

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION

September 23, 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, September 23, 2013, at Hart Middle School, 6500 Sheldon, Rochester Hills, Michigan. President Beth Talbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Chuck Coutteau with notice

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dan Romzek, Beth Davis, Debbi Hartman, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, and approximately 18 visitors.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Secretary of the Board of Education** – Mr. Piskulich shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Geri Bulka regarding the pay to participate fee; Loraine McGoldrick regarding concerns about curriculum night; and Alicia Posetti Glover regarding school uniforms.
- B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda** – None
- C. Members of the Board of Education** – Mrs. Pierobon shared the following comment that she and Mr. Zabat received at the Board Chat this evening: Joshua Raymond regarding a Policy or Regulation that guides parents on how to accelerate their students.

WORK SESSION

Informational

Legislative Update

Dr. Shaner, Superintendent, updated the Board on three legislative initiatives including Common Core funding in the state budget, consolidation of districts, and the EPI-Pen proposed legislation which has been sent back for revision.

Digital Learning Opportunities

Mrs. Fragomeni, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, provided the Board an overview of the 21f portion of Public Act 60 which allows students in grades 5-12 to take up to two online courses paid for by the district. There could be significant cost to districts if all eligible students were to participate. The legislation would take effect in January. The logistics have not been developed by the state. The district will continue to monitor this closely.

Enrollment Update

Mr. Romzek, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs, provided the Board a summary of the current enrollment numbers and the impact for the budget. Current unofficial enrollment is slightly above projection. The first count day is on October 2, 2013.

Strategic Plan

Mrs. Hartman, Director of RCS Foundation and Community Relations, shared with the Board the plans for the strategic planning process beginning with the Community Event on October 12, 2013 through the committee work which is scheduled to conclude by the end of the year.

Discussion

Crisis Management Update

Mrs. Hartman outlined for the Board the updates to the district's response to crisis management in the areas of facility enhancements, protocols, radios, training, evacuation, student reunification and the incident command structure.

Jim Casazza, community member, shared security concerns regarding PESG employee's identification badges.

Cara Lougheed, SCHS teacher, shared her appreciation for Amy Drehmer, Police Liaison Officer, for preparing the staff and students for a crisis situation.

Rachel Guinn, Principal, shared the task of balancing these exercises and not interrupting instruction time, including what is best for the students and preparing parents at the middle school level.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

Joshua Raymond, parent, addressed the Board regarding the Michigan Association for Gifted Children Fall Conference on October 12, 2013 at Baker College in Auburn Hills.

Rachel Guinn, parent, addressed the Board regarding the care of students with severe allergies.

B. Members of the Administration – None

C. Members of the Board of Education

Mrs. Pierobon visited Reuther Middle School, Meadow Brook Elementary and McGregor Elementary and expressed her appreciation for the tour and time spent in classrooms.

Mrs. Berwick, Mr. Coutteau and Mrs. Talbert attended the Oakland County School Boards Association meeting on September 18, 2013. This meeting was held at Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southeast located in Royal Oak. Mrs. Berwick also attended the PTA Council meeting on behalf of Ms. Nowak and enjoyed this opportunity to connect with the PTA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming RCS Events

October 4, 2013	No School for Students (K-12) / Professional Development (K-12)
October 9, 2013	Evening Conferences (6-8)
October 10, 2013	Evening Conferences (9-12)
October 14, 2013	Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Administration Center
October 16, 2013	Evening Conferences (9-12)
October 17, 2013	Evening Conferences (6-8)
October 28, 2013	Board of Education Work Session, 7:00 p.m., West Middle School

ADJOURNMENT

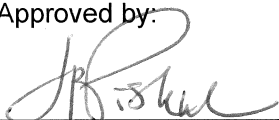
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education