

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

February 11, 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, February 11, 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, Chuck Coutteau, Jane Pierobon, Michael Zabat

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tresa Zumsteg, Dan Romzek, Dave Harwell, Debi Fragomeni, Debbi Hartman, John Stoner, Anne Evans, Lori Hartnell, Charles Rowland, Kevin Cumming, Doug Hill, Christine Keener and approximately 20 visitors.

POINTS OF PRIDE – Rochester High School Freshman Support Program

Charles Rowland, Principal, Julie Harris, Media Specialist, and three students; Carolyn Janney, Natasha Hampshire, and Sage O'Donnell from Rochester High School shared information about the Freshman Support Programs at RHS. The program includes the Mentor Program, the Falcon 9 Freshmen Support program, class sponsored activities, and the Freshman Reading Initiative.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mr. Piskulich shared the following communications that the Board of Education received since the prior meeting: Laura Morrissey, and Janet Gehrke regarding the track at Adams High School; Sally Anglim regarding her support of Mr. Don Maskill, Principal, at Hugger Elementary; Lorraine McGoldrick regarding the cable channel; Soojin Chun regarding contact information for the new Superintendent, Dr. Shaner; Mike Reno commending the district on the selective shutdown of buildings today, February 11, 2013, due to weather conditions; and Ann Ehlert thanked the Board of Education for their service to the community. She also expressed her sincere appreciation towards the Special Education department and the programs they provide for students.

Mr. Piskulich also shared at Chat with the Board this evening he spoke with Doug Pettypiece regarding Trees for Living and Learning which includes planting trees at the middle schools.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None

C. Student Representatives to the Board of Education

Student Representatives from Rochester, Adams, and Stoney Creek 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 – Amity Scholars

Janie Barner, Robin Wieten, and Joe Ciluffo from Adams High School shared information about the Amity Scholars program at their building which brings a graduate student from a foreign country to work with our students for the year. As part of the cultural exchange, this Amity Scholar brings the target language and culture to life.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. To approve the Current Bills Payable for December 22, 2012 thru January 25, 2013 in the amount of \$8,320,556.85.**
- B. To approve the Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2013.**
- C. To approve the Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2013.**
- D. To approve the Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2013.**
- E. To approve the Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes if January 24, 2013.**
- F. To approve Mr. Zabat attending the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) CBA 101: Introduction to School Board Service on March 2, 2013 in the amount of \$180.00.
Source of funding: General Fund**

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

REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Zumsteg provided an update on the road conditions and how they have been impacting transportation for 80% of the students who reside in the northern suburbs.

B. Human Resources Recommendations (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

Mr. Romzek, Assistant Superintendent for Business, presented the following recommendations:

RETIREMENTS

Carolyn Parr, Learning Consultant, Meadowbrook Elementary

RESIGNATION

Bert Quinn, Supervisor, RACE

APPOINTMENT

Jennifer Fickel, Special Education Accountant Coordinator

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

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon
Vote: 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

A. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2013 (Action Item) Mrs. Talbert

Mr. Coutteau was absent, with notice, from the Board of Education Regular Meeting on January 14, 2013.

A motion was made to approve the Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2013 as presented.

Moved by: Mrs. Pierobon
Supported by: Mrs. Berwick
Abstentions: Mr. Coutteau
Nays: None
Vote: 6-1-0

B. Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2013 (Action Item) Mrs. Talbert

Mr. Coutteau was absent, with notice, from the Board of Education Closed Meeting on January 14, 2013.

A motion was made to approve the Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2013 as presented.

Moved by: Ms. Nowak
Supported by: Mr. Zabat
Abstentions: Mr. Coutteau
Nays: None
Vote: 6-1-0

C. Policy 5112 – Entrance Age (Action Item, Frist Reading) Mrs. Fragomeni

A motion was made to approve the first reading of the proposed revisions of Board Policy 5112 – Entrance Age.

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

Joshua Raymond, parent, addressed the Board of Education on early entrance to kindergarten for gifted students.

Michelle Bueltel, parent, addressed the Board of Education regarding the striking of the first grade information from the policy.

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

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon
Vote: 7-0

D. Approve Bids for Door Access Systems (Action Item) Mr. Romzek and Mr. Stoner

A motion was made to approve the bids for the furnishing and installation of the door access systems from Security Designs, Inc., in the amount of \$179,142.93, as presented.

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

Mr. Romzek and Mr. Stoner presented information about the door access systems that are being recommended by the District Critical Incidence Team to enhance security at a cost of approximately \$179,000, which is inclusive of a contingency amount.

Board discussion included the RACE building, School Age Care parents having a card, being able to get the students into a building in a timely fashion, procedure of lost card, management of this system, video systems at the high schools, short term solutions, the need for a long term security discussion, installation timeline, software license, card expirations, durability, and annual cost.

Doug Hill, REA President, commend the secretarial unit and para staff for their assistance with staffing the doors over the past 6 to 8 weeks.

Michelle Bueltel, parent, inquired about the potential of a panic button as well as notify the police.

Vote: 7-0

The Board recessed at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:02 p.m.

E. 2013/2014 Budget Projections (Information Item) Mr. Romzek

Mr. Romzek's presentation of the 2013/2013 Budget Projections included the budget planning objective, details of the Governor's budget proposal, Best Practices incentive funds, how RCS has remained fiscally sound, addressing the budget shortfall, and the factors that will affect the 2013/2014 budget. The Board of Education will need to establish the target end of the fund balance. The Budget must be adopted by June 30, 2013, in accordance with Michigan Law.

Board discussion included the retirement rate, Best Practices, revenue enhancements, spending more than what is taken in, impact statements, involving stakeholders in the cuts, cannot borrow to make payroll, combination approach, trade space, looking for creative responses, and the least effect on the classrooms.

F. Approve Resolution for Health Insurance Cost Sharing for the 2013 Coverage Year
(Action Item) Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to approve the Resolution regarding Health Insurance Cost Sharing for the 2013 Coverage Year, as presented.

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

Mr. Romzek read the Resolution regarding Health Insurance Cost Sharing for the 2013 Coverage Year.

Vote: 7-0

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting – None

B. Members of the Administration

Mr. Romzek shared information from the Superintendent's Business Operations Committee meeting that took place on February 4, 2013. Topics included setting a tentative meeting schedule for the 2013 calendar year, a possible shared service agreement with the City of Rochester Hills, enrollment projections, the monthly budget reports, a new student information software system, Race, and the Enrichment programs.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Mrs. Pierobon attended the wrestling meet for the district and complimented the athletes.

Mrs. Talbert thanked Mrs. Hartman for coordinating the Chamber of Commerce Chamber day/leadership event. Also, Mrs. Talbert has met with Dr. Shaner and his plans include visiting all of the buildings within the first 6 weeks as well as setting up appointments with all Board of Education members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming RCS Events

February 18-19, 2013	No School K-12 Mid-winter Recess
February 25, 2013	6:00 P.M – 7:00 P.M. Reception
February 25, 2013	7:00 p.m., Board of Education Regular Meeting & Study Session, Harrison Room
March 11, 2013	7:00 P.M., Board of Education Regular Meeting, Harrison Room
March 25, 2013	7:00 P.M., Board of Education Regular Meeting & Study Session, Harrison Room

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau
Supported by: Mr. Zabat
Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Secretary, Board of Education