

Held Date:

February 17, 2009

The Van Buren Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room with the following roll call:

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

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mr. Ken Rowles.

#### (09-014) ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

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

#### (09-015) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. McKinley and seconded by Mr. Salisbury to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2009, and January 22, 2009, meetings as written.

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

Mr. Dick Lehman, Elementary Principal, reported on several activities and projects in the elementary. The teachers are participating in short cycle assessment training and the Intervention Team continues to work with students, teachers, and parents each week to help identify academic problems. Kindergarten registration will be March 2 through April 3 with screening taking place on April 6. The State Art Show will be held in our elementary building March 8 through March 27. Other activities include an assembly on fire prevention, a safety program, and a science assembly. The first and second grades will have a program called "Good Touch, Bad Touch" and "Stranger Danger" given by the Open Arms Council.

Mr. Jay Clark, Middle School Principal, reported that seventh grader Natalie Risser is our school's spelling bee champion and represented Van Buren in a county-wide competition. Tessa Gerken, an eighth grader was our runner-up. Congratulations to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Knights who were the Cory-Rawson tournament champs! There are five students representing Van Buren Middle School in the OMEA District III honors band and choir on February 28. The next middle school parent coffee will be March 12 to discuss how we might improve our relationship with families.

Mr. Mike Brand, High School Principal, reported that the scheduling process for next school year has begun. Teachers can submit ideas for course offerings to the guidance counselor. The department chairpersons will be reviewing these offerings and making recommendations also. Course selections will then be prepared for students to select courses. Our students collected over 8,253 pounds of canned goods and other non-perishable items for those families in our community who are in need. Van Buren High School Seniors have been selected to take the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Test. Van Buren is one of 24 schools in Ohio selected to participate in this testing due to our demographics. The results from this NAEP testing is put with the results from other high schools from around our country and make up our "Nation's Report Card". Congratulations to the Van Buren High School Quiz Bowl Team for winning the Hancock County Quiz Bowl Tournament.

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Mr. Tim Myers, Superintendent, reported on the Governor's Budget and Funding Model. He outlined the Governor's proposal and what it and the federal package could mean to our district. Mr. Myers was notified by Whirlpool Corporation that the program where they would donate obsolete new models to the school has been suspended and we will not be receiving any appliances at this time. Mr. Myers, Matt Bostdorff, and Jon Kelley have been researching ways to make our district more energy efficient. Possible options could be alternative energy sources such as wind and solar, upgraded lighting in specific areas, better efficiency and controls of our HVAC system, and better utilization of energy during off-peak times. Some issues that will need to be addressed in the near future are the lights in the high school gym that are no longer being produced and will need replaced, and the current system controlling our HVAC system is not operating efficiently or effectively. We have been informed that some grant monies may be available. The federal government stimulus package contains some monies for schools to use for improvements and energy efficient projects. The Governor's budget includes some funding for these types of projects as well. A wise investment of capital dollars on some of these projects could save us thousands of dollars in the future.

**(09-016) TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT, RECONCILIATION, INVESTMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS APPROVED**

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

1.
 

01/31/09	Star Ohio	\$305,013.05	0.70%
01/31/09	First Federal Money Market	\$250,821.92	1.98%
01/31/09	Huntington Bank	\$9,918.98	0.50%
2. 4 Week Public Fund CD #1005957326 for \$1,000,000 with First Federal Bank effective January 15, 2009. Interest rate is 2.10% and maturity date is February 12, 2009.

3. Approve the following advance draws on first half real estate tax collections as follows:

February 6, 2009	\$657,000
February 13, 2009	\$935,000

4. Approve the following modification of appropriations for FY '09:

<u>001 General Fund</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
1900 Other Instruction	\$3,300	
1300 Vocational Instruction		\$3,300
2700 Operation & Maintenance of Plant	\$10,000	
2800 Support Services - Pupil Transportation	30,000	
5200 Site Improvement Services	5,000	
1200 Special Instruction		\$45,000

5. Increase FY '09 Appropriations as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Increase</u>
011 Rotary - Special Services	\$3,000.00

6. Decrease FY '09 Appropriations as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
572 Title I	\$1,411.75
590 Title II-A	61.63
599 Title II-D Technology	15.55

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7. Approve an expenditure to NOACSC in the amount of \$7,029.20 as a "then and now" certification with the date of July 1, 2008.
8. Approve an expenditure to Arlington Natural Gas Co. in the amount of \$68,000 as a "then and now" certification with the date of December 12, 2008.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA – MOTION FAILED**

It was moved by Mrs. Flanagan and seconded by Mr. Rowles to approve the consent agenda (items 1 - 6).

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

**(09-017) CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED**

It was moved by Mr. Salisbury and seconded by Mr. McKinley to approve the consent agenda with the following amendments:

Item #3 - add "due to retirement" to Linda Darnall's resignation

Item #6 - the correct expenditure amount is \$17,000

1. Resolution to proceed with renewal of 6.0 mill dual-purpose tax levy:

**A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VAN BUREN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING 6.0-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.217 OF THE REVISED CODE.**

WHEREAS, on May 4, 1999, the electors of this District approved a tax levy for the purposes of providing funds for current operating expenses and for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of permanent improvements at a rate not exceeding 6.0 mills (4.5 mills of which was allocated to current operating expenses and 1.5 mills of which was allocated to permanent improvements), for a period of five years, commencing with the 1999 tax year (for first collection in calendar year 2000); and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2004, the electors of this District approved the renewal of the aforesaid levy for a period of five years, the last collection of which will renew levy occur in calendar year 2009; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2009, this Board adopted a resolution declaring it necessary to submit to the electors of the District the question of the renewal of all of that tax levy, a copy of which resolution was certified to the Auditor of Hancock County; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the County Auditor certified that the total tax valuation of the District is \$203,211,003 and the estimated property tax revenue that would be produced by the 6.0-mill renewal levy is \$1,607,389.65 annually during the life of the levy, assuming the tax valuation remains the same throughout the life of the levy;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Van Buren Local School District, Hancock County, Ohio, two thirds of all members of said Board elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. This Board finds, determines and declares that the amount of taxes that can be raised by the Board of Education of the Van Buren Local School District within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the present and future requirements of this District, and that it is necessary to renew the levy of a tax in excess of that limitation for the purposes of providing funds for current operating expenses and for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of permanent improvements in the amount of 6.0 mills for a period of five years.

Section 2. The question of the renewal of an existing 6.0-mill tax levy for the purposes of providing funds for current operating expenses and for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of permanent improvements for a period of five years, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2009, the proceeds of which levy first would be available to this Board in calendar year 2010, shall be submitted under the provisions of Section 5705.217 of the Revised Code to the electors of the Van Buren Local School District at an election to be held therein on May 5, 2009, as authorized by law. That election shall be held at the regular places of voting in this District as established by the Board of Elections of Hancock County, or otherwise, within the times provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. In accordance with the requirements of Section 5705.217 of the Revised Code, the total 6.0-mill levy is hereby apportioned between current operating expenses and permanent improvements, in each year, as follows: the rate of the levy apportioned to current operating expenses shall be 4.5 mills and the rate of the levy apportioned to permanent improvements shall be 1.5 mills.

Section 4. The Treasurer of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to give or cause to be given notice of said election as provided by law.

Section 5. The Treasurer of this Board is hereby directed to certify to the Hancock County Board of Elections a copy of this Resolution, and copies of the resolution adopted on January 22, 2009 and the County Auditor's certificate referred to in the preambles hereto, before the close of business on February 19, 2009. This Board hereby requests that the Board of Elections prepare the ballots and make necessary arrangements for the submission of this question to the electors of this District, all in accordance with law.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 7. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

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

Bus Driver

George Benzing

(contract for 66 days at Step 0 of the O.A.P.S.E. Collective Bargaining Agreement effective February 23, 2009, for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.)

Track, Assistant Varsity Coach

Mike Newcomer

## 3. Accept the resignation of Bethany Archer as Varsity Track Coach effective February 4, 2009, and Becky Sybert as bus driver effective February 1, 2009, and Linda Darnall (due to retirement) as high school biology teacher effective June 1, 2009.

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4. Approve Jeff Sexton as a volunteer for middle school football and middle school baseball for the 2008-2009 school year pending completion of sports medicine program.
5. Approve the expenditure of \$11,200 to Helms and Sons' Excavating for 8' wide asphalt walkways for the football stadium area.
6. Approve the expenditure of \$17,000 to Helms and Sons' Excavating to install galvanized fence for the football stadium area.

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

The Board discussed the following:

1. Township road 109 overpass – The Ohio Department of Transportation has decided to replace, not remove, the Allen Township Road 109 bridge over Interstate 75. The state plans to replace the bridge by 2012.
2. Parking – The Board discussed improper and illegal parking on school property. The Board has directed the Superintendent and Maintenance Supervisor to highlight fire lanes and improper parking areas with additional signs and markings on curbs and pavement. The Board also authorized the use of towing vehicles from "No Parking" areas.

#### (09-018) EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Flanagan to convene into executive session at 8:57 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.

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

The meeting was opened to the public at 10:01 P.M.

#### (09-019) ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Flanagan to adjourn at 10:02 P.M.

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

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Board President

Treasurer