

# **ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

May 21, 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, May 21, 2012, in the Rochester Community Schools Administration Center, 501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan. President Jennifer Berwick called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Jennifer Berwick, Beth Talbert, Chuck Coutteau, Jane Pierobon, Pat Piskulich

Members Absent: Lisa Nowak and Gerald Moore with notice

Others Present: Fred Clarke, Geri Moore, Dan Romzek, Beth Davis, Debbi Hartman, John Stoner, Jeff Mozdierz, Irene Larson, Lori Hartnell, Anne Evans, Josie Petitta, Doug Hill, Christine Keener and approximately 50 visitors.

#### **ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT – McGregor Elementary**

McGregor Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students presented images and commentary from their school's 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Mr. Coutteau shared the following communication that the Board of Education received since the prior meeting: Sarah Dittrich regarding the district's journalism program.

##### **B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None**

##### **C. Members of the Board of Education – None**

#### **SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS – Excellence in Education Award Presentation**

Mrs. Moore, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, and Mrs. Hartman, Manager of RCS Foundation and Communications, welcomed John and Marie Pino, who are the sponsors of the MEEMIC Insurance, Pino Agency Excellence in Education Awards and congratulated the recipients: Cindy Bjornson, Hampton Elementary, Marnie Barker, Hamlin Elementary, Paula Denyes, Van Hoosen Middle School, and Kitty Bodell, Reuther Middle School.

#### **REPORTS**

##### **A. Stoney Creek Schoolhouse Update (Informational Item) Mr. Stoner**

Mr. Stoner, Director of Facility Operation Center, introduced Pat McKay from the Rochester Hills Museum who provided the Board with an update on the improvements made to the Stoney Creek one room schoolhouse since it was donated to the museum by the district.

**B. New RCS Dashboard** (Informational Item) Mr. Clarke

Mr. Clarke, Superintendent, introduced the RCS Dashboard which provides demographic and assessment data on the website for the district-at-large and by school. This will be available to all soon.

Board discussion included comparing this information with other high performing districts.

Debabrata Sarkar, parent, addressed the Board regarding the great work started, having the full data in place of average, comparing data with neighboring districts and thanking the district for helping parents to understand their students' development.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Oakland Schools Board Election** (Action Item) Mrs. Berwick

A motion was made to approve a resolution authorizing Mrs. Jane Pierobon to vote in the Oakland Schools Board election on June 4, 2012, in support of Mr. Marc Katz, Dr. Theresa Rich, and Mr. Charles Hemple. The Resolution was read aloud by Mr. Coutteau.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau  
Supported by: Mr. Piskulich  
Motion carried: 5-0

**B. Oakland Schools 2012-13 Budget Approval** (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

Mr. Romzek recommended that the Rochester Community School's Board of Education approve the resolution supporting the Oakland Intermediate School District's Proposed Budgets for the 2012-13. This resolution is in compliance with Section 380.624(2) of the Michigan School Code.

A motion was made to approve the 2012-13 Oakland Intermediate School District Budgets as presented.

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert  
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon  
Motion carried: 5-0

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. 2012-2013 Budget Recommendation to Board of Education** (Discussion Item) Mr. Romzek

Mr. Romzek shared that the Board packet, May 21, 2012, included an updated 2012-13 Budget Recommendation from the Administration Center Team (ACT). Board discussion included items for considerations at a future date, administrative costs in comparison to other districts, the savings as a result of the contracting of services, the bus replacement schedule, examples of athletic reductions, and the fund balance.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

**A. Citizens Present at the Meeting** – None

**B. Members of the Administration**

Mr. Clarke reported on the visit to Grosse Pointe to meet with the 12 top performing peer districts that have begun meeting on a regular basis. Mrs. Moore commented on the ACE graduation recognition held on May 21, 2012.

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

Mrs. Talbert commented on the ACE program as well and on the Reuther PTSA meeting where Mr. Rowland, Principal of Rochester High School, spoke to parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders who would be moving up to high school and the Reuther Middle School community service group. Mr. Coutteau complimented the RCS Foundation on the Hometown Hustle. Mrs. Pierobon reported on her liaison building activities including Delta Kelly's 10 year anniversary, Hugger end-of-the-year celebration, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade visit to Rochester High School's music/choir field trip, the ACE graduation ceremony, and the Hart Middle Schools 8<sup>th</sup> grade honors convocation.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Upcoming RCS Events**

May 28, 2012 No School K-12; Memorial Day  
May 29, 2012 RACE Graduation  
May 31, 2012 Board of Education Closed Meeting, Administration Center 7 p.m.  
June 4, 2012 Board of Education Regular Meeting, Administration Center, 7 p.m.  
June 5, 2012 SCHS Graduation  
June 6, 2012 AHS Graduation  
June 7, 2012 RHS Graduation  
June 13, 2012 Half Day of School Gr. 6-11 – AM Exams; Last Day of School for AM Kdg.  
June 14, 2012 Half Day of School Gr. 6-11 – AM Exams; PM Kdg. Attends in AM; Last Day of School Gr. K-5  
June 15, 2012 Half Day of School Gr. 6-11 – AM Exams; Last Day of School Gr. 6-11  
June 18, 2012 Board of Education Regular Meeting / Study Session, Administration Center, 7 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau  
Supported by: Mr. Piskulich  
Motion carried: 5-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Beth Talbert  
Secretary, Board of Education