

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

October 10, 2011

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE

A regular meeting of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, October 10, 2011, in the Rochester Community Schools Administration Center, 501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan. President Barb Cenko called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECORD ROLL

Members Present: Barb Cenko, Jennifer Berwick, Gerald Moore, Lisa Nowak, Beth Talbert, Marty Sibert, Chuck Coutteau

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Fred Clarke, Geraldine Moore, Bill Mull, Beth Davis, Irene Larson, Debbie Hartman, Anne Evans, John Stoner, Lori Hartnell, Deb Walter, Doug Hill, Christine Keener and approximately fifty visitors.

Mrs. Cenko welcomed audience members to the meeting and reminded the community of the ways in which they could participate in the meeting and/or contact the Board of Education.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT – Baldwin Jumpstart

Baldwin Elementary staff member, Cindy Cox, Learning Consultant, presented the Baldwin Jumpstart program which was used to increase literacy through a summer reading challenge. Also, four Baldwin Elementary students shared how many books they read over the summer in order to meet and exceed the required amount.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Secretary of the Board of Education – None

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None

C. Student Representatives to the Board of Education

Theresa Knapp, student representative from Stoney Creek High School, shared information about spirit week, athletic teams, and the student council blood drive and canned food drive.

Leah Mazzara, student representative from Rochester High School, shared information about upcoming athletic events, the new gym floor being almost complete and the possibility of some shared charity work being done with the other two high schools.

Oliver Minton, student representative from Adams High School, shared information about homecoming, charity bowl, as well as other athletic events and the pep assembly.

Mrs. Cenko also invited the students from Stoney Creek High School Environmental Club - Earth Advocates, to address the Board of Education at this time. Lindsey Diamond and Courtney Bourgojn expressed their desire for the district to initiate and support a plastic bottle recycling program.

D. Members of the Board of Education

Mrs. Cenko shared the following four communications she received since the previous Board meeting: Michelle Mincau regarding the district offering half day kindergarten next year as opposed to full day; Christina Leininger regarding more media center student support at the high schools; Lisa Lillie asking for updated profile and transcripts; and Michelle Bueltel regarding adding other student achievement goals.

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS– RCS Media Specialists

Media Specialists Lisa Kelley from University Hills Elementary and Julie Harris from Rochester High School shared information about their professional development activities that they participated in over the summer.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the following consent agenda items:

Moved by: Mr. Moore

Supported by: Mr. Coutteau

- A. To approve the Current Bills payable for August 2011 in the amount of \$2,275,216.30.
- B. To approve the Board of Education Regular Meeting / Study Session Minutes of September 26, 2011.
- C. To approve Mrs. Berwick, Mrs. Talbert and Mr. Coutteau attending the Oakland County School Boards Association Dinner Meeting, September 21, 2011 in the total amount of \$90.00.
Source of funding: General Fund

Motion carried: 7-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Update on District Objectives (Informational) Mr. Clarke

Mr. Clarke, Superintendent, reviewed the Rochester Community Schools Operational Plan 2011-2012 document. This revised draft document incorporates the Major Goals/Focus Areas for 2011-12 that were presented at the Board Retreat / Working Session on August 22, 2011. This Operational Plan will allow Administration team the capability to follow, monitor progress and create organized reports for the Board.

Board members provided additional feedback on the format and some of the specific objectives. This document will ultimately meld with the key performance indicators/strategic plan items. The objectives will be presented in priority order at the Board of Education meeting on October 24, 2011.

Debabrata Sarkar, parent, expressed simplifying the operation plan.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Human Resources Recommendation (Action Item) Ms. Davis

Ms. Davis, Executive Director of Human Resources, presented the following recommendations:

NEW TEACHER HIRE

Nathan Czupinski, Business/E20-20 Teacher, Rochester High School

RESIGNATION

Kimberly Nash, 5th Grade Teacher, Brooklands Elementary

A motion was made to approve the Human Resources Recommendations as presented.

Moved by: Ms. Nowak

Supported by: Mrs. Berwick

Motion carried: 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Meeting, closed to the public, for the Board of Education on Monday, October 24, 2011 for the purpose of discussing negotiations. (Action Item) Mrs. Cenko

A motion was made to approve a Special Meeting, closed to the public, for the Board of Education on Monday, October 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rochester Community Schools Administration Center, 501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan 48307 for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert

Supported by: Ms. Nowak

A Board member suggested that at the end of the Regular Board of Education meeting on October 24, 2011 the Board return to the Closed Session if needed to complete their business. Mr. Mull responded that the Closed Session agenda is specific and should only take the allotted time.

A roll call vote was then taken to approve the Special Meeting, closed to the public, for the Board of Education on Monday, October 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rochester Community Schools Administration Center, 501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan 48307 for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

Ayes: Mr. Coutteau, Mr. Sibert, Mrs. Talbert, Ms. Nowak, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Berwick and Mrs. Cenko

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion carried: 7-0

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A. Citizens Present

Susan Gerrits, parent, addressed the Board of Education regarding contracting with a waste hauling company that includes recycling.

Elizabeth Tigue, teacher, addressed the Board of Education regarding having a district wide recycling program that includes picking up the recyclables.

B. Members of the Administration

Mr. Clarke shared that MEAP testing started this week and reminded community members that the cut scores have been raised so district proficiency scores may fall. It is anticipated that RCS students' proficiency will ultimately rise to meet the new cut scores.

Mrs. Moore highlighted the following areas from the Professional Development that took place on October 3, 2011: common core and developing critical thinking skills, iPad pilot program training for kindergarten teachers and the new teacher evaluation tool.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Mr. Coutteau shared that he visited Hampton Elementary during their Fun Run and had a great time.

Mrs. Cenko congratulated McGregor Elementary on their 50th anniversary celebration.

Mrs. Cenko shared the following comments that she and Mr. Coutteau received at the Board Chat this evening: logistic problems with some of the homecoming dances with set-up and volunteers unable to make contact with the buildings, scheduling concerns with AP classes, the new protocol on communicating with the Board of Education, questions with the changes in the media program and whether the administration is looking at the impact statements and how this may be impacting the Author's In April program and other events, course sequence and going out of order, strengthening and being more aggressive with the goals instead of pushing the bar up higher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming RCS Events

Superintendent's Community Coffee: October 12, 2011 from 10-11:30 a.m., Rochester Hills Public Library

ADJOURNMENT

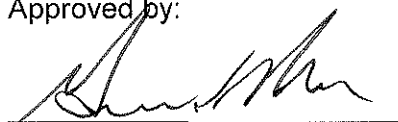
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Moved by: Mrs. Berwick
Supported by: Mrs. Talbert
Motion carried: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education