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The Van Buren Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, April 10, 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	Absent

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mr. Matt Conkle.

(08-028) ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

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

(08-029) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Rowles and seconded by Mrs. Flanagan to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2008, regular meeting as written.

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

Mr. Ed May, President of the Van Buren Athletic Boosters, discussed their organization's recently revised and adopted bylaws.

High school FFA members Lacy Allen, Lindsay Rinker, and Brooke Rehus presented the Board with information and answered questions regarding their request to attend the State FFA Convention in Columbus, Ohio on May 2 & 3, 2008.

Mr. Dick Lehman, Elementary Principal, reported that the Elementary Art and Music Extravaganza will be held next week. Kindergarten screening was held for 58 children. The short cycle assessment program continues in the elementary building.

Mr. Jay Clark, Middle School Principal, reported that the third grading period activity day was a big success. Middle school achievement tests begin April 21 with reading and math for all three grades and the eighth graders will also test in science and social studies. Bowling Green State University students shared some recently released children's books in different forms of story-telling such as drama and hands-on activities.

Mr. Mike Brand, High School Principal, reported that scheduling for students has begun for next school year. Other upcoming events include cheerleader tryouts, Sophomore Shadow Day, and the musical presentation of *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Mr. Tim Myers, Superintendent, reported that progress is being made on the installation of the security system at the high school/middle school building. Mr. Myers has met with RCM Architects to discuss two major projects: the front parking lot and the home bleachers at the football field. RCM completed a

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preliminary site survey and will provide an estimate for their services to design the projects, write the specs, advertise and acquire bids. Other items discussed were religious education, girls basketball coach applicants, and strategic planning.

(08-030) TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT, RECONCILIATION, INVESTMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS APPROVED

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

1. 03/31/08 Huntington Bank \$7,364,419.34 3.191%
 03/31/08 Huntington Bank - Building Fund \$6,685.39 3.192%

2. Approve the following advance draw from the Hancock County Auditor on first half real estate tax collections:

March 28, 2008 \$966,000

3. Approve the Special Education contract with the Hancock County Educational Service Center for the 2008-2009 school year as presented.

4. Approve the following modification of appropriations for FY '08:

<u>001 - General Fund</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
1100 Regular Instruction	\$48,000	
2800 Support Services - Public Transportation	\$20,000	
1200 Special Instruction		\$68,000

5. Increase FY '08 appropriations as follows:

200 Student Managed Activity	\$2,421
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6. Approve agreement with Local Government Services Division of the Auditor of State's Office in preparation of the GASB Statement No. 34 financial statements for three years (fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, 2009, 2010). The total cost is not anticipated to exceed \$9,500 for each fiscal year.

7. Approve to notify the Hancock County Board of Revision of our objection to the property valuation reduction request of four taxpayers.

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

(08-031) CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

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

1. Accept the resignation of Inese Underwood as middle school teacher (for the purpose of retirement) effective July 1, 2008.

2. Employ personnel for the 2007-2008 school year as follows:

Drama Director (Musical)	Linda Schwemley
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3. Suspension of contracts at the conclusion of the 2007-2008 school year due to the need to implement a Reduction-in-Force (RIF). The reason is stated as uncertain of need for each employee.

Non-Certificated**Bus Drivers:**

Jan Baker - Kindergarten noon route -- 1 day per week (Monday) for 2 hours by time sheet
 Von Bishop - Kindergarten noon route -- 1 day per week (Monday) for 2 hours by time sheet
 Penny Colburn - Kindergarten noon route -- 1 day per week (Monday) for 2 hours by time sheet
 Terri Sattler - Midday Preschool route -- 4 days per week (Monday - Thursday) for 2 hours per day by time sheet
 Lynnette Griffith - PM Millstream route -- 2 hours per day by time sheet
 Winnie Saum - Midday Preschool/AM Millstream route -- 2 hours a day by time sheet
 Terri Sattler - set hours @ 4.5 hours per day -- spread pay
 Winnie Saum - set hours @ 4 hours per day -- spread pay

4. Non-renewal of non-certified personnel at the conclusion of the 2007-2008 school year as follows:

Extracurricular/Supplemental

Baseball, JV Coach	Andy Fields
Basketball, Boys Freshman Coach	Chris Decker
Basketball, Boys 7th Grade Coach	Tom Bova
Basketball, Girls Reserve Coach	Greg Lee
Basketball, Girls 8th Grade Coach	Jerica Sonnenberg
Basketball, Girls 7th Grade Coach	Gary Hickman
Cheerleading Advisor (Grades 7-8, Fall & Winter)	Audrey Verhoff
Flag Corp Advisor	Chad Clum
Football, Assistant Coach	Andy Amlin
Football, Assistant Coach	Dave Golden
Football, Assistant Coach	Dave Long
Football, Middle School Coach	Joseph Beagle
Golf, Asst. Coach	Mike Kimmet
Intervention Assistant Team	Amy Kennard
Intervention Assistant Team	Michelle McCormick
Knightly News	Jim Baughman
Music, Accompanist to Choir Director	Becky Pummell
Show Choir Choreographer	Antwon Chavis
Soccer, Head Coach	Tom Swaisgood
Soccer, Asst. Coach	Jeff Swaisgood
Softball, Varsity Coach	Stacy Sharp
Softball, Assistant Coach	Alicia Fetter
Track, Assistant Varsity Coach	Dave Long
Track, Assistant Varsity Coach	Ryan Sprout
Track, Assistant Varsity Coach	Lyn Loewen
Track, Middle School Coach	Audrey Verhoff
Volleyball, Freshman Coach	Steve Clark
Volleyball, Eighth Grade Coach	Jennifer Edler
Volleyball, Seventh Grade Coach	Jerica Sonnenberg
Weight Training, Fall 2007	Andy Amlin
Weight Training, Spring 2008	Dave Long
Wrestling, Head Coach	Jerry Gerken
Wrestling, Assistant Coach	Mark Freeman
Wrestling, Middle School Coach	Steve Smith

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5. Employ personnel effective with the 2008-2009 school year as follows:

CERTIFICATED

Three-Year Contract

Angela Cavera	Step 9, BA + 150
Diane Erford	Step 8, MA + 15
Meg Ramlow	Step 11, BA + 150
Don Masters	Step 36, BA

Two-Year Contract

Barbie Corbin	Step 2, MA
Clarisa Gunder	Step 2, BA
Lauren Roush	Step 4, BA + 150

One-Year Contract

Robin Bird (0.5 F.T.E.)	Step 3, MA + 15
Jessica Nagel	Step 6, BA
Darci Van Vlerah (0.5 F.T.E.)	Step 1, MA

6. Amend Resolution #08-016 "Consent Agenda Approved" item #1 as follows:

Home Instructor (Tutor) for Michael Wallen, Jr. at \$15 per hour for 5 hours per week effective January 28, 2008, through March 19, 2008, (depending on weather/calamity days) extend ending date to Friday, June 6, 2008 (end of 2007-2008 school year).	Robin Bird
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7. Approve a request from Erin Gentry, elementary special education teacher, for an unpaid medical leave-of-absence due to maternity leave effective March 18, 2008, and to use the Family and Medical Leave Act. The FMLA provides up to twelve (12) weeks of unpaid, job protected leave for certain family and medical reasons. For the duration of the FMLA leave, the employer must maintain the employee's medical insurance coverage under any "group health plan".
8. Approve a request from Sonya Ruiz, custodian, for an unpaid medical leave-of-absence beginning April 7, 2008 for approximately two (2) weeks.
9. Approve a request from Bridgett Brant, elementary special education teacher, for an unpaid medical leave-of-absence due to maternity leave effective April 1, 2008, and to use the Family and Medical Leave Act. The FMLA provides up to twelve (12) weeks of unpaid, job protected leave for certain family and medical reasons. For the duration of the FMLA leave, the employer must maintain the employee's medical insurance coverage under any "group health plan".
10. Approve Van Buren FFA members and advisor to attend the State FFA Convention in Columbus, Ohio from Friday, May 2, 2008, through Saturday, May 3, 2008.

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11. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a recent break into the maintenance office has resulted in the theft of keys which provide access to all buildings in the Van Buren School District; and

WHEREAS, fully serviceable doors and electronic access controls to the buildings are necessary to provide appropriate safety for students and staff; and

WHEREAS, a project had already begun to replace older doors and retrofit them for alarm and access controls; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Board that the need promptly to repair, remodel, and retrofit various doors to the Van Buren High School/Middle School is hereby found and declared to be an urgent necessity;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Superintendent and Treasurer (or their designees) are authorized immediately to proceed to solicit one or more proposals for replacing and remodeling of the exterior doors, expedite the project to install alarm and access controls to the Van Buren High School/Middle School, and to enter into any necessary contracts for completion of same without adhering to the procedure of Section 3313.46 of the Ohio Revised Code, subject to this Board's approval at the appropriate times of any such contract and payments thereunder.

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

(08-032) PERSONNEL EMPLOYED

It was moved by Mr. Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Flanagan to employ personnel for the 2007-2008 school year as follows:

Substitute Monitor

Krissy Kern, Tammra Routson, Denise Rowles
Joey Trimpey, Margie Wagner

Substitute Teacher Aide

Krissy Kern, Veronica Miranda
Tammra Routson, Denise Rowles
Joey Trimpey, Margie Wagner

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

(08-033) APPROVE BID FROM BIGELOW GLASS

It was moved by Mr. Rowles and seconded by Mr. Conkle to approve the bid from Bigelow Glass to replace exterior doors and provide electronic door controls at a cost of approximately \$32,000.

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

Board members discussed graduation and having a work session on their goals for the year.

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(08-034) EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Rowles and seconded by Mrs. Flanagan to convene into executive session at 8:37 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 negotiations. Action may be taken upon return to regular session.

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

The meeting was opened to the public at 9:49 P.M.

(08-035) ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Conkle and seconded by Mrs. Flanagan to adjourn at 10:03 P.M.

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

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Board President

Treasurer