

Van Buren Board of Education
Minutes of the Board of Education
Work Study Session
Administration Building

June 15, 2015

President Mikulski called the Work Study Session to order at 7:50 pm.

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

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

Comments from the Audience on Agenda Items – None

Diane Kullis, Director of Instruction presented NWEA data for the 2014 – 2015 school year to the Board. She noted that in both areas of math and reading significant growth had taken place in the elementaries. There was discussion.

Comments from the Audience on Non-Agenda Items – R. Otzman asked how the testing was administered? Ms. Kullis explained that each building did either small groups in the classrooms, which had 4 to 5 computers, or would go to the Media Center and do larger group testing. Whichever way was chosen, the District wanted the spring and fall testing to be done in the same manner, to keep the variables as minimal as possible. B. Rogale-Miller asked who monitors the monitors, i.e. who monitors the teachers doing the testing. Mr. Moore explained that the way the test has been created, there is virtually no way to “beat the test”, but principals do walk through classrooms during the testing as well.

Motion by Kevin English, supported by Kelly Owen that the Work Study Session be adjourned at 8:13 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Kevin English,
Secretary, Board of Education