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July 24, 2014

The **Van Buren Board of Education** met in special session on **Thursday, July 24, 2014**, at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room at Van Buren Local School with the following roll call:

Mr. Ken Rowles	Present
Mrs. Karen Flanagan	Present
Mr. Mike Leifheit	Present
Mr. Edd Van Horn	Present
Mrs. Nicolle Wheeler	Present

Community member and former Board member Bob Maas presented a handout to the Board that outlined a different choice plan for fixing the buildings.

**(14-071) PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL APPROVED**

It was moved by Mrs. Flanagan and seconded by Mr. Van Horn to approve the Property/Liability Insurance Renewal as Exhibit 1.

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

A discussion was held by the Board in reference to Mr. Maas's proposal of breaking the building project into parts. Mr. Rowles expressed concern that breaking it down would result in higher costs later. He also spoke about the survey and results and priorities that were given. HVAC was a high priority. The survey did indicate that people wanted academics on this site. The question of how high a priority the gym was on the survey was asked. The gym was a low priority and the HVAC was a lot higher. Mr. Van Horn thinks that the HVAC was a question that should be a priority, but shouldn't have a bearing on whether or not the gym is a priority. Mr. Leifheit commented that he doesn't think the community would want us to put up Phase 1 just to tear it down in Phase 2. Mrs. Wheeler agreed with Mr. Leifheit that the community would not appreciate that we put money into an HVAC system that in Phase 2 would be torn down. Discussion on waiting was had, and the concern was rising building costs. Mr. Leifheit fears support will diminish if levy continues to fail. Mrs. Flanagan spoke about previous campaigns being too low key and that we need to get information out to the community and educate them on what we are doing and why. If we piecemeal the project, costs will go up, etc. Mr. Van Horn has already asked people if they are interested in hosting in their homes to get information out to the community.

**(14-072) RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED AND CERTIFY TO BOARD OF ELECTIONS APPROVED**

It was moved by Mrs. Flanagan and seconded by Mrs. Wheeler to approve the resolution determining to proceed with the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$28,750,000 and certify the same to the Board of Elections as Exhibit 2.

Vote: Mrs. Flanagan, yes; Mrs. Wheeler, yes; Mr. Leifheit, no; Mr. Van Horn, yes; Mr. Rowles, yes. The President declared the motion carried 4-1.

**(14-073) RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CALAMITY DAY ALTERNATIVE MAKE-UP PLAN APPROVED**

It was moved by Mrs. Wheeler and seconded by Mr. Van Horn to approve the resolution Adopting a Calamity Day Alternative Make-Up Plan effective the 2014-2015 school year as Exhibit 3.

Vote: Mrs. Wheeler, yes; Mr. Van Horn, yes; Mr. Leifheit, yes; Mrs. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Rowles,

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yes. The President declared the motion carried 5-0.

**(14-074) SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED**

It was moved by Mr. Rowles and seconded by Mr. Leifheit to schedule a special board meeting for Monday, July 28 at 7:00 P.M. in the community room.

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

**(14-075) ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Van Horn and seconded by Mrs. Flanagan to adjourn at 8:17 P.M.

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

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Board President

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Treasurer