



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 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, April 14, 2014, at RCS Administration Center, 501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan 48307. President Lisa Nowak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dan Romzek, Beth Davis, Carrie Lawler, John Stoner, Jeff Mozdierz and approximately 75 visitors.

Ms. Nowak read the following statement: *The Rochester Community Schools Board of Education continues to receive inquiries and comments regarding the status of negotiations with the Rochester Education Association*

The REA contract expired August 15, 2013. Since that time REA members have been working under all provisions of the expired contract including salary and benefits within the parameters of Public Act 54. Public Act 54 prohibits the district from providing any increases to salary including steps or educational lane changes to those who would be eligible, and any increase in benefit costs once a contract expired.

The Board of Education values the dedication and hard work of our teachers. We understand that the REA has a responsibility to represent the best interests of its members. We also understand that the Board has a responsibility to be good stewards of the district's resources and manage them with a commitment to sustainability. We are confident that both parties are working diligently to come to a mutual labor agreement that honors both parties' responsibilities and preserves educational opportunity for all students.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mr. Zabat shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Amy O'Rourke invited the Board of Education to attend Brewster Elementary 5th graders' final presentation of their Student Specialty Projects on April 2, 2014; Heather Dzurko regarding placement on the next Board of Education agenda; Cheryl McGinnis regarding a list serve for Oakland County School Board Association communication to districts; Julie Wright regarding the Best Practice funding and the teacher contract; Steven Watts regarding a medal issued by the Rochester City School District in Rochester, New York; Nina Walton regarding enrollment options for her children; Beth Jasper recognizing the outstanding teaching of Mrs. Gina Clark at Brewster Elementary; Ivette Gerstenschlager regarding Pre-K at Baldwin Elementary; Elizabeth Tigue regarding cell towers; and Mathias Burton requested contact information for the curriculum director for Rochester Community Schools.

B. Student Representatives to the Board

Student Representatives from Adams, Rochester and Stoney Creek high schools shared information about activities taking place at their schools since the previous Board of Education Regular meeting.

C. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda

1. Stephanie Van Daele addressed the Board of Education regarding cell towers.
2. Adam and Dawn Klemp addressed the Board of Education regarding teacher contract negotiations.
3. Lisa Lamb requested removal from the Board of Education Agenda on April 12, 2014.
4. Jan Sturgeon not present when called upon to address the Board of Education.
5. Kenny Sturgeon not present when called upon to address the Board of Education.
6. Angie Stemmerich addressed the Board of Education regarding the teacher contract.
7. Heather Dzurko addressed the Board of Education regarding cell towers.
8. Cynthia Edwards not present when called upon to address the Board of Education.
9. Erin Bates addressed the Board of Education regarding cell towers.
10. Viviana Weekes-Shackelford requested removal from the Board of Education Agenda on April 10, 2014.
11. Michael Lazzo addressed the Board of Education regarding the teacher, secretary and parapro contracts.
12. Pamela Glaysher addressed the Board of Education regarding the importance of paraeducators, secretaries and the need for a fair contract.

13. Mustafa Tikiwala and Prateek Pinchi addressed the Board of Education regarding the teacher contract.
14. Trinaa' Copeland addressed the Board of Education regarding the teacher contract.
15. Channon N. Washington addressed the Board of Education regarding the paraprofessional and secretary contracts.
16. Doug Hill addressed the Board of Education regarding the para-educator and secretary contracts.
17. Jennifer Lovell addressed the Board of Education regarding the value of paras and secretaries.
18. David Dyas addressed the Board of Education regarding teacher and paraprofessional contracts.
19. Amy Hoekstra addressed the Board of Education regarding the value of the paraprofessionals and secretaries.

D. Members of the Board of Education

Mrs. Berwick shared that she and Mrs. Pierobon spoke with the following individuals at Chat with the Board this evening: Beth Jasper regarding the outstanding teaching of Mrs. Gina Clark at Brewster Elementary; and Joshua Raymond regarding the open Principal position at Long Meadow Elementary.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Current Bills Payable for February 29, 2014 through March 28, 2014 in the amount of \$7,317,984.17.
- B. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, March 10, 2014
- C. Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes, March 10, 2014
- D. Human Resources Report

Moved by: Mrs. Pierobon
Supported by: Mr. Talbert
Vote: 7-0

Reports

- A. Superintendent's Committee Reports (Information Item) Mr. Romzek and Ms. Davis

Ms. Davis shared information from the Superintendent's Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting that took place on March 31, 2014. Discussion included the reviewing the Board Handbook and Bylaws.

Mr. Romzek shared information from the Superintendent's Business and Operations Committee meeting that took place on March 31, 2014. Discussion included the monthly budget reports, the proposed operating millage ballot language, 2014/2015 general fund budget projections, audit proposal update, Cenergistic energy savings program and 2014 summer construction bids.

B. Superintendent's Report (Informational Item) Dr. Shaner

Dr. Shaner shared that May 5, 2014 will tentatively be the districts make-up snow day. This date was previously a professional development day. Also, that there is not currently a proposal for cell towers before the Board of Education. Any such approval would be held at a Board of Education meeting open to the public.

New Business

A. Board of Education Work Session Minutes, March 24, 2014 (Action Item) Ms. Nowak

Mr. Coutteau was absent, with notice, from the Board of Education Work Session on March 24, 2014.

A motion was made to approve the Board of Education Work Session Minutes, March 24, 2014, as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich

Supported by: Mr. Zabat

Abstentions: Mr. Coutteau

Vote: 6-0-1

B. Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes, March 24, 2014 (Action Item) Ms. Nowak

Mr. Coutteau was absent, with notice, from the Board of Education Closed Meeting on March 24, 2014.

A motion was made to approve the Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes, March 24, 2014, as presented.

Moved by: Mrs. Berwick

Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon

Abstentions: Mr. Coutteau

Vote: 6-0-1

C. Recommendation for Adoption of Resolution Calling for a Special Election for Operating Millage Renewal Proposal (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to approve and adopt the Resolution Calling for a Special Election for Operating Millage Renewal Proposal, as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich

Supported by: Mr. Coutteau

Vote: 7-0

D. Recommendation for Appointment of Audit Firm (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to approve the recommendation to award a five-year contract to Rehmann Robson for audit and related financial services for a total amount of \$222,700.00, Source of Funding: General Fund, and authorize the administration to finalize the related terms and conditions, and execute the final professional service contract, as presented.

Moved by: Mrs. Pierobon

Supported by: Mrs. Talbert

Vote: 7-0

E. Roof Replacement for Hampton Elementary School (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to approve the recommendation to award the contract to Royal Roofing Co., Inc. for roof replacement at Hampton Elementary School in the not to exceed amount of \$897,706.00, Source of funding: Capital Improvement Funds, as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Zabat

Supported by: Mr. Coutteau

Vote: 7-0

F. Drainage Improvement for Adams High School (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to approve the recommendation to award the contract to Verdeterre Contracting Inc. for drainage improvements at Adams High School in the not to exceed amount of \$477,290.00, Source of funding: Capital Improvement Funds, as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau

Supported by: Mrs. Talbert

Vote: 7-0

G. Entrance Drive Improvements for Meadow Brook Elementary School (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to approve the recommendation to award the contract to Nagel Paving Company for entrance drive improvement at Meadow Brook Elementary School in the not to exceed amount of \$70,824.00, Source of funding: Capital Improvement Funds, as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau

Supported by: Mr. Zabat

Audrey Hernandez addressed the Board of Education regarding the walkways at Hamlin Elementary.

Lori Salyer addressed the Board of Education regarding parking and the traffic loop at Brooklands Elementary.

Vote: 7-0

H. Recommendation of Contract for Fiber Cable Repairs (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to approve the recommendation to accept the total bid from Fiber Link in the amount of \$49,535.90, Source of Funding: General Fund Technology Infrastructure Budget, for the Fiber Cable Repairs on Tienken and Livernois Roads, as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Zabat
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon
Vote: 7-0

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

Nancy Ann Tomaszycski addressed the Board of Education regarding the teacher and support staff (secretaries and para-educators) receiving fair contracts.

Dee Hilbert not present when called upon to address the Board of Education.

Lori Salyer addressed Board of Education regarding the teacher contract.

B. Members of the Administration – None

C. Members of the Board of Education

Mrs. Pierobon shared information an activity called the Maker Faire that will take place at the Henry Ford Museum on July 25, 26 and 27, 2014.

Mrs. Berwick shared that she attended the 5th grade end of the year project event at Brewster Elementary.

Mr. Piskulich noted that the Rochester area was recognized as one of the best communities for music education.

Ms. Nowak shared that she attended the production of Peter Pan at Long Meadow Elementary.

Announcements

Upcoming Events

April 16	Evening Parent Conferences, Gr. K-5
April 18	No School, Good Friday
April 24	Evening Parent Conferences, Gr. K-5
April 28	Authors In April Week
April 28	7:00 P.M., Board of Education, Work Session, Hamlin Elementary
April 29	7:00 P.M., Authors in April Benefit Dinner, Royal Park Hotel
May 10	RCS Foundation Hometown Hustle
May 12	7:00 P.M., Board of Education, Regular Mtg., Admin. Ctr.

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May 14 7:00 P.M., Adams HS Honors Convocation, AHS Auditorium
May 15 7:00 P.M., Stoney Creek HS Honors Convocation, SCHS Auditorium
May 21 7:00 P.M., RCS Foundation Scholarship Reception, SCHS Auditorium
May 27 7:00 P.M., Work Session, Musson Elementary
May 28 7:00 P.M., Rochester HS Honors Convocation, RHS Auditorium

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau


Supported by: Mr. Zabat

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education