**Verbs Make a Difference**

Not so good…

The good ol’ boy system **was** still in tact with administrators at a high school in South Arkansas when I **sat** down with them one afternoon. The topic of discussion **was** the lack of qualified bus drivers when I **walked** into the office after teaching summer school English that August.

**Better…**

Administrators rooted in the good ol’ boy system **complained** they **didn’t have** enough bus drivers. After federal courts **combined** two rival school systems in the name of desegregation, the bus superintendent **reconfigured** routes for this small Arkansas school district creating a need for even more bus drivers.

“Where are we ever gonna git that many drivers,” the bus superintendent said.

“Hell, we’re scraping bottom now,” the associate superintendent said.

“I can drive a bus,” I said as I **entered** the room.

They **rebuffed** me with laughter and woman-driver comments.