

Van Buren Board of Education
Minutes of the Board of Education
Van Buren Public Schools Administration Building
Special Meeting
November 16, 2015

President Mikulski called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Brent Mikulski, Martha Toth, Kathy Kovach, Alison Bennett, Sherry Frazier, and Kelly Owen. Kevin English was excused. Also in attendance were Superintendent Michael Van Tassel, Director of Human Resources Shonta Langford-Green, Director of Instruction Jeff Moore and Director of Finance Shareen Barker.

A motion was made by Sherry Frazier, supported by Kelly Owen, that the Board approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Comments from the Audience on Agenda Items—None.

Superintendent Van Tassel noted that after the original budget has been approved, there are periodic needs for amendments to this budget. The first agenda item was the recommendation to amend the 2015 – 2016 Budget. Shareen Barker, Director of Finance reviewed the necessary amendment recommendations and answered questions. Motion by Martha Toth, supported by Sherry Frazier that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approve the 2015 – 2016 Budget Amendment Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Shonta Langford-Green, Director of Human Resources noted that several years ago, the Teacher's union (VBEA) gave significant economic concessions to aid the District in moving out of a Deficit situation. The promise was made at that time that as the District moved into a more stable financial situation, these concessions would be reduced as much as possible. This year, the District bargained with the VBEA on two different Letters of Agreement to meet this commitment. The first was to give the members another half step increase, as well as a 2% off schedule payment. There was discussion and mention by several board members that it was gratifying to be able to live up to this promise and the members of all of the bargaining units were thanked for their efforts on the District's behalf during that time. Motion by Sherry Frazier, supported by Alison Bennett that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approve the letter of agreement for an additional 1/2 step pay for the Van Buren Education Association for the 2015-2016 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Martha Toth, supported by Kelly Owen that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approve the letter of agreement for a 2% off schedule payment for the Van Buren Education Association for the 2014-2015 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously

The next agenda item was a presentation on K-12 Math Power Standards by Jeff Moore, Director of Instruction. There was discussion.

The final agenda item was a presentation on the Student Support Network Vision by Jeff Moore, Director of Instruction. There was discussion.

Comments from Audience on Non-Agenda Items – None.

Motion by Sherry Frazier, supported by Kelly Owen, that the Special Meeting be adjourned at 8:03 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Kevin English
Secretary, Board of Education