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May 8, 2018

The **Van Buren Board of Education** met in an emergency session on **Tuesday, May 8, 2018**, at 6:00 P.M. in the community room at Van Buren Local School 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

**(18-029) RESOLUTION FOR FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE FOR STUDENT TRIP  
APPROVED**

It was moved by Mr. Leifheit and seconded by Ms. Cramer to approve the following resolution of the Boards' consideration of the financial expenditure for the Students' Washington DC trip:

WHEREAS, the Van Buren Local School District Board of Education ("District" or "Board") contracted in good faith with Discovery Tours Inc. whereby Discovery Tours Inc. agreed to arrange a trip to Washington D.C., including travel, lodging, tours and other activities, for the District's eighth grade students from May 16, 2018 through May 18, 2018.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the aforementioned agreement, parents of eighth grade students paid five hundred eighty dollars (\$580) per student directly to Discovery Tours Inc. so that their children could attend the Washington D.C. trip.

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2018, Discovery Tours Inc. sent an email to the District, and several other school districts in Ohio, stating that it had "suspended its operations, effective immediately" and that "[a]ll future trips are cancelled."

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2018, Discovery Tours Inc. filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in the Northern District of Ohio.

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the Washington D.C. trip provides the District's eighth grade students with an educational opportunity that cannot be replicated in the classroom.

WHEREAS, the Board wants to provide that unparalleled educational opportunity to its 2017-2018 eighth grade students despite the unfortunate events that have occurred with Discovery Tours Inc.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board has determined that expending public funds to pay for a replacement Washington D.C. trip for its 2017-2018 eighth grade students is a proper public purpose because it will serve to provide those students with a unique educational experience that they would otherwise be forced to forgo through no fault of their own.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board directs its Superintendent and Treasurer to take all necessary actions, including the expenditure of up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), to procure a contract with a replacement tour company to arrange a replacement trip to Washington D.C., including travel, lodging, tours and other educational activities, for the District's 2017-2018 eighth grade students during the month of May 2018.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all school sponsored fundraising efforts, donations, or monetary settlements procured for the benefit of the Board to offset the expense set forth above shall be deposited into the general fund, and any such procurement of funds collected in excess of the expense set forth above shall be deposited, to the extent permitted by law, into the district's Rotary Fund for use to offset cost of future Washington DC trips.

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

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**(18-030) ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Mr. Leifheit to adjourn at 6:16 P.M.

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

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Board President

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Treasurer