

Held Date:

February 14, 2008

The Van Buren Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, February 14, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room with the following roll call:

Mr. Jeff Salisbury	Present
Mr. Ken Rowles	Present
Mr. Matt Conkle	Present
Mrs. Karen Flanagan	Present
Mr. Chris McKinley	Present

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mr. Jeff Salisbury.

#### (08-011) ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mrs. Flanagan and seconded by Mr. Rowles to approve the adjustments to the agenda.

Vote: Mrs. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Rowles, yes; Mr. Conkle, yes; Mr. McKinley, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes.  
The President declared the motion carried.

#### (08-012) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Conkle and seconded by Mrs. Flanagan to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2008, meeting as written.

Vote: Mr. Conkle, yes; Mrs. Flanagan, yes; Mr. McKinley, yes; Mr. Rowles, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes.  
The President declared the motion carried.

Pastor Dan Metzger and Pastor Dick Powell made a presentation to the Board of Education regarding religious education in the Van Buren Elementary School. The administration will research the viability of the proposal and report back to the Board of Education at a later date.

Mr. Dick Lehman, Elementary Principal, reported that kindergarten registration will be Thursday, March 3 through Friday, March 20. The actual screening will take place on Friday, April 4. The Intervention Team continues to work with students, teachers, and parents each week to help identify academic problems. The VBEP A has begun their magazine sale and the last family movie night is Friday, March 7. Other activities for the month of February include an assembly on fire prevention given by the fire department, a safety program given by the sheriff's department, and an assembly called Body Works. The first and second grades had a program called Good Touch, Bad Touch and Stranger Danger given by the Open Arms Council.

Mr. Jay Clark, Middle School Principal, reported that Cameron King won the VBMS spelling bee and the runner up was Julia Endicott. Cameron will represent VBMS at the Hancock County/Findlay City spelling bee. The middle school has three band members and four choir members participating in the OMEA district honors band and choir. The second activity day of the year involved a number of options for students—making a fleece blanket, ice skating, board games, refining cake-decorating skills, building locker shelves, and a Wii tournament. The day began with three nurses leading mini-courses on basic first aid information.

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Mr. Mike Brand, High School Principal, reported that several of our teachers attended the Ohio eTech Conference in Columbus and experienced a variety of programs, teaching tools, and insights to the future of technology. On March 10 through March 14 our sophomore students will take the Ohio Graduation Tests. The Academic Boosters again this year are organizing with the help of parents an energy snack and drink prior to the start of each day's test. The Academic Boosters provide this service to give the students support and encouragement and some extra energy so they can do their very best on each of the tests. Mr. Brand also discussed changes to the course of study for the high school for next year.

**(08-013) CHANGES TO THE HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY APPROVED**

It was moved by Mr. Rowles and seconded by Mr. Conkle to approve the changes to the course of study for the high school for the 2008-2009 school year as presented.

Vote: Mr. Rowles, yes; Mr. Conkle, yes; Mrs. Flanagan, yes; Mr. McKinley, yes; Mr. Salisbury, no. The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Tim Myers, Superintendent, reported that the Management Team for the strategic plan has had a couple of meetings. Participants reviewed the data gathered from small group meetings, school personnel, and other individuals in the community, and attempted to summarize and notate the most prevalent strengths and weakness of the district. Participants have begun to work on developing beliefs and a vision statement for the district, a mission statement, and goals for the district. Other items discussed were maintenance issues, background checks for employees, Tax Incentive Review Council meeting, budget reductions from the Department of Education, the MRDD Strategic Plan, and levy information.

**(08-014) TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT, RECONCILIATION, INVESTMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS APPROVED**

It was moved by Mrs. Flanagan and seconded by Mr. Rowles to approve the financial report, reconciliation, investments, and other business as follows:

1.	01/31/08	Huntington Bank	\$5,867,978.19	4.459%
	01/31/08	Huntington Bank - Bldg. Fund	\$6,647.72	4.458%

2. Increase FY '08 Appropriations as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Increase</u>
018 Public School Support	\$5,230
300 District Managed Activity	3,775
450 School Net Plus Grade 8	5,822

3. Approve an expenditure to Russell Electric in the amount of \$5,853.08 as a "then and now" certification with the date of December 4, 2006.

Vote: Mrs. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Rowles, yes; Mr. Conkle, yes; Mr. McKinley, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes. The President declared the motion carried.

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**(08-15) ADJUSTMENT TO THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Mr. Salisbury and seconded by Mr. Conkle to remove item #3 from the consent agenda (*adoption of resolution on status of Tom Skellie*) to be acted on separately.

Vote: Mr. Salisbury, yes; Mr. Conkle, yes; Mrs. Flanagan, yes; Mr. McKinley, yes; Mr. Rowles, yes. The President declared the motion carried.

**(08-016) CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED**

It was moved by Mrs. Flanagan and seconded by Mr. Rowles to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Employpersonnel for the 2007-2008 school year as follows:

Bus Driver Becky Sybert  
(effective February 8, 2008, for the remainder of  
the 2007-2008 school year at Step 3 of the  
O.A.P.S.E. Collective Bargaining Agreement.)

Custodian I Ann Kuhlman  
(effective February 1, 2008, through June 30, 2008,  
at Step 2 of the O.A.P.S.E. contract)

Home Instructor (Tutor) for Melissa Gilkerson Robin Bird  
at \$15 per hour for 5 hours per week  
effective January 28, 2008, through February 28, 2008,  
(contingent on her medical progress and response to  
the medications provided).

Home Instructor (Tutor) for Michael Wallen, Jr. Robin Bird  
at \$15 per hour for 5 hours per week  
effective January 28, 2008, through March 19, 2008,  
(depending on weather/calamity days).

Substitute Assistant Treasurer Valerie Kaufman  
(at \$14.02 per hour by time sheet)

Substitute Bus Driver (effective February 1, 2008) Ann Kuhlman  
(effective February 4, 2008) Becky Sybert

Substitute Custodian (effective February 8, 2008) David Sattler

2. Accept the resignations of Becky Sybert as custodian effective February 1, 2008, and Ann Kuhlman as bus driver effective February 1, 2008.

Vote: Mrs. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Rowles, yes; Mr. Conkle, yes; Mr. McKinley, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Steve Zerby made a presentation to the Board concerning the club sport of girls golf and requested that the Board consider approving girls golf as a varsity sport for the 2008-2009 school year.

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**(08-017) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Mr. Rowles and seconded by Mrs. Flanagan to convene into executive session at 8:42 P.M. to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing; and preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees. Action may be taken upon return to the regular session.

Vote: Mr. Rowles, yes; Mrs. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Conkle, yes; Mr. McKinley, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes. The President declared the motion carried.

The meeting was opened to the public at 10:28 P.M.

**(08-018) RESOLUTION REGARDING STATUS OF THOMAS D. SKELLIE**

It was moved by Mr. Rowles and seconded by Mrs. Flanagan that the Board authorize the district superintendent to execute the resignation agreement with Thomas D. Skellie.

Vote: Mr. Rowles, yes; Mrs. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Conkle, yes; Mr. McKinley, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes. The President declared the motion carried.

**(08-019) ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Rowles and seconded by Mrs. Flanagan to adjourn at 10:30 P.M.

Vote: Mr. Rowles, yes; Mrs. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Conkle, yes; Mr. McKinley, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Date

Board President

Treasurer