

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
June 23, 2014

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, June 23, 2014, at RCS Administration Center, 501 W. University Drive, Rochester, Michigan 48307. Vice President Chuck Coutteau called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present: Chuck Coutteau, Michael Zabat, Jane Pierobon, Jennifer Berwick, Beth Talbert

Members Absent: Lisa Nowak and Pat Piskulich, with notice.

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dan Romzek, Beth Davis, Debbi Hartman, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Lori Hartnell, Dan Mooney, Lisa Fosnaugh and approximately 60 visitors.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mr. Zabat shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Margaret White and Debbie Huey regarding commencements; Mike Reno and Paul Lee regarding the grading scale; Jill Kitka-Leonard and Rick Knuff regarding McGregor Elementary; and Debabrata Sarkar regarding Exam for Credit.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda

1. Diane Glinski presented a petition regarding the discontinuation of the Success Center at McGregor Elementary.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Current Bills Payable for May 31, 2014 through June 13, 2014 in the amount of \$6,060,838.74.
- B. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, June 9, 2014
- C. Board of Education Meeting Dates for the 2014-2015 School Year
- D. School Meal Price Recommendations for 2014-2015. The administration is not recommending any changes to school meal prices for the 2014-2015 year.
- E. Approval of Asphalt Bids
- F. Administrative Employment Contract Extensions
- G. Human Resources Report

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon
Vote: 5-0

Ms. Davis, Chief Human Resource Officer, announced the appointment of Lisa Fosnaugh as the Principal at Van Hoosen Middle School.

Reports

- A. Superintendent's Committee Reports (Information Item) Dr. Shaner

Dr. Shaner shared information from the Superintendent's Steering Committee meeting that took place on June 11, 2014. Discussion included the Strategic Plan, Labor Contract, August Retreat, Millage and the June 23, 2014 Board of Education Meeting Agenda.

New Business

- A. 2014 Tax Rate Certification (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to approve the 2014 Tax Rate Request, as presented.

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

- B. Adopt the 2014-2015 Budget Resolutions (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to adopt the 2014-2015 Budget Resolutions, as presented.

Board comments and discussion included recognition of the first balanced budget in over ten (10) years, concerns regarding Capital Project Funds, acknowledgement of no increases in athletic fees, the ability to keep special programs running due to the balanced budget and MPSERS Pass-Through Funding.

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert
Supported by: Mrs. Berwick
Vote: 5-0

C. Approval of Contract for High School Athletic Trainer Services (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to approve the Contract for High School Athletic Trainer Services, as presented.

Board comments and discussion included the request for an overview of why we need athletic trainer services and that the Board is pleased to be continuing with Crittenton as they have witnessed the works of the trainers at many events.

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

D. Approval of Contract for High School Security Services (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to approve the Contract for High School Security Services, as presented.

Board comments and discussion included clarification if Board approval was needed each year for the renewals.

Thomas Crowe, parent, addressed the Board with concerns regarding the difference in the bid prices and stated that the money would be better spent on classrooms and children.

Jim Casazza, community member and PESG substitute, supports Safe-Ed. LLC and stated that our students are worth the extra cost to hire a reliable security team.

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

E. Chartwells Contract Renewal for 2014-2015 (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to approve the Chartwells Contract Renewal for 2014-2015, as presented.

Board members thanked Tracy Hizer and her staff and stated that the service has improved under her leadership and professionalism.

Moved by: Mrs. Berwick
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon
Vote: 5-0

F. Renewal of the district memberships to the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) \$0; the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) \$8,390.00 and the MASB Legal Trust Fund \$493.00. (Action Item)

Mrs. Talbert shared that she provides consulting presentations for the MASB which she receives compensation for and feels her vote would be a conflict of interest.

A motion was made to approve the renewal of the district memberships to the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) \$0; the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) \$8,390.00 and the MASB Legal Trust Fund \$493.00, as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Zabat
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon
Abstentions: Mrs. Talbert
Vote: 4-0-1

2014-2015 ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to approve the 2014-2015 Organizational Items, as presented.

1. Establishment of Depository Accounts and Check Signatories
2. Persons Authorized to Make Investments on Behalf of Rochester Community Schools
3. Persons Authorized to Enter into Agreements with Financial Institutions for Commercial Card Agreements, Custodial Agreements, and Other Financial Transactions
4. Persons Authorized to Sign in the Name of Rochester Community Schools
5. Newspapers for Official Publications
6. Designation of District Legal Counsel Representation
7. Authorize Summer and Winter Tax Collection for Each Municipality
8. Designation of Person Responsible for Implementing Public Notice Requirements of the Open Meetings Act
9. Designation of Property/Liability Insurance Carriers
10. Designation of Persons to Serve as Director and Alternate Director to the M.A.I.S.L. Joint Risk Management Trust
11. Designation of Persons to Serve as Commissioner to the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority (RARA)

Board comments and discussion included inquiring if there were any significant changes in the list compared to last year as well as clarification that the Board will vote on these items in January from this point forward instead of June.

Moved by: Mrs. Berwick
Supported by: Mrs. Talbert
Vote: 5-0

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

Stacia Ford, parent, addressed the Board regarding the decision to discontinue the Success Center at McGregor Elementary.

Kyle Moxley, parent, addressed the Board regarding the decision to discontinue the Success Center at McGregor Elementary.

Gigi Colombini, parent, addressed the Board regarding the decision to discontinue the Success Center at McGregor Elementary.

Brad Jackson, parent, addressed the Board regarding the decision to discontinue the Success Center at McGregor Elementary.

Josh Person, parent, addressed the Board regarding the decision to discontinue the Success Center at McGregor Elementary.

Arthur DeVaux, parent, addressed the Board regarding the decision to discontinue the Success Center at McGregor Elementary.

Thomas Crowe, parent, addressed the Board regarding the decision to discontinue the Success Center at McGregor Elementary.

Lucas Ford, student, addressed the Board regarding the decision to discontinue the Success Center at McGregor Elementary.

Jeff Gabrielson, parent, addressed the Board regarding the decision to discontinue the Success Center at McGregor Elementary.

Debabrata Sarkar, parent, addressed the Board regarding Exam For Credit and requested the process be reviewed.

Michelle Buelstel, PTA Board President, thanked Debbi Hartman, Director of Communications and RCS Foundation, for all of her work on behalf of the PTA and presented her with a card.

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner thanked staff and parents for a successful school year. Dr. Shaner also thanked Debbi Hartman for her service to the district and wished her well on her retirement. Mrs. Fragomeni announced that she attended the Secondary School Principals Conference in support of Mrs. Gambaro being honored as the Middle School Principal of the Year.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Members of the Board thanked Mrs. Hartman for her service to the district. Mr. Zabat announced that he and other Board members attended the annual meeting of the OSCBA where the Board received the Honor Board Award.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Zabat

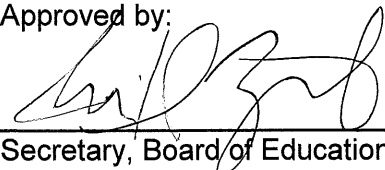
Supported by: Mrs. Berwick

Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christina McWilliams
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education