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December 11, 2008

The Van Buren Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, December 11, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. in the community room with the following roll call:

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

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

(08-100) 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. McKinley, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes. The President declared the motion carried.

(08-101) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

Elementary building highlights include another grant for the garden that was written by Jane Vanden Eynden and Cassie Ohlrich to cover more plantings, AV equipment for student use in the garden, and a sprinkler system. Ms. Darci Van Vlerah, elementary music teacher, has brought back a Christmas program that the 2nd and 3rd graders will be performing on December 18. Other activities this month include the fifth grade band review, the VBEP Santa workshop, second grade math night, fourth grade "Breads Harvest" program, a social studies assembly on Ben Franklin, and the second graders completed the University of Findlay reading program.

Mr. Jay Clark, Middle School Principal, reported that the "Circle of Friends" was granted \$550 from ECLIPSe to use for their programming throughout this school year. November and December featured a number of student performances at VBMS. The eighth grade class produced the murder-mystery "Get a Clue" for the middle school students and staff. The sixth grade choir caroled and presented cards to the residents at Briar Hill nursing home in North Baltimore and the annual middle school winter concert was held on December 9th.

High school students, Taylor Finsel and Maria Weigman, shared with the board what Junior Statesman of America (JSA) is about. They are a nonpartisan group that is student run and seeks to educate and empower high school students all around the nation. They meet weekly and discuss politics and current events. There has been interest in a local chapter at Van Buren and they have already held a number of weekly meetings with excellent turnout. Their ultimate goal is to officially create a local chapter here at Van Buren.

Mr. Mike Brand, High School Principal, reported that he and Ms. Lauren Roush participated in the "Project Dual Credit Summit" held at the Wood County ESC. They were on a panel with several other administrators and teachers sharing their experiences with Dual Credit and what it takes to get a program started. Several counselors from Millstream Cooperative can to Van Buren High School and presented information about their programs to sophomore students.

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Mr. Tim Myers, Superintendent, reported all work on the parking lot has been completed. He will be talking with the maintenance department, Vo-Ag department, and the elementary gifted program about landscaping the island located along Main Street this spring. Mr. Myers will be participating in a round table discussion with future teachers at a conference at the University of Findlay. A pre-construction meeting was held for the new stadium bleacher project which should be completed by April 1.

(08-102) TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT, RECONCILIATION, INVESTMENTS,
AND OTHER BUSINESS APPROVED

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

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| 1. | 11/30/08 | HuntingtonBank | \$148,981.38 | 1.152% |
| | 11/30/08 | Star Ohio | \$4,017,451.17 | 1.98% |

2. Approve the following modification of FY'09 appropriations:

<u>001 - General Fund</u>		<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
1100	Regular Instruction	\$4,000	
1300	Vocational Instruction		\$4,000

3. Increase FY'09 Appropriations as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Increase</u>
003 PermanentImprovement	\$312,000
300 DistrictManagedActivity	4,875

4. Accept the donation of a Lindeman grand piano by Ms. Carolyn Karg valued at \$5,000.

5. Accept the donation of a 12 ft. x 18 ft. horizontal Patriot flag from the Van Buren Athletic Boosters valued at \$4,100.

6. Approve the following change orders with Bluffton Paving, Inc. for the parking lot paving and relighting:

Change Order #3	8-16-08	\$7,463
- addition for the adjustment in elevations to remove depression at NE corner of lot		

Change Order #4	11-14-08	\$4,000
- deduction for the elimination of one catchbasin in drive at elementary and credit back for actual materials used.		

7. Approve expenditure to Bluffton Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$3,463 as a "then and now" certification with the date of August 16, 2008.

8. Approve expenditure to Pee Jays Fresh Fruit in the amount of \$4,130 as a "then and now" certification with the date of November 5, 2008.

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

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(08-103) CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

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

1. Approve Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at 6:30 P.M. as the date and time for the Organization and Budget Hearing meetings (Budget must be approved by January 15, 2009), and appoint Jeff Salisbury as president pro-tem for the organizational meeting.

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

Baseball, Assistant Varsity Coach
Baseball, JV Coach

Jeremy Nutter
Corey Britton

3. Employ Jon Kelley as Maintenance/Transportation Supervisor with a two and one-half year contract (12 months with the salary, vacation days, and personal days prorated for the period of January 1, 2009, through June 30, 2009) effective January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011, at Step 4 of the Non-Union Classified Personnel Salary Schedule (\$58,567) with the following benefits:

Board-paid Medical (Plan B 90%), Vision, Dental, and Life (\$25,000)
Wavier of Insurance - \$1,000
Ten days vacation per year
Three personal days per year
Paid holidays as listed in the OAPSE contract for 12 month employees
Board-paid employee share of SERS

4. Approve the 2009-2010 school calendar as follows:

**Van Buren Local School
2009 - 2010 School Calendar**

August 18	Tuesday	Teachers and Staff Meetings
August 19	Wednesday	First Day for Students
September 2 - 4	Wed., Thurs. & Friday	No School - Hancock County Fair
September 7	Monday	No School - Labor Day
September 8	Tuesday	School Resumes
September 25	Friday	Early Dismissal (1:00 P.M.) - Teacher Inservice
October 12	Monday	No School - Teacher Inservice
October 23	Friday	End of 1 st 9 weeks
November 23 & 24	Monday & Tuesday	Parent/Teacher Conferences
<i>(Monday evening, all day Tuesday and Tuesday evening) No School for students Tuesday through Friday</i>		
November 25, 26 & 27	Wed., Thurs. & Friday	No School - Thanksgiving Vacation
December 4	Friday	Early Dismissal (1:00 P.M.) - Teacher Inservice
December 21 - January 1	Monday through Friday	Christmas Break
January 4	Monday	School Resumes
January 15	Friday	End of 1 st Semester - (End of 2 nd 9 weeks)
January 18	Monday	No School - Martin Luther King Day
February 15	Monday	No School - President's Day
February 19	Friday	Early Dismissal (1:00 P.M.) - Teacher Inservice
March 19	Friday	End of 3 rd 9 weeks
April 1 - 5	Thursday, Friday, Monday	No School - Spring Break
May 7	Friday	Early Dismissal (1:00 P.M.) - Teacher Inservice
May 27	Thursday	Last day for Students - End of 2 nd Semester
May 28	Friday	Teacher Work Day
May 30	Sunday	Graduation

Calamity/Weather Make-Up Days - May 28, June 1, 2, 3, 4

9-Weeks Grading Period
Aug. 19 — Oct. 23 = 43 days
Oct. 26 — Jan. 15 = 46 days
Jan. 19 — March 19 = 43 days
March 22 — May 27 = 46 days

Interim Schedule
Wednesday, September 23
Wednesday, December 2
Wednesday, February 17
Wednesday, April 21

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5. Approve the following resolution for Reaffirming Pickup of STRS/SERS Contributions as follows:

RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING PICK-UP OF STRS/SERS CONTRIBUTIONS

WHEREAS, Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") rulings and Chapters 3307 and 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code allow the Board to pick up all or a portion of an employee's share of mandatory STRS contributions (for, e.g., the Superintendent, certificated/licensed administrators and teachers, including substitutes) and all or a portion of an employee's share of mandatory SERS contributions (for, e.g., the Treasurer, non-certificated/licensed supervisors, and non-teaching employees, including substitutes) in addition to the Board's mandatory share of such retirement contributions, either as a fringe benefit pick-up or as a salary reduction pick-up; and

WHEREAS, IRS Revenue Ruling 2006-43 has clarified that the Board is required to take formal action in order to maintain any such pick-up of employee contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Van Buren Local School District Board of Education reaffirms that it will continue its practice to pick up the employee's share of mandatory STRS contributions and the employee's share of mandatory SERS contributions, whichever is applicable, as specified in previous Board resolutions and/or previously approved individual employee contracts and collective bargaining agreements, in addition to paying the Board's share of such mandatory contributions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if and to the extent that the Board may inadvertently in the past not have formally approved such pick-up of employee STRS or SERS contributions, whichever is applicable, the Board hereby ratifies and approves such pick-up, consistent with its existing practice;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such contributions, if provided as a fringe benefit pick-up, although designated as employee contributions, will be paid by the Board and that the contributions on behalf of the employees who are subject to this action, although designated as employee contributions, will be paid by the Board in lieu of employee contributions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such contributions, if provided as a salary reduction pick-up, although designated as employee contributions, will be treated as paid by the Board and that the contributions on behalf of the employees who are subject to this action, although designated as employee contributions, will be paid by the Board in lieu of employee contributions through the salary reduction method;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all the employees who are subject to this action are not permitted from and after the date of the pick-up to have any cash or deferred election right with respect to designated employee contributions and that such employees are not permitted to opt out of the pick-up or to receive the contributed amounts directly instead of having them paid by the Board to STRS or SERS, whichever is applicable;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, effective immediately, this action shall apply with respect to all further such contributions for the Superintendent, certificated/licensed administrators, teachers (including substitutes), the Treasurer, non-certificated/licensed supervisors, and non-teaching employees (including substitutes), irrespective of whether any such employee is or is not a member of a bargaining unit represented for collective bargaining purposes by a labor organization.

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

Second reading of the following policies:

- 1460 Physical Examination (New)
- 2220 Adoption of Courses of Study (Revised)
- 2421 Career-Technical Education Program (Replacement)
- 2464 Gifted Education and Identification (Revision)

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- 2623 Student Assessment and Academic Intervention Services (Revision)
- 3120 Employment of Professional Staff (Revision)
- 3120.04 Employment of Substitutes (Revision)
- 3120.05 Employment of Personnel in Summer School and Adult Education Programs (New)
- 3120.06 Selecting Student Teachers/Administrative Interns (Revision)
- 3120.07 Employment of Casual Resource Personnel (Revision)
- 3120.08 Employment of Personnel for Co-curricular/Extracurricular Activities (Revision)
- 3120.09 Volunteers (Revision)
- 3121 Criminal History Record Check (Revision)
- 3138 Suspension During Pending Criminal Actions (New)
- 3139 Staff Discipline (Revision)
- 3140 Termination and Resignation (Revision)
- 3160 Physical Examination (Revision)
- 3210 Staff Ethics (Revision)
- 3214 Staff Gifts (Revision)
- 4120.04 Employment of Substitutes (Revision)
- 4120.08 Employment of Personnel for Co-curricular/Extracurricular Activities (Revision)
- 4120.09 Volunteers (Revision)
- 4121 Criminal History Record Check (Revision)
- 4138 Suspension During Pending Criminal Actions (New)
- 4139 Staff Discipline (Revision)
- 4140 Termination and Resignation (Revision)
- 4160 Physical Examination (Revision)
- 4210 Staff Ethics (Revision)
- 4214 Staff Gifts (Revision)
- 5114 Foreign-Exchange Students (Revision)
- 6460 Vendor Relations (Revision)
- 7540.01 Technology Privacy (Revision)
- 8141 Mandatory Reporting of Misconduct by Licensed Employees (Revision)
- 8142 Criminal History Record Check for Contracted School Services (New)
- 8210 School Calendar (Replacement)
- 8310 Public Records (Revision)
- 8315 Information Management (New)
- 8351 Security Breach of Confidential Databases (New)
- 8900 Anti-Fraud (New)
- 9211 District Support Organizations (Revision)
- 9270 Equivalent Education Outside the Schools (Home Schooling) (Revision)

(08-104) ADVERTISE FOR BIDS - GRAND PIANO

It was moved by Mr. Salisbury and seconded by Mr. McKinley to authorize the superintendent to advertise for bids for a Yamaha Grand Piano for the Van Buren Music Department.

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

(08-105) ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Conkle and seconded by Mr. Salisbury to adjourn at 8:36 P.M.

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

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