

Van Buren Board of Education
Minutes of the Board of Education
Administration Building

REGULAR MEETING
August 10, 2015

President Mikulski called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

President Mikulski introduced Representative Kristy Pagen who had requested an opportunity to speak to the Board about legislative issues.

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

Motion by Sherry Frazier, supported by Kelly Owen, that the Board approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Questions and comments from the audience regarding Agenda Items – None

Motion by Martha Toth, supported by Kevin English, to approve the consent agenda: Regular minutes from the July 20, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes; July Check Register; Requested Changes in Support Staff: Requesting Termination: Sandra Hutchinson, Food Service, effective 7/31/2015, other employment; Diana Soderberg, Maintenance, effective 7/31/2015, retirement; Requested for Employment: Nancy Begely, Payroll clerk, effective 8/10/2015; and McBride Middle School Washington, DC Field Trip. There was discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Shonta Langford-Green, Director of Human Resources presented a recommendation for the ratification of the economic reopener for the Van Buren Administrators and Supervisors Association agreement that was ratified by the membership on August 4, 2015. The contract agreement reached was for the 2015 – 2016 school year and is a 1% increase. Motion by Sherry Frazier, supported by Kelly Owen, that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education ratify the Van Buren Administrators and Supervisors Association 2015 – 2016 contract economic reopener as presented. Discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.

Shonta Langford-Green, Director of Human Resources presented a recommendation for the ratification of the economic reopener for the Van Buren Association of Educational Secretaries agreement that was ratified by the membership on August 3, 2015. The contract agreement reached was for the 2015 – 2016 school year and is a 1% increase. Motion by Martha Toth, supported by Alison Bennett, that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education ratify the Van Buren Association of Educational Secretaries 2015 – 2016 contract economic reopener as presented. Discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.

James Williams, Director of Plant Operations presented a recommendation for the replacement of the replacement lift (hoist) destroyed in the Bus Garage fire in November, 2014. Motion by Martha Toth, supported by Kathy Kovach, that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approve the purchase of a Rotary Model SM30EL, 30,000 lb. capacity, surface mounted, three phase, 4 HP, 220v, drive on lift with drive thru ramps from Allied, Inc. in the amount of \$55,035.06 as presented. It was

noted that the entire purchase cost would be covered by insurance. Discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Moore, Director of Instruction presented a recommendation for the adoption of the K-7 Battle Creek Area Mathematics Science Center (BCAMSC) Curriculum and Kits as presented. Motion by Sherry Frazier, supported by Kelly Owen, that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approve the adoption of the K-7 BCAMSC Science Curriculum and Kits as presented. There was discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Shareen Barker, Director of Finance presented a recommendation for the award of the 2015 – 2016 Milk Bid to Sun Valley/Berkshire Dairy as presented. Motion by Martha Toth, supported by Kathy Kovach, that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approve the award of the 2015 – 2016 Milk Bid to Sun Valley/Berkshire Dairy as presented. There was discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Shareen Barker, Director of Finance presented a recommendation for the award of the 2015 – 2016 Bread Bid to Great Lakes Bakery as presented. Motion by Martha Toth, supported by Kathy Kovach, that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approve the award of the 2015 – 2016 Bread Bid to Great Lakes Bakery as presented. There was discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Shareen Barker, Director of Finance presented a recommendation for the award of the 2015 – 2016 Pizza Bid to Dominos as presented. Motion by Martha Toth, supported by Sherry Frazier, that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approve the award of the 2015 – 2016 Pizza Bid to Domino's Pizza as presented. There was discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Questions and Comments from the Audience (Non-Agenda Items): B. Rogale-Miller: What will motivate the Board to create a process for exit interviews?

Other Items from the Board:

President Mikulski reminded the Board that the Administrators Retreat dinner would be next Wednesday. He also noted that the Back to School Supply Blitz will be changing a little. He noted that he would forward the information on this program to everyone. He also stated that the next meeting will be a Special Meeting rather than a Work Study so action may be taken on Rawsonville Parking Lot. There will also be a presentation on Instructional changes for 2015 – 2016 school year.

Sherry Frazier asked when the Board would add a discussion on exit interviews to agenda. President Mikulski noted that a motion would need to be made and seconded to have any item added to an agenda. There was discussion.

President Mikulski indicated that there was a need to go into Executive Session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Action Section 8(h). Motion by Sherry Frazier, supported by Kathy Kovach, that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education adjourn into Executive Session at 8:04 pm. Roll call vote: All members voted aye to adjourn to Executive Session.

The Board returned to Open Session of the Regular Meeting at 8:16 pm without taking action.

Motion by Kevin English, supported by Sherry Frazier, that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 8:17 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Pam Johnson,
Recording Secretary

Kevin English
Secretary, Board of Education