

Van Buren Board of Education
Minutes of the Board of Education
Work Study Session
January 26, 2015

President Mikulski called the Work Study Session to order at 7:00 pm.

Board members present: Brent Mikulski, Martha Toth, Kevin English, Alison Bennett, Sherry Frazier, and Kelly Owen. Kathy Kovach was excused. Also in attendance were Superintendent Michael Van Tassel, Director of Instruction Diane Kullis and Director of Plant Operations James Williams.

A motion was made by Martha Toth, and supported by Sherry Frazier, that the Board approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of a Legislative Update as Item E. The motion carried unanimously.

Comments from the Audience on Agenda Items – None

The first agenda item was a presentation and update by Diane Kullis, Director of Instruction, on the District Assessment process.

The second agenda item was a presentation and discussion on how the District would make the transition from ACT to SAT testing for students.

Superintendent Van Tassel gave a brief update on the approach the District would be taking on the May Sinking Fund Renewal.

President Mikulski spoke briefly as to the current Board Committee Memberships. He noted that Kathy Kovach currently sits on the Health Advisory Committee and the Board Policy Committee, Kelly Owen sits on the School Improvement Committee, and Martha Toth sits on the Board Policy Committee. Past Board Member, Scott Russell sat on the Board Policy Committee and that is a vacancy that will need to be filled. That committee meets approximately 2 times a year to review Board Policy updates and bring final recommendations back to the full Board of Education for adoption.

Mrs. Toth shared information from the Governor's State of the State address.

A motion by Sherry Frazier, supported by Kelly Owen, that the Board go into Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Section 8 (a). A roll call vote was taken and was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:25 pm.

The Board returned to regular session without any decisions being made in Executive Session at 9:24 pm. Motion by Kevin English, supported by Sherry Frazier that the Work Study session be adjourned at 9:25 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Kevin English,
Secretary, Board of Education