



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION
October 28, 2013

MINUTES

Call to Order

A Work Session, Open to the Public, of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, October 28, 2013, at West Middle School, 500 Old Perch, Rochester, Michigan 48309. President Beth Talbert called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dan Romzek, Beth Davis, Debbi Hartman, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, and approximately 20 visitors.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mr. Piskulich shared the following communication that the Board of Education received since the prior meeting: Pasanna Vengadam shared information about her organization.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None

C. Members of the Board of Education

Mr. Coutteau shared that he spoke with Scott Reinbold regarding kindergarten registration.

Work Session

Informational

Superintendent's Evaluation

Mrs. Talbert shared one change that differs from what was voted upon at the Board of Education meeting on September 9, 2013 where the Superintendent Evaluation Process tool was adopted. This change will designate an evaluation effectiveness rating that mirrors the teachers' effectiveness rating and will be voted on at the Board of Education Regular meeting on November 11, 2013.

Discussion

Student Achievement Benchmarks

Dr. Shaner shared the framework for establishing the student achievement benchmarks given a variety of uncertainties based on current activities in the legislature, including that at the moment, there is no designated state assessment. He also shared a recent initiative in the legislature which may replace the current method of evaluating school districts with a letter grade system similar to what is done in Florida.

The presentation outlined the basis for selecting the student achievement benchmarks based on research and college readiness. The goals will focus on transitions between levels, critical junctures in time, positive student growth and all students. The eight targets for student growth include: 3rd grade literacy, 5th to 6th grade students qualifying for advanced classes, 8th grade math explore, 8th grade science explore, 9th grade failure rate for students taking Algebra 1, 11th and 112th grade African American students in AP courses, ACT Reading, and ACT Science.

Dr. Shaner introduced the measurements which range from ineffective (no growth in any targeted areas and significant decline in at least three), minimally effective (no growth in targeted areas), effective (positive growth in 1-3 targeted areas), and highly effective (positive growth in 4-8 targeted areas).

This information will be brought forward to a future Board of Education Regular meeting for approval.

Additional Information

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

Debabrata Sarkar commented on the assessment measurements and suggested that RCS compare itself to peer districts.

Doug Hill suggested that the Board of Education have a Study Session on assessments.

Joshua Raymond questioned the final determination of effectiveness.

B. Members of the Administration – None

C. Members of the Board of Education

Mr. Coutteau commented that he enjoyed the Tony Wagner video shown to the Strategic Planning Committee. This video is available to view on the district website.

Mrs. Berwick shared items from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) fall conference that took place October 24 - 27, 2013.

Mrs. Talbert thanked the West Middle School staff for hosting the Board of Education Work Session this evening. She also commented on the Strategic Planning Committee work and reminded Board members that there will be Closed meetings on November 18 and December 2, 2013 for the purpose of the Superintendent's Evaluation.

Announcements

Upcoming Events

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| November 4, 2013 | No School Gr. K-12 & Post High |
| November 5, 2013 | No School Gr. K-12 & Post High |
| November 5, 2013 | Afternoon Parent Conferences Gr. K-5 |
| November 11, 2013 | 7:00 P.M., Board of Education Regular Mtg., Admin. Ctr. |
| November 12, 2013 | Evening Parent Conferences Gr. K-5 |
| November 14, 2013 | Evening Parent Conferences Gr. K-5 |
| November 25, 2013 | 7:00 P.M., Board of Education Work Session, Reuther MS |
| November 27-29, 2013 | No School Gr. K-12 & Post High / Thanksgiving Recess |
| November 27, 2013 | Professional Development |
| December 9, 2013 | 7:00 P.M., Board of Education Regular Mtg., Admin. Ctr. |

Adjournment

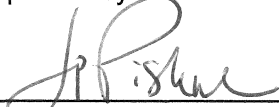
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Moved by: Mrs. Berwick
Supported by: Mr. Coutteau
Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education