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The **Van Buren Board of Education** met in regular session on **Thursday, July 14, 2016,** at 7:09 P.M. in the community room of the Van Buren Local School. The following roll call resulted:

Mr. Mike Leifheit	Present
Mr. Jeff Salisbury	Present
Mr. Jim Griffith	Present
Mr. Ken Rowles	Absent
Ms. Kim Thomas	Present

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Ms. Kim Thomas.

(16-044) ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

Vote: Mr. Salisbury, yes; Mr. Leifheit, yes; Mr. Griffith, yes; Ms. Thomas, yes. The President declared the motion carried 4-0.

(16-045) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Salisbury and seconded by Mr. Leifheit to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2016, meeting as written.

Vote: Mr. Salisbury, yes; Mr. Leifheit, yes; Mr. Griffith, yes; Ms. Thomas, abstain. The President declared the motion carried 3-0-1.

Since it was a July Meeting, some principals submitted written reports to the Board but none were in attendance. Mr. Leifheit asked about the Science Teacher search and Mr. Myers responded that we only had 2 candidates and he did not have a recommendation from the high school principal yet to present to the Board. The Board recommended reposting the position to find more candidates. Mr. Myers said he would follow up with Mr. Brand regarding the matter.

The VBEA was not in attendance and no report was given in advance. Mr. Bostdorff was in attendance, but had nothing to add to his submitted written report. Mr. Leifheit commented on the new District webpage and the Facebook page and how well they looked. Maintenance and Transportation Director gave his written report and asked if there were any questions. The Board asked about the parking lot and the repaving and how that was progressing. Mr. Kelley said it was moving along and should be done by the start of school. There was no athletic report. The Superintendent's reported on the special edition of the *Knightly News* that would seek public input on the strategic plan, interviews to replace Mr. Hite, the award of the Martha Holding Jennings grant of $15,000 (original request was for $50,000), preliminary test scores, and 2 HVAC projects.

The strategic plan was also discussed and the Board is to review the information they were given and provide input back to Mr. Myers. The Board wanted to thank the members of all the committees on their hard work and discussed ways to do that. There also was discussion of a survey to send to committee members about the process and how they thought the process went and/or could be improved.

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(16-046) TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT, RECONCILIATION, INVESTMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS APPROVED

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

1. Approve the following expenditure as a "then and now" certification:

   USA Lawn and Landscape (Spring fertilization) $4,230.75 June 10, 2016

2. Approve a one-year subscription to Ohio School Boards Association *Communication Plus* for an electronic copy at a cost of $300.

3. Approve transfer of $10,908.01 from the 001-General Fund to 009-Student Fees to cover unspent fees from FY 2016.

Vote: Mr. Salisbury, yes; Ms. Thomas, yes; Mr. Griffith, yes; Mr. Leifheit, yes. The President declared the motion carried 4-0.

(16-047) CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

It was moved by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Mr. Leifheit to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Employ personnel for the 2016-2017 school year as follows:

   Monitor (one-year contract)
   (effective 08-16-16, for 1.5 hrs/day, by time sheet) (Step 0) Lori Metsker

   Justin Slauterbeck as Athletics/Student Activities/Facility Director with a three-year contract at Step 5 of the Administrative Salary Schedule for 224 days effective August 1, 2016. The Board will pay for $50,000 life insurance policy; maximum accumulated sick leave of 245 days; three personal days per year; and medical insurance (Plan B), vision and dental, and other items as presented on contract as Exhibit 1.

2. Approve an agreement with the Hancock County ESC to provide a classroom aide (Eileen Vekaryasz) for a Van Buren School student at the Blanchard Valley MRDD for the 2016-2017 school year. The cost will be approximately $27,195.16 as Exhibit 2.

3. Approve a contract with Midwest Regional Educational Service Center to provide Audiology Services for the 2016-2017 school year as Exhibit 3.

4. Approve the purchase of 6 Powerlite 580 Projectors and 1 Smartboard, and Installation Services at cost of $12,276.72 from Tierney Brothers.

5. Approve the purchase of 100 Acer Chromebook C720 for $17,854 and 100 Google EDU Management licenses for $2,600 plus shipping/handling for a total of $20,791.12 to be taken from the Technology Permanent Improvement Budget for the 2016-2017 school year.

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6. Approve the Sports Coverage Agreement between Van Buren Local Schools and N.W.O. (Northwest Ohio Orthopedics & Sports Medicine, Inc.) at a cost of $17,700 per year for a period of three (3) years beginning with the 2016-2017 school year as Exhibit 4.

7. Authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract for Property/Liability Insurance provided for one year commencing August 1, 2016, through July 31, 2017.

8. Approve the increase of the following substitute rate effective August 1, 2016, as follows:

Teacher	$85.00

9. Approve to accept the Whirlpool agreement as Exhibit 5.

10. Approve a contract with Midwest Regional Educational Service Center to provide Vision Impaired Services and/or Orientation and Mobility for the 2016-2017 school year as Exhibit 6.

11. Approve the contract with USA Lawn & Landscaping for materials and labor needed lawn fertilization for the 2016-2017 school year as Exhibit 7.

12. Approve to send out public bids for resurfacing of the high school track.

13. Approve the Resolution Adopting a Calamity Day alternative Make-Up Plan effective the 2016-2017 school year as Exhibit 8.

Vote: Mr. Griffith, yes; Mr. Leifheit, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes; Ms. Thomas, yes. The President declared the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Leifheit discussed the need for Board goals for the 2016-2017 school year. The strategic plan outlines the vision and mission for the long-term, but he wanted to discuss short-term goals for the next school year. The goals discussed were improving communications, more collaboration, fixing the parking lots, and providing more recognition to staff, students, and community members. The Board discussed ways to better communicate with staff and the community, and how to be more personal with their responses in addition to following the chain of command when approached by staff or community. They discussed follow-through and letting the person know what the result of the issue was even if it was a minor thing. They discussed collaboration between the elementary, middle school and high school and how to facilitate that so the staff has the time to meet with each other from all three buildings, not just their own building staff. The Board also discussed Board Commendations at meetings to show their appreciation for the staff, students, and community members that contribute so much to the success of the school.

(16-048) TREASURER EXCUSED FROM AUGUST BOARD MEETING

It was moved by Mr. Leifheit and seconded by Mr. Salisbury to excuse the Treasurer from the August Board meeting if it is held between August 5-14.

Vote: Mr. Leifheit, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes; Mr. Griffith, yes; Ms. Thomas, yes. The President declared the motion carried 4-0.

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(16-049) ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Leifheit and seconded by Mr. Salisbury to adjourn at 9:41 P.M.

Vote: Mr. Leifheit, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes; Mr. Griffith, yes; Ms. Thomas, yes. The President declared the motion carried 4-0.

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Board President

Treasurer