

Van Buren Board of Education
Minutes of the Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING
Belleville High School Commons

June 8, 2015

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

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 Diane Kullis, Director of Instruction.

Motion by Kelly Owen, supported by Sherry Frazier, 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 May 11, 2015 Regular Meeting, May 18, 2015 Work Study Session Minutes, May 18, 2015 Executive Session Minutes, Check Register for the month of May, Requested Changes in Instructional Staff: Terminations: William Bragenzer, 37 years of service, retired, effective 6/30/2015; Rachael Bazy, Teacher, 1 year of service, resignation, effective 6/30/2015; Anne Pichini, 1 year of service, resignation; Kathy Haydon, 1 year of service, resignation, effective 6/30/2015; Thomas Ambrose, 2 years of service, resignation, effective 6/30/2015; Mary Reinhard, 1 year of service, resignation, effective May 18, 2015; Jayanthi Reddy, 1 year of service, resignation, effective 6/30/2015; Kevin Botos, 2 years of service, resignation, effective 6/30/2015; Bradley Tucker, 1 year of service, resignation, effective 6/30/2015; Catherine Cutting, 16 years of service, retirement, effective 6/30/2015; Jennifer Dudick, 31 years of service, retirement, effective 6/30/2015; Requested Changes in Support Staff: Terminations: Christina Wright, 31 years of service, retirement, effective 6/30/2015; David Tighe, 4 years, effective 6/30/2015; Pam Crawford, 1 year of service, resignation, effective 6/30/2015; Joe Januszyk, 30 years of service, retirement, effective 6/30/2015; For Hire: Deborah Leedy, Executive Assistant to the Director of Human Resources; Stephen Jones, Afternoon Custodial Supervisor, Sara Cortese, Accountant; and Field Trip Requests for Bus Usage for Boys and Girls Club Summer Camp and Bus Usage for Camp 911. There was discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

The first Administrative Item was approval of the membership renewal for MASB for the 2015 – 2016 school year. Motion by Martha Toth, supported by Kelly Owen, that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approve the MASB membership renewal for the 2015 – 2016 school year in the amount of Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Three Dollars (\$7,453). Discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.

The second Administrative Item was approval of the membership renewal for MHSAA for the 2015 – 2016 school year. Motion by Sherry Frazier, supported by Kelly Owen, that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approve the MHSSA membership renewal for the 2015 – 2016 school year. Discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Van Tassel noted that the Regular Meeting for June 22 was scheduled to be at Belleville High School but the meeting needed to be moved to Administration Building due to summer cleaning at Belleville High School.

Questions and Comments from the Audience (Non-Agenda Items): None

Other Items from the Board:

President Mikulski asked if there was any information on the sinking fund. Superintendent Van Tassel stated that the survey has taken place, and he should have information by the next Board Meeting.

President Mikulski: Retirement recognition last week was a nice event.

Sherry Frazier: Moving up ceremony for 8th grade students was well attended. Good to see the support by the parents.

Next Meeting:

Work Study: Budget hearing will begin at 7:00 pm with the Budget recommendation being presented at the June 22 regular meeting for approval. Ms. Kullis will report on academic successes at the Work Study on June 15.

Motion by Kelly Owen, supported by Sherry Frazier, that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 7:19 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Pam Johnson,
Recording Secretary

Kevin English
Secretary, Board of Education