

**Van Buren Board of Education**  
Minutes of the Board of Education  
Van Buren Public Schools Administration Building  
Work Study Session  
October 19, 2015

President Mikulski called the Work Study session to order at 7:00 PM.

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

A motion was made by Martha Toth, supported by Alison Bennett, that the Board approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Comments from the Audience on Agenda Items—None.

The first agenda item was a review of the Teacher Evaluation Tool with Director of Instruction Jeff Moore and Director of Human Resources, Shonta Langford-Green. Discussion was held.

The second agenda item was a presentation by Mr. Moore on the new Problem Solving Protocol being utilized by the District. There was discussion.

The final agenda item was a presentation on Alternatives to Suspension from Director of Special Education Karen Johnston. There was discussion.

Comments from Audience on Non-Agenda Items – J. Gearns asked a question about the next board meeting, and B. Rogale-Miller requested handouts be shared with the audience.

President Mikulski wanted to take the opportunity to congratulate Board Member Kevin English being named to the International Literacy Association's first 30 under 30 list.

Motion by Kathy Kovach, supported by Kevin English, that the Work Study Meeting be adjourned at 8:34 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

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Kevin English  
Secretary, Board of Education