

# ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

## BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR / STUDY SESSION MEETING

June 18, 2012

### MINUTES

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A Regular / Study Session Meeting of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, June 18, 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, Jane Pierobon, Pat Piskulich

Members Absent: 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 10 visitors.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Mr. Coutteau shared the following communications that the Board of Education received since the prior meeting: Lois Pozolo regarding Ms. Brandt from Rochester High School being an exceptional teacher, Jennifer O'Toole-Seyka regarding the presentation about the districts guidance and counseling program and, Ron and Cheryl Stewart regarding student placement in accelerated courses at the Middle School.

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

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

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Talbert requested Item E., To approve the renewal of the district memberships to the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) \$0; the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) \$8,098.00 and the MASB Legal Trust Fund \$493.00. Source of funding: General Fund, to be removed from the Consent Agenda. This item would become the first agenda item under the New Business portion of the agenda.

Mr. Piskulich requested Item I., To approve the Administrative Contract Extensions, to be removed from the Consent Agenda. This item would become the second item under the New Business portion of the agenda.

A motion was made to approve the following Consent Agenda items as presented.

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert

Supported by: Ms. Nowak

- **Approve the Current Bills Payable for May 21, 2012 to June 8, 2012 in the amount of \$5,463,446.31.**
- **Approve the Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2012.**
- **Approve the Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2012.**
- **Approve the School Lunch Price Recommendations for 2012-13: The administration is not recommending any changes to school lunch prices for the 2012-13 year.**
- **Approve a Special Meeting, Open to the Public, for the Board of Education on Monday, June 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rochester Community Schools Administration Center, 501 W. University Drive, Rochester, Michigan 48307 for the purpose of a Regular Meeting and the Organizational Meeting 2012-2013.**
- **Approve the Purchase of Three (3) School Busses from Capital City International Trucks in the not to exceed amount of \$269,439.00. Source of funding: General Fund**
- **Approve the Resolution in Support of School Speed Limit Signs at Musson Elementary.**
- **Approve the updated Superintendent of Schools Evaluation Form to contain Student Growth and Rating.**

Motion carried: 6-0

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A. New Policy 2361: Internet Safety Policy (Action Item, Second Reading) Mr. Clarke**

A motion was made to remove the item from the table.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau

Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon

Motion carried: 6-0

A motion was made to approve the second reading of the Proposed New Board Policy 2361: Internet Safety Policy as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich

Supported by: Ms. Nowak

Motion carried: 6-0

### **REPORTS**

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

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

**NEW TEACHER HIRES**

Cathy Cherico, American Sign Language and Special Ed Teacher, Stoney Creek and Adams High Schools  
Beth Jones, First Grade Teacher, McGregor Elementary School  
Alyse Licari, Second Grade Teacher, McGregor Elementary School

**RESIGNATIONS**

Colleen Mayes, Transportation Manager.

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

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert  
Supported by: Mr. Coutteau  
Motion carried: 6-0

**B. Legislative Update** (Information Item) Mr. Clarke

Mr. Clarke gave an update on Senate Bill 1040 which is in its 10<sup>th</sup> revision. The current version is being referenced as H3.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. To approve the renewal of the district memberships to the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) \$0; the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) \$8,098.00 and the MASB Legal Trust Fund \$493.00. Source of funding: General Fund**

Mrs. Talbert shared that she provides training workshops for the MASB which she receives compensation for and feels her vote would be a conflict of interest.

A motion was made to approve the renewal of the district memberships to the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) \$0; the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) \$8,098.00 and the MASB Legal Trust Fund \$493.00. Source of funding: General Fund.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau  
Supported by: Ms. Nowak  
Abstentions: Mrs. Talbert  
Motion carried: 5-0-1

**B. To approve the Administrative Contract Extensions.**

Mr. Piskulich requested clarification on how the contract extensions are determined.

A motion was made to approve the Administrative Contract Extensions.

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

**C. Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2012** (Action Item)

Mr. Coutteau was absent with notice from the Board of Education Closed Meeting of May 31, 2012.

A motion was made to approve the Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2012.

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert  
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon  
Abstentions: Mr. Coutteau  
Motion carried: 5-0-1

**D. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2012** (Action Item)

Mr. Coutteau was absent with notice from the Board of Education Regular Meeting of June 4, 2012

A motion was made to approve the Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2012.

Moved by: Ms. Nowak  
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon  
Abstentions: Mr. Coutteau  
Motion carried: 5-0-1

**E. Tax Certification for 2012** (Action Item) Ms. Hartnell

Ms. Hartnell presented the Tax Certification for 2012. Each year the Board is required to approve the millage rate on non-homestead property and debt service. The administration recommended keeping the debt service levy flat at 6.7 mills and the general fund levy at 18 mills.

A motion was made to approve the Tax Certification for 2012 as presented.

Moved by: Ms. Nowak  
Supported by: Mr. Piskulich  
Motion carried: 6-0

**F. Authorize the Superintendent to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with Oakland Intermediate School District for the Virtual Learning Academy** (Action Item) Mr. Clarke

Mr. Clarke provided an overview of the Oakland Intermediate School district partnership with local school districts and the Virtual Learning Academy. The Virtual Learning Academy will provide a flexible, rigorous and innovative world-class learning option for Oakland County families, with children in grades K-8, who choose a home-based learning environment for their children.

Board discussion included how many students will be involved, meeting the needs of special education students, MEAP testing, if this program is available for students that have medical challenges or have been removed from school due to disciplinary reasons, aligning with common core, the software, monitoring and tracking these students along with academic support.

A motion was made to authorize the Superintendent to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with Oakland Intermediate School District for the Virtual Learning Academy as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau  
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon  
Motion carried: 6-0

**G. Contract for Parking Lot Security and Intra-District Delivery Services (Action Item) Mr. Romzek**

A motion was made to put this item on the table.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau

Supported by: Ms. Nowak

Mr. Romzek presented the recommendation to contract D.M. Burr Security Services, Inc. to perform the parking lot security and intra-district delivery services as set forth in the RFP.

Board discussion focused on the electric GEM security vehicles option.

Ms. Nowak proposed an amendment to the motion to approve the contract for Parking Lot Security and Intra-District Delivery Services to exclude the three (3) golf carts (electric GEM security vehicles) and approve a contract amount of \$89,623.65 for each of the three (3) years for a total contract of \$268,870.95. Mr. Coutteau supported this amendment and approved 6-0.

A motion to approve the contract as amended for Parking Lot Security and Intra-District Delivery Services as presented was approved 6-0.

**H. Chartwells Contract Extensions (Action Item) Mr. Romzek**

A motion was made to put this item on the table.

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich

Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon

Mr. Romzek introduced the leadership team from Chartwells which included Tracy Hizer, Director of Dining Services, Kim Sinclair, Executive Chef, and Anne Smith, District Manager. Mr. Romzek recommends that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract renewal for Food Service Management with Chartwells School Dining for the 2012/2013 school year. This would be the districts third year working with Chartwells. The leadership team from Chartwells shared a PowerPoint summarizing the following: How Rochester Food Service is Doing; Successes; New USDA Regulations; and Future Focus.

Board discussion included the Sparkle Award, equipment replacement, bring your mom to breakfast idea, catering, student participation, clarification on outtakes (grab and go), and using locally grown food.

A motion to approve the Chartwells Contract Extensions as presented was approved 6-0.

**I. Adopt the 2012-2013 Budgets (Action Item) Mr. Romzek and Ms. Hartnell**

A motion was made to put this item on the table.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau

Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon

Ms. Lori Hartnell, Director of Budget and Finance, provided an overview of the proposed 2012-2013 budget resolutions for the Athletics Fund, Bookstore Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Debt Services Fund, School Lunch Fund and General Fund.

Mr. Romzek commended Ms. Hartnell and Mrs. Petitta for their assistance on building the budget. Mr. Romzek stated that the district has incorporated the provisions of Senate Bill 1040 into the recommended budget, which approximates \$3.1 million dollars in expenditure savings.

A motion to adopt the 2012-2013 Budgets as presented was approved 6-0.

**J. Board Policy 5566: Anti-Bullying** (Action Item, First Reading) Mr. Clarke

A motion was made to put this item on the table.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau  
Supported by: Mr. Piskulich

Mr. Clarke presented the first reading on Board Policy 5566: Anti-Bullying.

The Board requested that the Administration check with legal counsel to see if the references to telecommunications could be changed to reference the law, rather than updating the definition of devices every year.

A motion was made to table the item until the next regular meeting.

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert  
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon  
Motion carried: 6-0

The Board recessed at 9:05 p.m. and resumed at 9:15 p.m.

**STUDY SESSION**

**A. Common Core State Standards**

Mrs. Larson, Director of Assessment and Grants, and Mrs. Fragomeni, Director of Elementary Education, presented information on the changes that will take place in curriculum and assessments based on the requirements of the Common Core State Standards. The Rochester Community Schools' teachers have been working on the courses at Oakland Schools and will continue to receive professional development toward this transition.

Board discussion included the four strands (reading, writing, speaking and listening), teacher preparation programs, college mediation, Writing Intensive in the Major class that was taught at the university level, and engaging students.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

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

**B. Members of the Administration** – Mr. Clarke announced that Betty Crowder, RCS Health Program Consultant, nominated Brian Peterson, Musson Elementary Science Teacher, for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching and is a finalist.

**C. Members of the Board of Education** – Mr. Piskulich attended the 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremony at University Hills Elementary.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Upcoming RCS Events**

July 23, 2012	Board of Education Regular Meeting, Administration Center, 7 p.m.
August 13, 2012	Board of Education Regular Meeting, Administration Center, 7 p.m.
August 27, 2012	Board of Education Regular / Study Session Meeting, Administration Center, 7 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

  
Charles W. Coulter  
Secretary, Board of Education