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October 9, 2008

The **Van Buren Board of Education** met in regular session on **Thursday, October 9, 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 Mrs. Karen Flanagan.

#### **(08-080) 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.

#### **(08-081) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Mr. Conkle and seconded by Mrs. Flanagan to approve the minutes of the September 11, 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.

VBMS WEB leaders Sara Greer, Hailey Lowden, Alyssa Spears, and Kaleigh Frampton made a presentation on "Month of the Young Adolescent". This is an annual international collective effort of education, health, and youth-oriented groups. Thanks to our WEB leaders for coming to share what makes life at Van Buren Middle School special day after day.

Mr. Wally Fieger, district resident, along with several parents and students addressed the board regarding girls soccer becoming a varsity sport effective the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Randy Ebling, Athletic Director, discussed positives and negatives to adding girls soccer to the fall sports lineup.

Elementary building highlights include the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades taking the Iowa achievement and cognitive abilities tests; Knights Fest to be held on October 30; an education class from the University of Findlay working with our second graders as reading partners one day a week; and teachers working on bus safety, fire safety and red ribbon activities.

Mr. Jay Clark, Middle School Principal, reported that in preparation for the spring visit by author Margaret Haddix, all middle school students will read her latest novel, *Found*. Activities for October include National Junior Honor Society Induction, Red Ribbon activities, 6<sup>th</sup> grade HAPPY Leadership Day, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade future options at Findlay High School.

Mr. Mike Band, High School Principal, reported that the ACT College Readiness Letter states that we exceeded the state average. The letter shares a five year trend for ACT scores with our graduating seniors and shows the percent of ACT tested students ready for college-level course work compared to others in our state. Other October activities include science classes to the zoo, FFA convention, marching band banquet, and senior citizens luncheon.

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Mr. Tim Myers, Superintendent, reported on the September strategic planning meeting. Timelines and potential dates have been established for the completion of our strategic plan. Other items discussed were the bleacher replacement project, state funding for schools, a board policy meeting on October 16, and the annual inspection of our cafeterias with no major problems.

A thank you note to the Board of Education from the family of Amanda Simon was read expressing their thanks for the flower basket and the support the school has shown through this difficult time.

**(08-082) ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR BLEACHER REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

It was moved by Mr. Rowles and seconded by Mr. Conkle to approve the superintendent to advertise for bids for the bleacher replacement project.

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

**(08-083) TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT, RECONCILIATION, INVESTMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS APPROVED**

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

1. 

09/30/08	Huntington Bank	\$1,051,312.46	2.165 %
09/30/08	Star Ohio	\$4,001,873.00	2.4%
2. Approve the following advance draw on second half personal property tax collections from the Hancock County Auditor:  

September 26, 2008	\$647,300
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3. Approve an expenditure to Jostens Publishing in the amount of \$8,619.52 as a "then and now" certification with the date of August 13, 2008.
4. Approve expenditures to Russell Electric Company in the amounts of \$3,246.49 and \$4,545.34 as a "then and now" certification with the date of June 17, 2008.
5. Increase FY '09 Appropriations as follows:

200	Student Managed Activity	\$3,914.00
499	Misc. State Grant Fund	\$485.89

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

**(08-084) CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED**

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

1. Employ personnel for the 2008-2009 school year as follows:

Basketball, Girls 7th Grade Coach (50%)	Jordan Teckmeyer
Basketball, Girls 7th Grade Coach (50%)	David Barger
Basketball, Girls 8th Grade Coach	Bret Wilson

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**Bus Drivers:**

Jan Baker - Kindergarten noon route -- 1 day per week (Monday) for 2 hours by timesheet  
Von Bishop - Kindergarten noon route -- 1 day per week (Monday) for 2 hours by timesheet  
Ed Camper - Kindergarten noon route -- 1 day per week (Monday) for 2 hours by timesheet  
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  
Lynnette Griffith - set hours @ 3.5 hours per day -- spread pay  
Winnie Saum - set hours @ 4.25 hours per day -- spread pay

**Bus Driver**

April Sonnenberg

(at Step 4 of the O.A.P.S.E. Master Agreement effective September 29, 2008, for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.)

2. Accept the resignations of Christine DeCaro as bus driver effective September 19, 2008, and Jerry Cook as Maintenance/Transportation Supervisor effective November 11, 2008.
3. Approve the Hancock County Sheriff's Department to conduct drug dog searches in or around the school building.
4. Approve payment in-lieu-of transportation that has been deemed "impractical" for the 2008-2009 school year:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Address</u>
Benjamin Finsel	Mark Finsel	13043 CR 216, Findlay, OH
Nicholas Finsel	Mark Finsel	13043 CR 216, Findlay, OH

Therefore, the Van Buren School hereby agrees to pay the parents of the above listed students in-lieu-of providing such service an amount which has been determined by the ODE as the minimum for payment in-lieu-of transportation under ORS 3327.02 to transport all pupils in the state the preceding year.

5. Approve payment in-lieu-of transportation that has been deemed "impractical" for the 2007-2008 school year:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Address</u>
Justin Adams	Anthony Adams	13693 TR 108, Findlay, OH

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**(08-085) ADDITIONAL INSURANCE FOR BUSES**

It was moved by Mr. Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Flanagan to add replacement cost for buses to our fleet coverage. This provides replacement cost for buses 1999 and newer and includes \$1,000 deductible for comprehensive and collision.

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

It was moved by Mr. Matt Conkle to add earthquake coverage to the property policy and purchase workplace violence coverage. The motion died for lack of a second.

The treasurer was directed to get more information on the workplace violence coverage so this can be discussed at the November board meeting.

**(08-086) GIRLS SOCCER ADDED AS A VARSITY SPORT**

It was moved by Mrs. Flanagan and seconded by Mr. Salisbury to add girls soccer as a varsity sport beginning the Fall 2009 season.

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

**(08-087) SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SET**

It was moved by Mr. Salisbury and seconded by Mr. Rowles to set a special board meeting date on Tuesday, October 28 at 5:00 P.M. for approval of the five-year forecast and to discuss an advertising policy.

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

**(08-088) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Mrs. Flanagan and seconded by Mr. Salisbury to convene into executive session at 8:57 P.M. to discuss employment of personnel and review negotiations. The Board does not anticipate taking any action upon return to regular session.

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

The meeting was opened to the public at 10:07 P.M.

**(08-089) ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mrs. Flanagan and seconded by Mr. Salisbury to adjourn at 10:08 P.M.

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

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Board President

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Treasurer