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The **Van Buren Board of Education** met in regular session on **Thursday, March 15, 2018**, at 6:00 P.M. in the elementary library with the following roll call:

Ms. Dolores Cramer	Present
Mr. Jim Griffith	Present
Mr. Mike Leifheit	Present
Mr. Jeff Salisbury	Present
Ms. Kim Thomas	Present

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mr. Jim Griffith.

(18-018) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Ms. Cramer to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2018, meeting as written.

Vote: Mr. Griffith, yes; Ms. Cramer, yes; Mr. Leifheit, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes; Ms. Thomas, yes. The President declared the motion carried 5-0.

The elementary principal, middle school principal, and high school principal all gave their reports. The Tech Team gave their written report. Maintenance/Transportation, Athletic Director, and Food Service Supervisor updated the Board. Mr. Myers gave his Superintendent report.

(18-019) OPPOSITION TO CONSOLIDATE ODE, OD OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF WORKFORCE TRANSFORMATION RESOLUTION APPROVED

It was moved by Ms. Cramer and seconded by Mr. Griffith to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Ohio House of Representatives is currently considering legislation that would consolidate the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Department of Higher Education, and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation into a new state agency called the Department of Learning and Achievement; and

WHEREAS, the proposal transfers nearly all the duties and authority of the State Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the new state agency; and

WHEREAS, this proposal was drafted without the input of students, parents, educators, administrators, schools, school districts, superintendents and board members, all of whom would be negatively affected by the bill; and

WHEREAS, this legislation creates an environment in which the unique needs of students, educators, parents, and school districts will be lost within an expanded bureaucracy, and the role and authority of the elected members of the State Board of Education would be undermined by stripping it of nearly all its duties; and

WHEREAS, supporters of the bill cite a lack of communication among state education agencies as the key source of Ohio's education problems, but effective collaboration and cooperation is already occurring, and each school district strives to effectively prepare its students for college or a career; and

WHEREAS, important decisions on topics like school funding, graduation requirements, report cards, and state assessments would be made by politically appointed, unelected staff with little to no accountability and under a process with almost no public input; and

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WHEREAS, public education is at its best when the interests of the people are served through publicly elected boards, and the State Board of Education is no exception; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT IS, HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Van Buren Board of Education does express its opposition to this legislation, HB 512; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be directed to spread this resolution upon the minutes of the Board of Education and that copies of the resolution be forwarded to members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate.

Vote: Ms. Cramer, yes; Mr. Griffith, yes; Mr. Leifheit, abstain; Mr. Salisbury, yes; Ms. Thomas, no. The declared motion carried 3-1-1.

(18-020) TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT, RECONCILIATION, INVESTMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS APPROVED

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

1. Approve the Junior High Quiz Bowl activity budget, as presented.
2. Approve the Student Council activity budget, as presented.
3. Approve the Permanent Appropriations and Amended Certificate of Estimated Revenue for FY '18 as presented.
4. Approve the policy proposal for 2019 Group Rating Enrollment from CompManagement, as presented.
5. Retroactively approve the depository agreement for Chase Bank (executed February 23, 2017) and First Federal Bank (executed July 1, 2016), as presented.
6. Approve the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission, and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.

Vote: Mr. Leifheit, yes; Ms. Thomas, yes; Ms. Cramer, yes; Mr. Griffith, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes. The President declared the motion carried 5-0.

(18-021) CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

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

1. Employ personnel for the 2017-2018 school year as follows:

Substitute Bus Driver **David Burget**
2. Employ Cassandra Schaffer as Director of Integration and Innovation for 15 work days (per diem \$238.75) through the months of June and July 2018 payable by time sheet, and Board-paid employee share of STRS.

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3. Employ Cassandra Schaffer as Director of Integration and Innovation with a three-year contract (260 days per full year) effective August 1, 2018, through July 31, 2021, at Step 0 with a starting salary of \$62,076. The Board will pay for life insurance policy; maximum accumulated sick leave of 245 days; 15 vacation days; three (3) personal days per year; medical insurance (Plan B); vision and dental; and other items as presented on contract.

4. Approve the following volunteer coach for the 2017-2018 school year pending completion of sports medicine program:

Track	Megan Regutti
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5. Approve an overnight trip (Thursday, May 17, 2018) for the Senior Class to go the Kalahari and Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio.

6. Approve an overnight trip (Saturday, March 24, 2018) for the Varsity Baseball team to play at Beechwood HS in Fort Mitchell, KY.

7. Approve an overnight trip (Wednesday - Friday, May 2 - 4, 2018) for Van Buren FFA to the State FFA Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Vote: Mr. Griffith, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes; Ms. Cramer, yes; Mr. Leifheit, yes; Ms. Thomas, yes.
The President declared the motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed Board Training, Staff Survey, Custodial Staffing, and Levies.

(18-022) ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Cramer and seconded by Mr. Leifheit to adjourn at 7:48 P.M.

Vote: Ms. Cramer, yes; Mr. Leifheit, yes; Mr. Griffith, yes; Mr. Salisbury, yes; Ms. Thomas, yes.
The President declared the motion carried 5-0.

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Treasurer