

# **ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

October 24, 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 24, 2011, in the Rochester Community Schools Administration Center, 501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan. President Barb Cenko called the meeting to order at 7:06 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, Debbie Hartman, John Stoner, Mary Beth Garcia, Jeff Mozdierz, Irene Larson, Larry Goralski, Charles Rowland, Neil DeLuca, Christine Keener and approximately thirty 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** – Stoney Creek High School Rocket Reading Program

Stoney Creek High School students, Jenna Fedewa and Emma Nagy, presented the Rocket Reading Program which is a reading readiness partnership between Stoney Creek High School and McGregor Elementary students.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **A. Secretary of the Board of Education**

Mr. Moore shared the following communications that the Board of Education received since the prior meeting: Tanya Gurne regarding Schools of Choice; Mark Wrobbel regarding the changes to the media center at Stoney Creek High School; Amy Rowan Heitman, Glenn Crandall, Stephanie Fulgenzi, Lori Tarajos, Cindy Jacklin, Pam Maxfield, Laurie Sigelko, Tonya Wilson and Virginie Rolland regarding the district recycling program; Lillian Baron regarding the district dress code; and Steve Mader regarding athletic questions about the winter competitive/basketball cheer team.

##### **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 activities taking place since the previous Board meeting which included athletic events, an upcoming band concert, senior class fundraiser, dodge ball game, canned food drive and blood drive.

Theresa Knapp, student representative from Stoney Creek High School, shared information about activities taking place since the previous Board meeting which included their blood drive, charity bowl, athletic events and canned food drive.

### **D. Members of the Board of Education**

Mrs. Talbert received communication from Susan Gerrits regarding recycling.

Mrs. Cenko received communication from Michelle Mineau regarding kindergarten programs for next year.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Cenko requested Item E., To approve a Special Meeting, closed to the public, for the Board of Education on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rochester Community Schools Administration Center, 501 W. University Drive, Rochester, Michigan 48307 for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's Evaluation, to be removed from the Consent Agenda. This agenda item would become the first agenda item under the New Business portion of the agenda.

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

Moved by: Ms. Nowak

Supported by: Mr. Coutteau

- A. Approve the Current Bills payable for October 2011 in the amount of \$4,403,887.21.
- B. Approve the Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2011.
- C. Approve the Head Start Director's Report for September 2011.
- D. Approve Mrs. Berwick and Mrs. Talbert attendance at the MASB Annual Fall Conference on October 28, 2011 in the not to exceed amount of \$250.00 per each Board of Education member.  
Source of funding: General Fund

Motion carried: 7-0

### **REPORTS**

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

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

#### **APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM PRINCIPAL**

Susan Demeniuk, Interim Principal, ACE

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Neil DeLuca, Interim Assistant Principal, Rochester High School

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

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert

Supported by: Mrs. Berwick

Motion carried: 7-0

**B. Media Centers Update** (Informational Item) Mr. Mozdierz

Mr. Mozdierz, Director of Education Technology and Information Systems, provided an update on the current status of the media centers as a result of the budget reduction eliminating media assistants. The plan for this year includes: the media staff increasing their efforts to recruit volunteers, each building analyzing their program and making adjustments so that the Media Specialist can focus on student and instructional needs, and evaluating the media program and making recommendations for the future.

Lisa Kelley, Media Specialist, shared her concerns with volunteers in the media centers.

Prior to the end of the calendar year the administration will provide the Board of Education recommendations that will include short term choices and options that support students, teachers and Media Specialists, options that take into consideration the budget cycle and models that the Board will have to choose from in the future.

**C. Superintendent's Committee Reports** (Informational Item) Mr. Clarke

Superintendent's Business, Operations and Support Advisory Committee - Mr. Mull, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs, reported on the October 19, 2011 meeting which included a budget status update for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school year; facilities operations year-end report; transportation/bus inspection results; and the Goals and Objectives from the Operational Plan.

District Operational Plan - Mr. Fred Clarke, Superintendent, reviewed the draft of the plan as revised since the previous board meeting. The six District Goals include student achievement, finance, facilities/operations, communications, technology and board governance. The Performance Objectives have been placed in priority order. The Administrative Center Team (ACT) members are in the process of completing all of the Action Plans for the prioritized Performance Objectives.

The District Goals and Performance Objectives for 2011-2012 will be presented for adoption at the November 7, 2011 Board of Education meeting.

**D. Legislative Update** (Informational Item) Mrs. Talbert

Mrs. Talbert shared information from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) regarding recent proposed legislation including House Bill 4007 and Senate Bill 427 which would limit school board elections to the November of even years. Also, Senate Bills 622, 623, 709 and 710 which relate to dual enrollment, Senate Bill 618 removes the cap on charter schools, Senate Bill 619 removes the cap on enrollment in cyber schools and Senate Bill 624 would allow for state wide school of choice.

**E. Waste/Recycling RFP Update** (Informational Item) Mr. Stoner

Mr. Stoner, Director of Operations and Transportation, provided an update on the district's bidding process dealing with recycling the district's solid waste including the plans for interviewing the different alternative vendors and the timeline to bring the recommendation to the Board for adoption before the end of the year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consent Agenda Item E., To approve a Special Meeting, closed to the public, for the Board of Education on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rochester Community Schools Administration Center, 501 W. University Drive, Rochester, Michigan 48307 for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's Evaluation.**

A motion was made to return the item to the table.

Moved by: Mrs. Berwick

Supported by: Mrs. Talbert

Board members determined a date that would allow all Board members to be present at this special meeting.

A motion was made to amend the motion to read November 15, 2011.

Moved by: Mr. Sibert

Supported by: Ms. Nowak

Motion carried: 7-0

A motion was made to approve Consent Agenda Item E., as amended, the Special Meeting, closed to the public, for the Board of Education on Monday, November 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rochester Community Schools Administration Center, 501 W. University Drive, Rochester, Michigan 48307 for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's Evaluation.

Motion carried: 7-0

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

**A. Citizens Present - None**

**B. Members of the Administration**

Ms. Davis updated the Board on the status of substitute teachers. The Human Resources department is working on recruiting and expanding the substitute teacher pool by allowing interested retired Rochester teachers to fill advanced notice vacancies and by continually working with PESG on recruiting.

Mr. Clarke announced that Mrs. Srabian, ACE Principal, received the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce Sunrise Pinnacle Award as the Educator of the Year Award. Mrs. Moore, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, shared that Oakland University was the sponsor for Mrs. Srabian's award.

Mr. Clarke also commented on the legislation currently under consideration and the potential impact on the district. Mr. Clarke will be sending out a letter by email blast to share factional legislative information.

**C. Members of the Board of Education - None**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Upcoming RCS Events**

November 7, 2011: No School K-12 / Professional Development  
November 8, 2011: No School K-12 / Teacher Records and Election Day  
November 10, 2011: Superintendent's Community Coffee, 7-8:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble

**ADJOURNMENT**

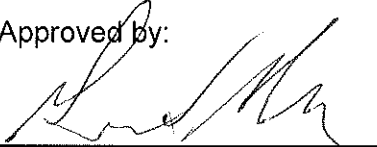
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

  
Secretary, Board of Education