

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

January 14, 2013

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting, Open to the Public, of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, January 14, 2013, in the Rochester Community Schools Administration Center, 501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan. President Beth Talbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Beth Talbert, Lisa Nowak, Pat Piskulich, Jennifer Berwick, Jane Pierobon, Michael Zabat

Members Absent: Chuck Coutteau with notice

Others Present: Tresa Zumsteg, Geri Moore, Dan Romzek, Beth Davis, Debbi Hartman, John Stoner, Anne Evans, Irene Larson, Debi Fragomeni, Dave Harwell, Lori Hartnell, April Wuest, Doug Hill, Christine Keener and approximately 35 visitors.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT – Long Meadow Elementary, Student Council

Students from Long Meadow Elementary Student Council shared a PowerPoint presentation about their activities as student council representatives.

Mrs. Talbert requested a motion to move the Superintendent's Report to the first item after Consent Agenda.

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich

Supported by: Ms. Nowak

Vote: 6-0

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Dr. Piskulich shared the following communications that the Board of Education received since the prior meeting: Karla Ruppert regarding a transportation appeal, Sam Abrams regarding secondary student participating in the Detroit Tigers annual Jackie Robinson Art Essay and Poetry Contest, Sameer Sinha, Tim Davis, Anthony, and Chris Gordon regarding student safety and security measures, Diane Heath inviting the Board to attend the Graphic/Integrated Design class celebration, John Smith regarding road conditions, Jay Small regarding the first semester end date, and Dean Tanski regarding correcting information on a student contact card.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None

C. Student Representatives to the Board of Education

Student Representatives from Stoney Creek, Adams, and Rochester High School shared information about activities taking place at their schools since the previous Board of Education meeting.

D. Members of the Board of Education – None

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS – School Board Recognition

Dr. Zumsteg thanked the Board of Education for their dedication and for the amount of time that Board members spend in volunteering their service to the district.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. The Current Bills Payable for November 17, 2012 thru December 21, 2012 in the amount of \$11,423,462.90.**
- B. The Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2012.**
- C. The Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2012.**
- D. The Head Start Director's Report for November, 2012.**
- E. Mrs. Berwick and Mr. Coutteau attending the Oakland County School Boards Association meeting on January 16, 2013 in the amount of \$60.00.
Source of funding: General Fund**

Moved by: Mr. Zabat
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon
Vote: 6-0

REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Update (Informational Item) Dr. Zumsteg

Dr. Zumsteg congratulated Brian Dalton from West on his participation in a triathlon to raise money for Rett's Disease and asked him to share how he got involved with this cause. Dr. Zumsteg also commended on Cara Loughheed's initiative to have all the teachers at Stoney Creek welcome the students back to school with signs. Dr. Zumsteg shared the security measures that have been put in place and a discussion of what will take place going forward. We will be gathering input from parents and staff for recommendations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Board Policy 5422 – Grading (Action Item, Second Reading) Mrs. Moore

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

Moved by: Ms. Nowak
Supported by: Mr. Piskulich

A motion was made to approve the second reading of the proposed revisions of Board Policy 5422 – Grading.

Moved by: Mr. Zabat
Supported by: Mrs. Berwick

Joshua Raymond, parent, commented on student's growth and the possibility of a student's level of mastery to be included their report cards.

Vote: 6-0

B. Board Policy 5360 – Student Suicide (Action Item, Second Reading) Mrs. Moore

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

Moved by: Mr. Zabat

Supported by: Ms. Nowak

A motion was made to approve the second reading of the proposed revisions of Board Policy 5360 – Student Suicide.

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich

Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon

Vote: 6-0

C. Board Bylaw 0160 (Action Item, Second Reading) Mrs. Talbert

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

Moved by: Mrs. Pierobon

Supported by: Mrs. Berwick

A motion was made to approve the second reading of the proposed revisions of Board Bylaw 0160 as corrected.

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich

Supported by: Ms. Nowak

Vote: 6-0

D. Board Policy 1220 – Employment of the Superintendent (Action Item, Second Reading)

Mrs. Talbert

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

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich

Supported by: Mrs. Berwick

A motion was made to approve the second reading of the proposed revisions of Board Policy 1220 – Employment of the Superintendent.

Moved by: Mr. Zabat

Supported by: Ms. Nowak

Vote: 6-0

E. Board Policy 1230 – Superintendent of Schools (Action Item, Second Reading) Mrs. Talbert

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

Moved by: Ms. Nowak
Supported by: Mrs. Piskulich

A motion was made to approve the second reading of the proposed revisions of Board Policy 1230 – Superintendent of Schools as corrected.

Moved by: Mrs. Pierobon
Supported by: Mr. Zabat

Vote: 6-0

REPORTS

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

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

RESIGNATION:

Sheila Dill, Special Education Accountant Coordinator

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

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

B. Superintendent's Update (Informational Item) Dr. Zumsteg

This item was moved to become the first item after the Consent Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2012 (Action Item) Mrs. Talbert

A motion was made to approve the Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2012.

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich
Supported by: Mrs. Berwick
Vote: 6-0

B. 2012/2013 Budget Amendments (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to approve the 2012/2013 Budget Amendments as presented.

Moved by: Mrs. Pierobon
Supported by: Mrs. Berwick

Mr. Romzek, Assistant Superintendent for Business, and Ms. Hartnell, Director of Budget and Finance, presented the 2012-2013 Budget Amendment information including the General Fund and the Athletic Fund. Annually before July 1 each school district is required to adopt budgets for the new school year. The 2012-2013 budgets, as amended, are built upon known numbers for funding, students, staff, and operations. Material changes to any of these items may require further amendments.

Board discussion included athletic gate receipts, how the transfer of the general fund is decided, the 3 year projections, fund balance, the value of the impact statements, and clarification of community services.

Vote: 6-0

C. Best Practices Incentive Grant Resolution (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to approve the Best Practices Incentive Grant Resolution as presented.

Moved by: Mrs. Pierobon
Supported by: Mr. Zabat

Mr. Romzek presented the Best Practices Incentive Grant Resolution. Section 22F of the 2012/2013 School Aid Act makes available one-time "Best Practices" categorical funding to districts. Districts that are able to demonstrate that they meet any seven of the eight designated best practices are eligible to receive \$52 per student, which equals to funding of \$782,758 for Rochester Community Schools.

Board discussion included the difficulty of meeting all eight criteria's.

Vote: 6-0

D. Purchasing Agent Recommendation (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

A motion was to approve the recommendation to enter into intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Oakland Schools to contract a part-time Purchasing Supervisor, as presented.

Moved by: Mrs. Berwick
Supported by: Mr. Zabat

Mr. Romzek presented the Purchasing Agent Recommendation. The Recommendation is a three-year shared service agreement with Oakland Schools for a part-time Purchasing Supervisor.

Board discussion included the length of the contract, annual savings, and cost sharing.

Vote: 6-0

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

Doug Hill, president of the REA thanked the Board for its service and for their hard work. He encouraged the Board members to think of one highlight of their recent past that can help get through the difficult days.

B. Members of the Administration – None

C. Members of the Board of Education

Dr. Piskulich commented on an art class he and Mrs. Talbert attended at Stoney Creek that was very interesting. Mrs. Berwick enjoyed the Crosstown Showdown on Friday night, the "Annie" performance by West at RHS on Saturday night and the MLK celebration on Sunday. Mrs. Pierobon mentioned that the wrestlers did very well at regionals. Mr. Zabat complimented the teaching staff on their character building efforts, as evidenced by Mr. Dalton's work on behalf of Rett's Syndrome. Mrs. Talbert mentioned that the Superintendent Search committee has received a list of references for the candidates and questions to be asked. Site visits will take place January 15 and 16, 2013.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming RCS Events

January 22, 2013 7:00-8:30 P.M., Community Reception to meet Superintendent Candidates, Harrison Room
January 23, 2013 5:00 P.M., Board of Education Special Meeting, Harrison Room
January 24, 2013 7:00 P.M., Board of Education Special Meeting, Harrison Room
January 28, 2013 7:00 P.M., Board of Education Regular Meeting, Harrison Room

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Moved by: Mrs. Pierobon
Supported by: Mr. Zabat
Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education