

# **ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING**

December 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. ~ Harrison Room

### **MINUTES**

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

A Special Meeting, Open to the Public, of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, December 17, 2012, in the Rochester Community Schools Administration Center, 501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan. President Jennifer Berwick called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

Members Absent: Chuck Coutteau with notice

Others Present: Tresa Zumsteg, Geri Moore, Dan Romzek, Beth Davis, Debbi Hartman, Jeff Mozdierz, Irene Larson, Debi Fragomeni, Dave Harwell, Doug Hill, Amy Schuster, Christine Keener and approximately 15 visitors.

Mrs. Berwick requested a moment of silence to honor and pay respects to the families in Newtown, Connecticut who are experiencing a great loss in their lives. May they find comfort knowing that people around the world share their grief.

Dr. Zumsteg shared the activities that have taken place over the weekend to communicate with parents and establish additional security protocols. The principals met with their staff this morning, the District Critical Incidence team met to review protocols and the principals met with Dr. Zumsteg later in the day to review the day's events. The consensus from these meetings is that the district will continue to have the entrances locked after the students enter the building. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office will begin their Adopt-a-School, where patrol cars will stop by schools periodically. There is a bidding process in place at Oakland Schools for heightened security measures if districts want to pursue this. Dr. Zumsteg will be having further conversation with the Board about this.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATES**

##### **A. Superintendent Search Process (Information Item) Mrs. Talbert**

Mrs. Talbert, Vice President of the Board of Education, announced the following Superintendent candidates for the initial interviews:

Dr. Robert Martin, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum and Instruction, West Bloomfield School District

Dr. David Richards, Superintendent, Fraser Public Schools

Dr. Robert Shaner, Exec. Dir. Instruction and Technology, Warren Consolidated School District

Mrs. Cindy Weber, Superintendent, Durand Schools

The initial interviews will take place on January 7 and 9, 2013.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Board Policy 6320 – Soliciting Prices/Bidding** (Action Item, Second Reading) Mr. Romzek

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

Moved by: Mrs. Pierobon  
Supported by: Mrs. Talbert

Board members asked that the revision date be changed from 2017 to 2013.

A motion was made to approve the second reading of the Board Policy 6320 – Soliciting Prices/Bidding as presented.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Approval of the Superintendent Candidates** (Action Item) Mrs. Talbert

Mrs. Talbert shared that each Superintendent Candidate will be submitting a timed writing sample to the Board of Education prior to the January 7, 2012 meeting.

A motion was made to approve the following candidates: Dr. Robert Martin, Dr. David Richards, Dr. Robert Shaner, and Mrs. Cindy Weber for the initial interviews for the Superintendent position.

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

### **B. Resolution in Support of Public Education** (Action Item) Mrs. Berwick

Mrs. Pierobon read the Resolution in Support of Public Education.

A motion was made to approve the Resolution in Support of Public Education as presented.

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

### **C. Board Policy 5422 – Grading** (Action Item, First Reading) Mrs. Moore

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

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

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

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

**D. Board Policy 5360 – Student Suicide** (Action Item, First Reading) Mrs. Moore

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

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

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

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

**E. Board Bylaw 0160** (Action Item, First Reading) Mrs. Berwick

A motion was made to approve the first reading of the proposed revisions of Board Bylaw 0160.

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

Board members asked for an additional change to the Bylaw to include the method of electronic notification under Special Meetings.

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

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich  
Supported by: Mr. Zabat  
Vote: 6-0

**F. Board Policy 1220 – Employment of the Superintendent** (Action Item, First Reading)  
Mrs. Berwick

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

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

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

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

**G. Board Policy 1230 – Superintendent of Schools** (Action Item, First Reading) Mrs. Berwick

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

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

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

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich  
Supported by: Mr. Zabat  
Vote: 6-0

### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

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

Diane Glinski, parent, addressed the Board regarding the resolution passed by the Board and stressed that she wanted any reform to the current system be tried and tested.

#### **B. Members of the Administration - None**

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

Mrs. Talbert walked through the superintendent interview process. The initial interviews will take place on January 7 and 9, 2013. Site visits will take place the week of January 14, 2012. Mrs. Talbert recommended that the site visit committee consist of three Board members, Mr. Romzek, Ms. Davis, Mr. Harwell, Mrs. Fragomeni, Mr. Hill, principal representatives from the three levels, a parent representative, and a community representative. There will be an Open House for the two finalists on January 22, 2013 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Harrison Room. There will also be opportunities for staff members, parents, community members and students to meet for a brief dialogue with the candidates.

Mrs. Berwick appointed Ms. Nowak, Mrs. Pierobon, and Mr. Zabat, to work on the superintendent's contract.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Upcoming RCS Events**

January 7, 2013	6:30 P.M., Board of Education Special Meeting, Harrison Room
January 9, 2013	7:00 P.M., Board of Education Special Meeting, Harrison Room
January 14, 2013	7:00 P.M., Board of Education Regular Meeting, Harrison Room
January 22, 2013	7:00-8:30 P.M., 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**

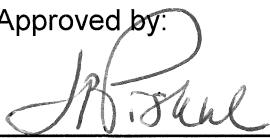
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

  
Secretary, Board of Education