



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION
January 27, 2014

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, January 27, 2014, at Van Hoosen Middle School, 1339 N. Adams, Rochester Hills, MI 48306. 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, Mike Zabat, Jane Pierobon, Jennifer Berwick, Pat Piskulich, Beth Talbert

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dan Romzek, Beth Davis, Debbi Hartman, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, John Stoner, and approximately 7 visitors.

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

The Board and the REA have been negotiating since May 2013. The two parties continue to meet and the negotiations are progressing.

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 PA 54, which prohibits the district from paying increases in health care costs and step increases to those REA members who would be eligible.

The Board of Education values the dedication and hard work of our teachers. We are confident that both parties are working diligently to come to a mutual labor agreement that aligns expenses with revenues and preserves educational opportunity for all students.

Dr. Shaner, Superintendent, requested a moment of silence in memory of Mark Lane, teacher at Reuther Middle School, who passed away on January 16, 2014.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mr. Zabat shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Eric Lohr regarding concerns with the recent contracts; Jeff Lauth regarding the attack on public education; Jeff Meissner regarding his appreciation towards his teachers and expressing support for them; Jenna Fischetti regarding concerns with the contract; and Ethan Lee Cushman regarding the RACE program grading.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None

C. Members of the Board of Education

Mrs. Pierobon received communication from Carol Nolan regarding the Health Advisory Committee.

Work Session

A. Facilities

Mr. Stoner, Director of Facility Operation Center, shared an update on facility needs in the next few years. He began with an explanation of how the list is generated. If all regular maintenance needs were met on a yearly basis, the costs would average \$2-2.5 million not including busses or technology. On a prioritization basis, the district spends an average of \$500,000 and addresses emergency needs as they arise.

B. Legislative

Dr. Shaner, Superintendent, touched on some pending legislation including an assessment tool to replace the MEAP and teacher evaluation.

Mrs. Lawler, Executive Director of Secondary Education, presented information about the new law which permits students in grades 5 thru 12 to take up to two online courses per semester. There are many factors involved in this and the Curriculum Department is reviewing them.

Joshua Raymond, parent, addressed the Board regarding the legislation, section 21f.

Michelle Bueltel, parent, addressed the Board regarding transcript concerns and how colleges will look at these classes.

C. Evaluation Update

Dr. Shaner and the Board discussed the current Superintendent evaluation tool.

D. Policy

Ms. Davis, Chief Human Resource Officer, Mrs. Fragomeni, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, and Mrs. Hartman, Director of Communications and Foundation summarized the work of the Superintendent's Policy and Curriculum Committee to date and outlined the process moving forward.

Additional Information

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting – None

B. Members of the Administration

Mr. Romzek, Assistant Superintendent for Business, shared that he has reached out to the committee members on the Superintendent's Business and Operations Committee (SBOC) and that meetings have been scheduled for the remainder of 2014.

Mrs. Fragomeni shared that the district Kindergarten Information Night will take place on February 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Stoney Creek High School.

C. Members of the Board of Education – None

Announcements

Upcoming Events

February 10	7:00 p.m., Board of Education, Regular Mtg., Admin. Ctr.
February 11	7:00 p.m., Kindergarten Information Night, Stoney Creek HS
February 13	Full day Gr. K-5 / Half Day Gr. 6-12 & Post High / PD in p.m. Gr. 6-12
February 14	Full day Gr. 6-12 & Post High / Half Day Gr. K-5 / PD in p.m. Gr. K-5
February 17-18	No School K-12 & Post High Mid-Winter Recess
February 24	7:00 P.M., Board of Education, Work Session, Rochester High School

Adjournment


A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education