

# ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

## BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

August 15, 2011

### MINUTES

#### I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE

A regular meeting of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, August 15, 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.

#### II. RECORD ROLL

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

Members Absent: Gerald Moore, with notice

Others Present: Fred Clarke, Geri Moore, Bill Mull, John Stoner, Jeff Mozdierz, Charles Rowland, Rachel Guinn, Amy Schuster, Mary Beth Garcia, Larry Goralski, Marsha Shaw and approximately 10 visitors.

#### III. COMMUNICATIONS

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

Mrs. Berwick shared the following communications that the Board of Education received: Deanne Geile regarding concerns with the scheduling of summer programs, and Elisa Itakura regarding teen suicide.

##### **B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda**

None

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

Mrs. Cenko received three communications from candidates for the MASB Board of Directors (Michigan Association of School Boards): Darlene Pomponio, Donald Hubler, and Robert McLachlan. This information will be given to Mrs. Talbert, Board representative for MASB, who will forward it on to Board members so that a decision can be made on the candidate the Board is supporting for the MASB Board election.

#### IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Moved by: Mr. Sibert

Supported by: Mrs. Nowak

- A. Approve current bills payable for July/August 2011 in the amount of \$5,910,757.03.
- B. Approve the Board of Education Retreat Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2011.
- C. Approve the location for the Board of Education Retreat Meeting on August 22, 2011 at West Middle School, 500 Old Perch, Rochester Hills, MI.
- D. Approve the Head Start Director Report and Financial Report for June 2011.
- E. Approve the bid for the drainage improvement project at Hampton Elementary to Bedient Construction Company in the amount of \$79,640. Recommendation is for the low bidder.  
Source of Funding: Capital Projects Fund
- F. Approve the bid for the tennis courts resurfacing project at Rochester High School to ProSurfaces in the amount of \$45,050. Recommendation is for the low bidder.  
Source of Funding: Capital Projects Fund

Mr. Coutteau requested that Item E be removed from the Consent Agenda. This will now be the first item under New Business.

Motion carried: 6-0

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **A. Human Resources Recommendation**

A motion was made to approve the Human Resources Recommendations.

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert

Supported by: Mr. Coutteau

Mr. Clarke, Superintendent, presented the following recommendations:

#### Appointments

Charles Rowland III, Principal, Rochester High School

Amanda McKay, Assistant Principal, Stoney Creek High School

John Kelley, Assistant Principal, Stoney Creek High School

#### New Teachers

Amy Baisley, Third Grade Teacher – Hugger Elementary School

Edward Boguslawski, Physical Science Teacher – Adams High School

Todd Colville, EI Basic Classroom Teacher – Special Education Department

Marie Denno, Fourth Grade Teacher – Musson Elementary

Lindsay Grimmer, First Grade Job Share Teacher – Meadow Brook Elementary

Jennifer Schneider, Kindergarten Teacher – Hamlin Elementary

Jennifer Wordell, ASD Basic Classroom Teacher – Van Hoosen Middle School

Joshua Wrinkle, Biology Teacher – Adams High School

#### Resignations

Wendy Zdeb, Principal of Rochester High School

Keith May, Language Arts Teacher at Stoney Creek High School

DeAnne Morell, Music Teacher at Hampton Elementary

Michelle Vanston, Kindergarten Teacher at McGregor Elementary

Mr. Clarke introduced Mr. Charles Rowland, Rochester High School Principal, and Mrs. Amanda McKay Asst. Principal at Stoney Creek. Mrs. Cenko welcomed them to the district and offered congratulations.  
Motion carried: 6-0

## **B. 100 Day Plan Update**

Mr. Clarke presented the progress made to date on his 100 Day Plan. He reiterated that the plan was built around relationships and student achievement. He went over each point in the plan and indicated its status. He stated that some of the items cannot be addressed or completed until the beginning of the school year, when staff returns to their buildings. He has plans to relocate a few of his Superintendent's Coffee's at locations within the community, such as the Rochester Hills Public Library, Barnes and Noble, and Oakland University. Mr. Clark stated that 72% of his plan has been initiated and is on-going, 12% are completed, and 16% are on hold until the fall.

Mr. Debabrat Sarkar, community member and parent, questioned what types of collaborations are being considered with other districts. Mr. Clarke responded that there is a technology project underway with Lake Orion Schools, Business Services are being looked into with the Oakland County Superintendent's Association as something that could be shared, Maintenance and Operations, Special Education Services, and the district has also been collaborating on Training Initiatives and Curriculum Initiatives.

Mr. Sarkar also asked what Mr. Clarke looks for in the classroom when he visits. Mr. Clark responded that he is looking for active rather than passive learning. He wants to see students engaged and interested in the curriculum.

Mrs. Cenko added that the curriculum is moving to the national standards and that the entire county would be working together. Mrs. Moore, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, stated that there is a common core in Oakland County and the district has teacher representatives, as well as Alesia Flye, Director of Curriculum, who are working on this with other educators across the county.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. (Moved from Consent Agenda) Approve the bid award for the drainage improvement project at Hampton Elementary to Bedient Construction Company in the amount of \$79,640. Recommendation is for the low bidder. Source of Funding: Capital Projects Fund.**

A Motion was made to place item on the table.

Moved by: Mrs. Nowak  
Supported by: Mrs. Talbert

Mr. Coutteau requested clarification of the base bid and the alternates noted within the bid. Mr. Stoner explained that the base bid was to take care of the drainage system around the perimeter of Hampton. The alternates were added as an extension of the base bid if additional funding was available. The bid amount allowed the district to add these drainage alternatives: extra drainage around the back of the building by the portable classrooms, and around the playground.

Motion carried: 6-0

### **B. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2011**

Mr. Moore was absent with notice from the Board of Education Regular July 18, 2011 meeting.

Motion to approve the Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2011.

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert

Supported by: Mrs. Berwick

Motion carried: 6-0

### **C. Board Bylaw 0160 Proposed Revision**

Mr. Clarke presented the first reading of Board Bylaw 0160 revision. The revision included adding Academic Spotlight before Communications to all future Board of Education Agendas. Each school will take a brief moment to share a program or practice that is being done in their building. This is in addition to the agenda item "Spotlight on Success".

Motion to approve the first reading of the proposed revision to Board Bylaw 0160.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau

Supported by: Mrs. Berwick.

Motion to table the item until the next regular meeting.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau

Supported by: Mrs. Talbert

Motion carried: 6-0

## **VI. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

### **A. Citizens Present at the Meeting**

Mr. Joshua Raymond addressed the Board regarding gifted education, and magnet classrooms for gifted students. He suggested that Rochester Community Schools consider a magnet program in our district.

### **B. Members of the Administration**

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

## **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Upcoming RCS Events**

New Teacher Orientation: August 29, 2011

All Staff Kick-Off the School Year Celebration: August 30, 2011

Professional Development Days: August 30 and 31, 2011

First Day of School: September 6, 2011

Mrs. Geri Moore added that August 31, 2011, will be a District Professional Development Day. In the morning, teachers will be learning about the new evaluation tool. In the afternoon staff will be at the buildings with a workshop taking place the first hour on the district's Bullying Policy, presented by the Diversity Committee. All District employees will experience this program by the end of September.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Moved by: Mrs. Berwick  
Supported by: Mrs. Nowak  
Motion carried: 6-0

Respectfully submitted:

Marsha Shaw  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

  
Secretary, Board of Education