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The **Van Buren Board of Education** met in regular session on **Thursday, March 10, 2016**, at 7:00 P.M. in the community room with the following roll call:

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| Mr. Mike Leifheit | Present |
| Mr. Jeff Salisbury | Present |
| Mr. Ken Rowles | Present |
| Mrs. Kim Thomas | Present |
| Mr. Edd Van Horn | Present |

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

(16-017) ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

Vote: Mr. Salisbury, yes; Mr. Rowles, yes; Mrs. Thomas, yes; Mr. Van Horn, yes; Mr. Leifheit, yes. The President declared the motion carried 5-0.

(16-018) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Salisbury and seconded by Mr. Leifheit to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2016, meeting as written.

Vote: Mr. Salisbury, yes; Mr. Leifheit, yes; Mr. Rowles, yes; Mrs. Thomas, yes; Mr. Van Horn, yes. The President declared the motion carried 5-0.

The elementary principal gave a written report. Additional comments were made that the Wax Museum was going on that evening at the elementary. There are 52 students signed up for kindergarten already for next year, and PTO did a great job on Bakery BINGO and all art projects sold as well.

Visitor's comments. There were three people signed up to speak. Meg Ramlow wanted to thank the Board and the staff for all their support during this difficult time for her. George Walton from Hancock Wood Electric/Prism Propane did a presentation on who they were and what they do. They provide propane gas for propane busses. Currently the school has a contract with them to provide propane for the one bus the school is purchasing. The pricing is below current cost of diesel fuel and if price goes below contract pricing, the lower price will be honored. There are other schools who use propane busses and they are very happy with them and the cost savings in fuel and maintenance. When the school receives the propane bus, all drivers will be trained on it and the mechanic will fill the bus since there will only be one. The last speaker was some representatives from Rush Bussing to discuss the propane bus the District ordered. The representatives explained the differences between propane and diesel/gas busses. They also explained why International was a good choice to use. That explanation included that it has a big block Chevy vs. a Bluebird Ford, it can be serviced in Findlay, it has a 5 year 100,000 mile warranty, fuel efficiency is higher, maintenance is easier (oil change every 20,000 miles instead of every 5,000 for diesel), and it doesn't need plugged in over the winter months. The Board asked about why the delivery of the bus was delayed from last August to this May and the representatives explained they needed to correct some issues and didn't want the busses to go out until they made sure they were a quality product. A second bus was discussed at the same pricing as the current bus, but no decision was made at this time.

Middle School Principal Mr. Clark gave a written report. In addition, he wanted the Board to know that June Miller won the Ohio Middle Level Association Regional Award. Mr. Clark stated she does an amazing job and wanted to tell her congratulations on a job well done. The Board echoed those congratulations.

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High School Principal Mr. Brand gave his written report. Additionally, he mentioned testing season has started and that will adjust the school schedule during that time. Mr. Clark, Mr. Brand, and a few teachers participated in "shadow a student day" and it was a very enlightening and positive experience for them and the students involved. There are changes in College Credit Plus (CCP). Now summer sessions are offered and payable by the school. Mr. Zender held a well-attended meeting for parents and students interested in this program. *Oklahoma!* Musical coming soon so get your tickets now.

The VBEA spoke next and wishes the spring sports a good kick off and the same to the participants in the play *Oklahoma!*. They wanted to thank everyone for their support.

The Tech Team gave their written reports. In that report they presented a solution to the PA system and will follow up with more details at the next Board meeting. Fourth graders were very excited to receive their chrome books.

Mr. Kelley gave his written report for Transportation/Maintenance. The Board thanked Rush trucking for coming tonight and giving presentation.

Athletics mentioned that the Spring sports season was starting. Mr. Hite is still looking into soccer project and gathering more information on alternative power source.

Mr. Myers gave his Superintendent report. The district is still having HVAC issues not addressed from a Permanent Improvement fund funding perspective. Exploring a HB 264 project to help cover some cost in fixing some of the issues. A HB 264 project is where you get the money to fix the problem upfront and then pay it back over time from the savings from the original project. Whirlpool decision from the Board of Appeals came back in favor of Whirlpool. The Board of Appeals agreed to lower the appraised evaluation of the plant to \$5,870,000 from the county appraisal of \$11,196,860. The District will owe Whirlpool backpay of approximately \$135,232.17, and in addition the district will be losing \$67,326.00 per year, every year going forward. The next step would be to take it to the Ohio Supreme Court. Mr. Myers also informed the Board of additional costs for next year. They included nursing services that we used to get for free but now will be charged for them, a possible cost of a building if NOACSC changes locations and purchases a different building, and a possible need for an additional elementary aide if kindergarten numbers and enrollment grows. He mentioned that the policy committee needs to meet and that the compensation committee is scheduled to meet next week. He is looking into moving forward with the EDWorks program and trying to find a grant to fund the training. Report card came out and he was proud of the results. He commended the staff and students for a job well done and all their hard work.

Mr. Myers updated the Board that the Strategic Planning committees are meeting and making progress. The Board wanted to thank those who are taking the time to be a part of this process and encouraged others to join if they have not already.

(16-019) APPEAL TO BE MADE TO THE OHIO SUPREME COURT CONCERNING THE BTA'S DECISION

It was moved by Mr. Leifheit and seconded by Mr. Salisbury to appeal the BTA's decision to the Ohio Supreme Court, Case Number 2015-122 Whirlpool Corporation vs. Hancock County Board of Revision in conjunction with Hancock County Board of Revision.

Vote: Mr. Leifheit, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes; Mr. Rowles, yes; Mrs. Thomas, yes; Mr. Van Horn, yes. The President declared the motion carried 5-0.

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(16-020) TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT, RECONCILIATION, INVESTMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS APPROVED

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

1. Accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission, and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor as Exhibit 1.
2. Approve adjustments to Budget and Objectives for Print Shop and MH Unit as Exhibit 2.

Vote: Mr. Van Horn, yes; Mr. Rowles, yes; Mrs. Thomas, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes; Mr. Leifheit, yes. The President declared the motion carried 5-0.

(16-021) CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

It was moved by Mr. Van Horn and seconded by Mrs. Thomas to approve the following consent agenda as follows:

1. Employ John Rader as Home Instructor (Tutor) for Abby Patterson (11th grader) for 5/hrs. per week at a rate of \$15/hr. payable by time sheet effective March 1, 2016.
2. Employ personnel for the 2015-2016 school year as follows:
 - Making Middle Grades Work
 - Chris Henry, Site Coordinator - \$500 (HSTW and MGTW grant)
 - High School Building That Works Level Team Leader
 - Marty Zender, Site Coordinator - \$500 (HSTW and MGTW grant)
3. Approve request from Tammy Routson, elementary teacher aide, for up to a total of 12 weeks or the end of 2015-2016 school year of unpaid medical leave of absence after exhausting all paid leave from pending date of doctor's medical advice, and to use the Family Medical Leave Act. The FMLA provides up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job protected leave for medical reasons.

Vote: Mr. Van Horn, yes; Mrs. Thomas, yes; Mr. Rowles, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes; Mr. Leifheit, yes. The President declared the motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer Cheryl Swisher updated the Board on attending the Sunshine Law and Public Records training. She noted that Mr. Salisbury also attended. This meets the requirement for the Board members for the year.

(16-022) EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Leifheit and seconded by Mr. Salisbury to convene into executive session at 9:10 P.M. to discuss employment and compensation of an employee; and reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment per ORC 121.22 (G) (1 & 4).

Vote: Mr. Leifheit, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes; Mr. Rowles, yes; Mrs. Thomas, yes; Mr. Van Horn, yes. The President declared the motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was opened to the public at 10:19 P.M.

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(16-023) UNPAID LEAVE APPROVED FOR A. VOORHEES

It was moved by Mr. Leifheit and seconded by Mrs. Thomas to approve a request from elementary teacher Andrea Voorhees to take 3 days unpaid (October 12, 13 & 14, 2016) next school year for her wedding.

Vote: Mr. Leifheit, yes; Mrs. Thomas, yes; Mr. Rowles, yes; Mr. Van Horn, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes. The President declared the motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed setting goals. Mr. Salisbury talked about setting goals and what and how to do that. Mr. Rowles stated goals were a good idea but to be careful because in the past those work session meetings were not as productive as they could have been. The discussion led to the Board exploring having a work session at least once or more a year to discuss Board Goals.

(16-024) ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Salisbury and seconded by Mr. Van Horn to adjourn at 10:36 P.M.

Vote: Mr. Salisbury, yes; Mr. Van Horn, yes; Mr. Rowles, yes; Mrs. Thomas, yes; Mr. Leifheit, yes. The President declared the motion carried 5-0.

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