

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

December 5, 2012

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting, Open to the Public, of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Wednesday, December 5, 2012, in the Rochester Community Schools Administration Center, 501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan. President Jennifer Berwick called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Parker Room.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tresa Zumsteg, Dan Romzek, Beth Davis, Debbi Hartman, Doug Hill, Christine Keener and approximately 8 visitors. Board candidates Kelly Borowski, Brian Kirksey, Sherry Wynn Perdue, Gary Tucker, and Michael Zabat.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Policy 5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (Action Item, First Reading) Mr. Romzek

Mr. Romzek explained the reason for revising this policy so the district can meet the 7/8 best practice items in the school aid fund budget. The district currently meets 6 of the items. It does not meet School of Choice or State Model PE requirements. This limited School Choice program will allow the district to allow 3 non-resident students to apply to attend ACE and 3 non-resident students to apply to enroll in ACE as an online student through a seat time waiver. This is a decision that the Board makes annually.

A motion was made to approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to Board Policy 5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students.

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

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

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

B. Policy 5113 – Schools of Choice Program (Inter-District) (Action Item, First Reading)
Mr. Romzek

Mr. Romzek explained that this new policy is necessary to offer Schools of Choice. Students must reside within Oakland County Intermediate School District. This is a companion policy to 5111. It also states that the district can determine how many openings, at which school and which grade level. The district cannot discriminate. This decision is made annually. However, once a student comes to the district under Schools of Choice, they may remain with the district.

A motion was made to approve the first reading of the proposed new Board Policy 5113 – Schools of Choice Program (Inter-District).

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

Joshua Raymond, audience member, addressed the Board regarding clarification on the new Board Policy 5113.

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

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

C. Policy 6146 – Post Issuance Compliance for Tax-Exempt and Tax-Advantaged Obligations
(Action Item, First Reading) Mr. Romzek

Mr. Romzek explained that the administration is proposing this new policy to comply with the governmental requirement that tax exempt bodies state what measures they are taking to maintain their tax exempt status and tax-advantaged status for items such as bond obligations.

A motion was made to approve the first reading of the proposed new Board Policy 6146 – Post Issuance Compliance for Tax-Exempt and Tax-Advantaged Obligations.

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

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

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

D. Policy 6320 – Soliciting Prices/Bidding (Action Item, First Reading) Mr. Romzek

Mr. Romzek explained that this is a revision to current policy that changes the minimum amount for a purchase through the bid process that must be brought to the Board for approval from \$7,500 to

\$10,000. The current state threshold is \$22,000. This threshold changes every year. The other changes add language for lease agreements and the procurement of professional services.

A motion was made to approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to Board Policy 6320 – Soliciting Prices/Bidding.

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

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

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

E. Policy 6321 – School Construction and Renovations (Action Item, First Reading) Mr. Romzek

Mr. Romzek explained that this policy is being recommended to put into policy the practices which are required by state law, which we follow.

A motion was made to approve the first reading of the proposed new Board Policy 6321 – School Construction and Renovations.

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

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

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

BOARD CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

Board candidates were interviewed in the following order Gary Tucker, Sherry Wynn Perdue, Kelly Borowski, Brian Kirksey, and Michael Zabat. Each candidate was given a half-hour to respond to questions from the Board of Education.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS – None

BOARD DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

The Board determined the top three candidates: Michael Zabat, Sherry Purdue, and Gary Tucker. The Board thanked all the candidates for their interest and encouraged their future involvement in the district. The Board members commented on each of the remaining three candidates and conducted a second ranking. Following the second ranking Mr. Zabat had the highest ranking.

APPOINT NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

A motion was made to select Michael Zabat as the new Board of Education Trustee for Rochester Community Schools.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau
Supported by: Ms. Nowak
Vote: 6-0

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Charles A. Coutteau
Secretary, Board of Education