

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

February 27, 2012

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A regular meeting of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, February 27, 2012, in the Rochester Community Schools Administration Center, 501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan. President Jennifer Berwick called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jennifer Berwick, Beth Talbert, Chuck Coutteau, Lisa Nowak, Gerald Moore, Jane Pierobon, Pat Piskulich

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Fred Clarke, Geri Moore, Dan Romzek, Beth Davis, Debbi Hartman, Irene Larson, Lori Hartnell, Sandy Srabian, Deb Walter, Theresa DiMaria, Doug Hill, Christine Keener and approximately 50 visitors.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT – Brewster Elementary

Brewster Elementary PTA members presented various academic enrichment opportunities at Brewster.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mr. Coutteau shared the following communications that the Board of Education received since the prior meeting: Mike Reno regarding MEAP; Jeremy Nielson regarding location of Study Sessions; Colleen Fitch regarding Board Policy and Regulation 9150 School Visitors; Jim Hunt regarding the district boundaries policies; and Dana Getsinger regarding the square footage per pupil consideration when assigning students to a school.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda

None

C. Student Representatives to the Board of Education

Leah Mazzara, student representative from Rochester High School, shared information about the activities taking place at her school since the previous Board meeting which included: the after school dance called Glow Coming which included participation from all three high schools, Rochester Idol, Mr. Rochester, Cheer Team, athletic events, the Scholastics Art and Writing Program winner, and the BPA Leadership Conference.

Therese Knapp, student representative from Stoney Creek High School, shared information about activities taking place at her school since the previous Board meeting which included: Spirit Week and Charity Week being combined and the events that took place including dodge ball and volleyball events, Army Strong Sadies dance, Cheer Squad Regionals, Courage Idol auditions, Student Council Regional Conference, and boys basketball.

D. Members of the Board of Education

Ms. Nowak received communication from Senator Jim Marleau regarding the State of Michigan's budgeting process.

Mrs. Berwick received communications from Alex Sandler regarding participation in the International Academy and Karen Carl regarding evening events on a snow day.

REPORTS

A. 2012-13 Budget Projections Update (Informational Item) Mr. Romzek

Mr. Romzek, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs, presented an overview of budget assumptions for the 2012-13 school year based the most current information as of February 27, 2012.

Board discussion and questions included the Michigan Department of Education's timeframe for establishing the criteria for the one time funds for student achievement and the Governor's target date for voting on the State Aide Act.

Jim Casazza, community member, commented on the student growth figure in the budget and changing reduced to restructured on the para slide within the PowerPoint presentation.

Joanna VanRaaphorst, community member, commented on working together and congratulated the district on the recent published MEAP scores.

Juliann DiTommaso, parent, commented on the revenues and expenditures with regards to the growth rate.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

Joshua Raymond, parent, addressed the Board regarding the Board Study Session and the Pyramid of Intervention.

B. Members of the Administration

None

C. Members of the Board of Education

Mr. Coutteau and Mr. Piskulich shared that they both attended the 3rd Annual Fine Arts Festival at Meadowbrook Elementary which was very impressive and a great family event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming RCS Events

- March 1, 2012: PTA Founder's Day, Rochester High School, 7 p.m.
March 6, 2012: MME-ACT Testing for Gr.11; No School for Gr. K-10 & 12; Professional Development
March 7, 2012: MME-ACT Testing for Gr.11; Late Start for Gr. 9-10 & 12; H.S. Professional Development
March 7, 2012: Evening Parent Conferences Gr. 6-8
March 8, 2012: MME-ACT Testing for Gr.11; Late Start for Gr. 9-10 & 12; H.S. Professional Development
March 8, 2012: Evening Parent Conferences Gr. 9-12
March 12, 2012: Board of Education Meeting, Administration Center, 7 p.m.
March 14, 2012: Evening Parent Conferences Gr. 9-12
March 14, 2012: Superintendent's Community Coffee, Rochester College, 800 W. Avon Rd., 7-8:30 p.m.
March 15, 2012: Evening Parent Conferences Gr. 6-8
March 26, 2012: Board of Education Study Session, Administration Center, 7 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau
Supported by: Ms. Nowak
Motion carried: 7-0

Mrs. Berwick invited audience members to join the Board at the Study Session on Data and Interventions in the Parker Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Charles H. Coutteau
Secretary, Board of Education