.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Director Whitten, second by Director McEntee to approve agenda with the change of moving Transportation Report to follow Approval of Agenda. Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried.

Transportation

The board was presented the bus bids received from Thomas Bus Sales and Bluebird. The board asked Mr. Kevin Hervey to look into the possibility of selling the old buses rather than use them as trade-ins.

March Work Session

There will be a work session before the joint meeting on March 4th pertaining to the Department of Education visit.

Facility Improvements

The sub-committee had a meeting prior to the special session. District administration held a meeting with secondary staff to update them on the facility improvement process and another session will take place with the architect and support staff next week.

2015-2016 School Calendar

The board was presented with three preliminary calendars for the 2015-2016 school year. The board discussed the different start dates presented.

Early Literacy Instruction

Jenny Smith, Bret Moews and Mary Dawn Schuck conducted a presentation explaining new early literacy assessment methods and procedures being completed at the elementary.

Dr. Ewell presented the Superintendent Report. Dr. Ewell presented maps created with Google Maps Engine. She, also, discussed the board policies that need to be addressed.

Motion by Director Whitten, second by Director McEntee to adjourn. Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

By Mindy Smith, District Office Secretary

Dennis Gourley, School Business Official/Board Secretary