

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING / STUDY SESSION

November 19, 2012

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting / Study Session of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, November 19, 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

Members Absent: Gerald Moore and Pat Piskulich with notice

Others Present: Tresa Zumsteg, Geri Moore, Dan Romzek, Beth Davis, Debbi Hartman, Jeff Mozdierz, Irene Larson, Debi Fragomeni, Dave Harwell, Kevin Cumming, Rachel Guinn, Charles Rowland, Susan Demeniuk, Theresa DiMaria, Doug Hill, Christine Keener and approximately 35 visitors.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

Katie Wareck, student representative from Adams High School, shared activities taking place since the previous meeting.

Ms. Janice King, counselor, Mr. Kevin Cumming, principal, and students from Adams High School Freshman Mentoring Program shared information about the mentoring program which helps freshman students acclimate to Adams High School.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mr. Coutteau shared the following communication that the Board of Education received since the prior meeting: Jill Vincent regarding Physical Education credits.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None

C. Members of the Board of Education

Mrs. Pierobon shared the following discussion topics she received at the Board Chat this evening: the superintendent search, contracts, legislation including trigger laws, scheduling, and AP classes from Diane Glinski and Lena Chandochin.

Mrs. Berwick shared a communication she received from ACE acknowledging her support and involvement with their Big Boy Celebrity Servers.

Mrs. Berwick read the following resignation letter from Board of Education Trustee Gerald Moore:

Rochester Community School Board:

Last school year, I approached our Board President to address my concerns regarding my ability to continue effectively serving as RCS School Board Trustee. As you know, my primary profession requires significant travel throughout each of Michigan's 83 counties. I was troubled that this travel would not allow me to be physically present, if at all, for many of my board commitments and responsibilities.

The Board President expressed a desire for me to continue my service on the Board. At that time, the Board President and Superintendent were extremely accommodating and supportive by making the necessary technological adjustments which allowed me to participate in School Board functions remotely. I am very appreciative of their efforts.

However, after much thought and consideration, I regret to inform the Board that effective immediately, I am resigning my position as Rochester Community School Board Trustee. My job-related travel has only intensified since my initial conversation with our Board President. As such, I cannot effectively provide the leadership and contributions necessary as School Board Trustee.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as Board Trustee over the past several years and am thankful for the opportunity provided by our community to serve in this position.

I am equally proud of the many accomplishments achieved over the past several years. While not easy, these decisions help to ensure Rochester Community Schools place among the top school districts in the State of Michigan for years to come.

I want to take this time to thank both present and past RCS School Board members with whom I have had the honor of serving. I thank you for your service to our community, and more importantly to our students.

I also want to thank the RCS Administrative Center Team for their commitment to excellence.

Most importantly, I want to thank RCS teachers, support staff, parents, and students. You are the core reason for our existence and service. I've no doubt that given so many options regarding educational organizations, you are why families and job seekers continue to choose Rochester Community Schools.

I wish the RCS School Board continued success in ensuring our students are: College Ready. Career Ready. Life Ready.

May God continue to bless our students, families, staff, and district.

Best,

Gerald L. Moore

REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Committee Reports (Information Items) Dr. Zumsteg and Mrs. Moore

Superintendent's Continuous Improvement Committee – Dr. Zumsteg, Interim Superintendent, shared information from the committee discussion on November 12, 2012 including Policy Committee and Superintendent Search.

Superintendent's Curriculum Advisory Committee – Mrs. Moore, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, shared information from the committee discussion on November 14, 2012 including Career and Technology.

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

Mrs. Guinn, Principal, Hart Middle School, honored Monica Harvey, science teacher at Hart Middle School, for being selected by the Michigan Science Teachers Association (MSTA) to receive the 2013 Middle School Science Teacher of the Year Award.

Mr. Rowland, Principal, Rochester High School, honored Julie Harris, media specialist at Rochester High School, for being named the School Librarian of the Year by the Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME).

NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Policy 5530 – Drug Free School Zones (Action Item, First Reading) Mrs. Moore

A motion was made to approve the first reading of the proposed Board Policy 5530 – Drug Free School Zones.

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: 5-0

B. Board Policy 5772 – Weapons Free School Zones (Action Item, First Reading) Mrs. Moore

A motion was made to approve the first reading of the proposed Board Policy 5772 – Weapons Free School Zones.

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

Board member discussion included the definition of a weapon, district property, and having the district attorney reviewing this policy.

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

Moved by: Ms. Nowak
Supported by: Mrs. Talbert
Vote: 5-0

C. Board Policy 3120 – Selection and Employment of Professional Staff (Action Item, First Reading)

A motion was made to approve the first reading of the proposed Board Policy 3120 – Selection and Employment of Professional Staff.

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

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

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau
Supported by: Mrs. Talbert
Vote: 5-0

D. Board Policy 4120 – Selection and Employment of Support Staff (Action Item, First Reading)

A motion was made to approve the first reading of the proposed Board Policy 4120 – Selection and Employment of Support Staff.

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

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

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau
Supported by: Ms. Nowak
Vote: 5-0

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting – None

B. Members of the Administration – None

C. Members of the Board of Education

Mrs. Talbert and other members of the Board attended an MASB conference over the weekend that was very informative and useful. Mrs. Talbert attended the Superintendent Curriculum Committee meeting and is very excited about the direction the district is taking and also thanked the staff for their work on behalf of the children.

Mr. Coutteau attended the Oakland County School Board Association meeting on November 14, 2012 and heard a presentation on how well public education is actually performing in comparison to what is generally reported and about various legislation which may put local control in jeopardy. Mr. Coutteau referenced the following website: Tri-County Alliance for Public Education Legislative Action Center <http://www.capwiz.com/tca4edu/home/>

Mrs. Pierobon also attended the MASB conference and felt it was time very well spent. She also attended the Veteran's Day recognition at Van Hoosen and gave a presentation in uniform. It was a very moving program.

Mrs. Berwick attended the West Middle School Empty Bowls event and Rochester High School's theatrical production of Legally Blond.

Vacant Board of Education Seat

Mrs. Berwick led the Board in discussion of the process and procedures outlined in the district bylaws and requirements of the Open Meetings Act to fill a vacant seat on the Board.

A motion was made to approve the Process and Application for filling a vacant Board of Education seat due to the resignation of Mr. Moore effective, November 19, 2012.

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

Board member discussion included clarification on the term, timeline, interviews and the meet and greet with the candidates. It was agreed to add a meet and greet at 6 p.m. on December 3, 2012 for the Board of Education applicants.

Vote: 5-0

Board of Education Special Meeting on December 3, 2012

A motion was made to approve a Board of Education Special Meeting, Open to the Public, on December 3, 2012 for the purpose of Interviewing the Board of Education Candidates.

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert
Supported by: Ms. Nowak
Vote: 5-0

Board of Education Special Meeting on December 5, 2012

A motion was made to approve a Board of Education Special Meeting, Open to the Public, on December 5, 2012 for the purpose of Selecting a Board of Education Trustee.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon
Vote: 5-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming RCS Events

December 10, 2012 Board of Education Regular Meeting, Admin. Ctr., 7 p.m.
December 12, 2012 Board of Education Closed Meeting, Admin. Ctr., 7 p.m.
December 17, 2012 Board of Education Special Meeting, Admin. Ctr., 7 p.m.

The Board recessed at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

STUDY SESSION

A. 21st Century Learning (Informational Item) Mrs. Moore

Mrs. Moore and representatives from the Curriculum Department and teachers led the Board in a discussion of 21st Century Learning initiatives which included a presentation from a remote location via webcam and examples of how teachers are embedding 21st century skills into their classrooms. The presentation included a short video interviewing two kindergarten students and one high school students about their future plans and how they use technology.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Moved by: Ms. Nowak
Supported by: Mr. Coutteau
Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Charles M. Coutteau
Secretary, Board of Education