

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK CO. FORM NO. 1014B

Held Date:

March 12, 2009

The **Van Buren Board of Education** met in regular session on **Thursday, March 12, 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 Mrs. Karen Flanagan.

**(09-020) 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; Mr. Rowles, yes.  
The President declared the motion carried.

**(09-021) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Mr. McKinley and seconded by Mrs. Flanagan to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2009, meeting as written.

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

Mr. Dick Lehman, Elementary Principal, reported that the State Regional Art Exhibit started in the elementary building on Sunday, March 8. Artwork from 250 children representing 33 schools in Northwest Ohio was exhibited. At the opening reception there were 1,000 visitors. Teachers are starting to plan lessons for the gardens and a magazine sale was recently completed with all proceeds being used for the gardens. Plants will be purchased for different grade levels, weather equipment, mulch, and fertilizer. Other activities include a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade math night, spring pictures, tornado drills, a family literacy night, a star lab assembly, and one more VBEPA movie night.

Mr. Jay Clark, Middle School Principal, reported attending the Ohio Middle Level Association conference. At the conference middle school teachers Chris Henry and Jack Marshall presented a concurrent session on strategies for reinforcing vocabulary, and volunteer Mary Beth Zerby was presented a regional award for her work in the creation and development of the Circle of Friends and Circle of Fun programs at VBMS. The middle school had four students participate in the OMEA District III Honors Band and Choir.

Mr. Mike Brand, High School Principal, reported high school staff participating in the Teacher to Teacher Program. Teachers travel to area schools to observe other teachers and learn how other teachers instruct in their same subject. Our show choir "The Association" competed in two show choir competitions in February and earned fourth place at Teays Valley and first runner up award at the Fairmont Show Choir Competition. The Biology I students went to the University of Findlay to participate in "Biology-DNA Day". The high school and middle school held their winter band concert. Upcoming events include OGT tests, dodge ball tournament, cheerleader tryouts, basketball banquets, and CCIP Federal Audit.

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Mr. Matt Bostdorff, Computer Network Administrator, reported that he has been showcasing our technology. Several area schools have visited to see our smart boards, security system and how Chris Kniss does the announcements in video format each morning. Mr. Bostdorff is planning on fitting one of the elementary labs with thin clients over the summer and replacing 10 workstations for the staff.

Mr. Tim Myers, Superintendent, reported the music boosters are going to have a stained glass display made and installed in the windows of the lobby of the auditorium to brighten the lobby and to recognize donors for the grand piano. The administrative team met to discuss upcoming maintenance projects and the permanent improvement funds. RCM Architects notified Mr. Myers that the fencing company has recommended that we install 4' fence instead of a 3' fence around the track at the football stadium.

**(09-022) TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT, RECONCILIATION, INVESTMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS APPROVED**

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

1.	02/28/09	Huntington Bank	\$1,190,494.77	0.637%
	02/28/09	First Federal Money Market	\$251,203.69	1.98%
	02/28/09	Star Ohio	\$5,078.75	0.40%

2. 4 Week Public Fund CD #1006266637 for \$1,000,000 with First Federal Bank effective February 12, 2009. Interest rate is 1.488% and maturity date is March 12, 2009.

3. 4 Week Public Fund CD #1006436761 for \$1,000,000 with First Federal Bank effective February 26, 2009. Interest rate is 1.242% and maturity date is March 26, 2009.

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

February 20, 2009	\$830,000
March 2, 2009	\$287,000

5. Increase FY '09 Appropriations as follows:

<u>Fund</u>		<u>Increase</u>
003	Permanent Improvement	\$50,000
200	Student Managed Activity	\$11,660

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

**(09-023) CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED**

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

1. Accept the resignations of Tom Carey (for the purpose of retirement) as fifth grade elementary teacher effective June 1, 2009, and Brian Beining as middle school track coach effective February 18, 2009, and Audrey Verhoff as middle school track coach effective February 18, 2009, and Dave Long as assistant varsity track coach effective March 4, 2009.

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

Substitute Bus Driver

Jim Griffith

Substitute Food Service Worker

(effective 02-24-09) Amber Davis

Track, Head Varsity Coach

Dave Long

Track, Assistant Varsity Coach

Brian Beining

Track, Assistant Varsity Coach

Audrey Verhoff

Track, Middle School Coach

Ken Basinger

Track, Middle School Coach

Mark Bunn

3. Establish a Junior State of America (J.S.A.) club at Van Buren High School for the 2008-2009 school year and approve Mr. Mark Vennekotter as the volunteer advisor.

4. Approve the Van Buren High School Course Description Guide for the 2009-2010 school year as presented.

5. Approve the Special Education contract with the Hancock County Educational Service Center for the 2009-2010 school year in the annual amount of \$284,223.

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. May levy renewal (4.5 mills operating and 1.5 mills permanent improvements for 5 years).
2. Policies on school publications - current policies concerning the use of student images in publications and on our web site will be rewritten by NEOLA in our next policy adoptions.
3. Security system - some of the items addressed in the audit completed by the University of Findlay have been taken care of such as the lighting in the parking lot and the front doors.
4. Strategic Planning - most of the action teams are putting the final touches on their plans. A community/management team/board presentation is scheduled for May 5 in the auditorium for input before the plan is finalized and presented to the Board for approval.

**(09-024) APRIL BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGED**

It was moved by Mr. Rowles and seconded by Mr. Salisbury to change the date of the regular April Board of Education meeting from Thursday, April 9 to Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 P.M. due to Easter.

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

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**(09-025) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Mr. Conkle and seconded by Mr. Salisbury 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. The Board does not anticipate taking any action upon return to regular session.

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

The meeting was opened to the public at 9:29 P.M.

**(09-026) ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Flanagan to adjourn at 9:30 P.M.

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

Date

Board President

Treasurer