

Van Buren Board of Education
Minutes of the Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING
May 11, 2015

President Mikulski called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Mikulski offered the Board's thanks to the principal and staff of Tyler Elementary for the tour of the building.

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

President Mikulski noted that there was a need to amend the Agenda for tonight's meeting. Motion by Sherry Frazier, supported by Martha Toth, that the Board approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Questions and comments from the audience regarding Agenda Items – None

President Mikulski noted that the recommendation for the hiring of the Accountant was being removed from the Consent Agenda at this time. Motion by Sherry Frazier, supported by Kelly Owen, to approve the consent agenda: Regular minutes from the April 13, 2015, April 20, 2015 Work Study Session Minutes, April 20, 2015 Executive Session Minutes, Check Register for the month of April, Requested Changes in Instructional Staff: Terminations: Kathryn Ryan Devore, Teacher BHS, effective 6/30/2015; Blair Chamberlain, Teacher, McBride, effective 4/22/2015; Tracy McKeon, Teacher BHS, effective 8/1/2015; Charla Ross, Social Worker, laid off effective 6/30/2015; Stephanie Gomez, Teacher, McBride, effective 6/30/2015; Requested Changes in Support Staff: Terminations: Dawn Hunter, Transportation Dispatcher, effective 4/27/2015; Sandra Cartwright, Accountant, effective 4/21/2015; Elaine Richardson, Bus Driver, effective 5/1/2015; Sandra Clippert, Bus Driver; effective 4/14/2015; Rosemary Fitzsimmons, Paraprofessional, effective 6/10/2015; Anthony Abraham, Custodial/Maintenance, effective 4/30/2015; Field Trip Request for 8th Grade Band to Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio. Motion carried unanimously.

The first Administrative Item was a presentation by Owen Intermediate School, Principal Jeff Moore, and Assistant Principal, Andy Lindsay. A review of the implementation and progress being made to address student achievement issues was discussed.

Eric Dumont of Plante Moran CRESA made a presentation to the Board regarding the project recommendation for the Boiler and Mechanical Replacement Project for McBride Middle School. Superintendent Van Tassel noted that a maximum of \$500,000 was to be taken from the general fund, with the remainder coming from sinking fund. Motion by Martha Toth, supported by Sherry Frazier, that the Van Buren Board of Education approve the Boiler and Mechanical Replacement Project for McBride Middle School be awarded to Allied Building Services of Detroit (Mechanical Contractor - \$557,860), ETC (Abatement Design & Monitoring - \$5,400) and Global Green Service Group (Abatement Removal - \$15,800) plus 10% contingency fee in an amount not to exceed \$579,060 from 2015 General Fund and Sinking Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Diane Kullis, Director of Instruction, presented a recommendation to the Board to approve limited openings for Schools of Choice for the 2015 – 2016 first semester. Discussion was held. Motion by Martha Toth, supported by Kevin English, that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approve the Schools of Choice program participation under Section 105 and 105c for the first semester of the 2015 – 2016 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Shonta Langford-Green, Director of Human Resources, presented a recommendation to the Board that Falisadoll Green be appointed Assistant Principal of Belleville High School for the 2015 – 2016 school year. There was discussion. Motion by Sherry Frazier, supported by Martha Toth, that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approve a one year contract as Assistant Principal at Belleville High School for the 2015 – 2016 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Martha Toth presented the second reading and the recommendation for adoption of the update to Board Policy 5517.01 Bullying and Other Aggressive Behavior Toward Students, as presented. There was discussion. Motion by Martha Toth, supported by Kelly Owen, that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education adopt the update of Board Policy 5517.01 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Van Tassel indicated that the District has received a request for a resolution either approving or disapproving, with reasons, the annual Wayne County RESA Budget. There was discussion. Motion by Sherry Frazier, supported by Kelly Owen, that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approve the Wayne RESA Budget Resolution, in accordance with Section 380.624 of the Revised School Code as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Questions and Comments from the Audience (Non-Agenda Items): G. Frederick – Spoke to the board about the need for support in the Kindergarten classrooms for teachers. J. Spicko – Salesperson for Achieve 3000, thanked the board for their service.

Other Items from the Board:

Items mentioned were: concerts this week at BHS, Rotary Scholarship Dinner tomorrow, Senior recognitions, New Tech Students will be visited by Toyota who will be bringing an electric car for students to see. Superintendent Van Tassel thanked Ms. Owen for acknowledging the central office staff during teacher appreciation week,

Next Meeting:

Ms. Frazier requested information on resources that support early elementary classroom teacher with student behavior. Superintendent Van Tassel noted that there would be a discussion on moving forward with the Sinking fund and Ms. Ross, instructional coach, will discuss what has been going on for teacher support,

Motion by Sherry Frazier, supported by Kelly Owen, that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 8:25 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Kevin English
Secretary, Board of Education

Pam Johnson,
Recording Secretary