

VAN BUREN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WORK SESSION & SPECIAL SESSION

February 11, 2015

The Special Session of the Van Buren Community School Board of Directors came to order February 11, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Van Buren Community School district library. Members present were President Bob Steingreaber, Director Sheila Parsons, Director Rick Plowman, Director Stan Whitten, Director Cindy Lowe, and Superintendent Dr. Pam Ewell. Absent were Vice President Kara McEntee and Director Andrew Lydolph, and School Business Official, Dennis Gourley.

Motion by Director Whitten, second by Director Parson to approve the agenda. Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried.

BLDD reviewed the conceptual building changes that have taken place since the budget change of \$4.36 million a month ago and now working with a budget of \$4 million. Construction committee members shared the input and changes provided to BLDD throughout the past few weeks of meetings and design.

The scope of the changes include: no new addition for kitchen, no new addition for offices, instead---only new build-on would part of the principal office on the front of the building where the new safe and secure entrance will exist. The entryway hallway/commons would not be totally gutted and remodeled as per previous design due this area as most of the higher costs. To reduce costs, the commons and library/media area would be located where the current commons exists in addition to part of the current library area. The kitchen would be relocated to the Family and Consumer Science room – directly across from the commons. Family and Consumer Science would relocate to the exploratory hallway near Industrial Technology and Art. District Offices would remain in older building (former Superintendent office). These reduced design plans bring the project into the school board's expected budget.

The Joint board meeting with Van Buren and Harmony has been rescheduled to March 4, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Roberts Building in Keosauqua. Mr. Harry Heiligenthal from IASB will facilitate the meeting.

The Board discussed plans for this joint meeting and directed the Superintendent to work with Harmony to formulate the agenda and communicate with media and communication systems to our public.

[Current questions for the joint board discussions](#)

The Board reviewed the timelines for the construction and remodeling project.

Motion by Director Whitten, second by Parsons, to adjourn. Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried.

Special Session - Immediately following

The Special Session was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Lowe. Second by Parsons.

Board policies 1st readings

1. [502.7 - Smoking Drinking Drugs - 1st Reading](#)
2. [505.5 - Graduation Requirements - 1st Reading](#)
3. [505.6 Early Graduation - 1st Reading](#)
4. [507.2 - Administration of Medication to Students - Review only](#)
5. [404 - LICENSED EMPLOYEE EVALUATION - 1st Reading](#)
6. [404.1 LICENSED EMPLOYEE PROBATIONARY STATUS - 1st Reading](#)

Board members asked about the specifics on Early Graduation and whether students are allowed to participate in extra curricular activities. The Superintendent will research this further and return information to the Board.

Motion by Director Lowe, second by Director Plowman to adjourn. Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

By Dr. Pam Ewell, Superintendent

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