



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
May 12, 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, May 12, 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, Debbi Hartman, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Sean Lively, Dan Mooney and approximately 30 visitors.

Spotlight on Success

A. Scholarship and Special Award Art Winners

Diane Heath, teacher, showcased the many awards and recognitions earned by students in the 2013-2014 school year through a PowerPoint presentation.

B. Excellence in Education Award Winners

Mrs. Hartman, Director of RCS Foundation and Communications, presented the 2013-2014 Pino Agency Excellence in Education Awards to: Erica Lusky, West, Hart and Reuther Speech Pathologist and Amy Cosentino, Rochester High School Special Education Teacher. Each teacher will receive a \$1,500 award.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mr. Zabat shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Anhu Zhang regarding the Superintendent and a summer class for his student; John and Shelley Wright regarding the district's high school grading policies; and Janet Salisbury regarding the trail crossing project at Dequindre Road.

B. Student Representatives to the Board

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

Ms. Nowak recognized the high schools' student representatives and thanked them for their service to their high schools and to the district.

C. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda

1. Mr. Anhu Zhang addressed the Board of Education regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Education and the Superintendent.

D. Members of the Board of Education

Mrs. Pierobon commented on one of the Stoney Creek graduates who was featured in Mrs. Heath's presentation. Mrs. Talbert shared that she and Mr. Zabat spoke with Mr. Zhang at Chat with the Board this evening regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Education and the Superintendent.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Current Bills Payable for March 29, 2014 through May 2, 2014 in the amount of \$14,305,188.31
- B. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, April 14, 2014
- C. Board of Education Work Session Minutes, April 28, 2014
- D. Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes, April 28, 2014
- E. Purchase of Advanced Placement Biology Textbooks
- F. Human Resources Report

Moved by: Mr. Zabat
Supported by: Mr. Piskulich
Vote: 7-0

Reports

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

Dr. Shaner shared information from the Superintendent's Steering Committee meeting that took place on May 7, 2014. Discussion included the Plante Moran study, P-cards, the Grading Committee, the upcoming millage renewal vote on August 5, the Oakland Schools Board member election and the district's contract with Cenergistics.

Mr. Romzek shared information from the Superintendent's Business and Operations Committee meeting that took place on May 12, 2014. Discussion included the monthly budget reports, preliminary budget recommendations for 2014/15, the MiPEER consortium report, and the Cengeristcs energy savings program.

Ms. Davis shared information from the Superintendent's Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting that took place on May 5, 2014. Discussion included the final draft of the Bylaws and Board Handbook.

New Business

A. Rochester Education Association (REA) Master Agreement (Action Item) Ms. Davis

Ms. Davis summarized the changes to the master agreement in the areas of salary, benefits, instructional time, professional development time, paraprofessional time and how matters not subject to collective bargaining will be addressed going forward, as by law they may no longer be included in a collective bargaining agreement.

A motion was made to approve the Master Agreement between the Rochester Education Association (REA) and the Rochester Community Schools Board of Education from September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2019, as presented.

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

B. RACE Relocation (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

Mr. Romzek summarized the rationale for moving the RACE program to the leased space in the Avondale School District, which will provide a more favorable learning environment for students, and save the district the cost of making necessary repairs to the RACE building which was originally built in 1927.

A motion was made to approve a lease agreement with Avondale Schools for the rental of a portion of the Meadows School, and authorize the administration to negotiate and execute the final lease agreement terms and conditions, subject to the review of legal counsel, as presented.

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

C. Board Bylaws and Board Handbook (Action Item, First Reading) Ms. Davis and Mrs. Hartman

Ms. Davis and Mrs. Hartman reviewed the committee process and the changes to the bylaws. Board members requested additions relating to procedures outlining how policies are adopted and cross-referencing the Bylaws and the Handbook. These additions will be drafted and brought back for the second reading.

A motion was made to approve the deletion of Board Bylaws Series 0110 through Series 0170 and the adoption of the revised Board Bylaws Series 0110 through Series 0160 and to approve the adoption of the Board Handbook, as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon

A motion was made to table the item until the next regular meeting.

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich
Supported by: Mr. Zabat
Vote: 7-0

D. Oakland Schools Board of Education Biennial Election on June 2, 2014 (Action Item) Ms. Nowak

Ms. Nowak explained the requirement of the district's participation in the intermediate school district's Board of Education election.

A motion was made to approve a resolution authorizing Mr. Piskulich to vote in the Oakland Schools Board of Education Biennial Election on June 2, 2014, in support of Mr. George Ehler.

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

E. Oakland Schools 2014/2015 Budget (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

Mr. Romzek explained the requirement of districts to approve the intermediate school district's budget.

A motion was made to approve the Oakland Schools 2014/2015 Budget, as presented.

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

F. 2014/2015 Preliminary General Fund Budget Recommendation (Discussion Item) Mr. Romzek

Mr. Romzek provided an update to the preliminary recommendations based on the settled REA contract and the proposals from the Governor.

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

Joshua Raymond addressed the Board of Education regarding an update on Smarter Balance.

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner thanked Debbi Hartman and her staff for another outstanding Hometown Hustle. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) continues to support the Smarter Balanced assessment; however, the legislature is still discussing the assessment to be used.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Mr. Zabat attended "Pippin" and was very impressed. Mrs. Nowak attended the Authors in April benefit dinner along with other Board members.

Announcements

Upcoming Events

May 15 7:00 P.M., Honors Convocation, Stoney Creek HS
May 21 7:00 P.M., RCS Foundation Scholarship Reception, Stoney Creek HS
May 27 7:00 P.M., Work Session, Musson Elementary
May 28 7:00 P.M., Honors Convocation, Rochester HS
May 29 7:00 P.M., IA Graduation, Detroit Opera House
June 3 7:00 P.M., Rochester HS Graduation, Ultimate Soccer Arena
June 4 7:00 P.M., Adams HS Graduation, Ultimate Soccer Arena
June 5 7:00 P.M., Stoney Creek HS Graduation, Ultimate Soccer Arena
June 9 7:00 P.M., Board of Education, Regular Mtg., Admin. Ctr.
June 10 7:00 P.M., RACE Graduation, Rochester HS Auditorium
June 23 6:45 P.M., Board of Education, Truth in Budget Hearing, Admin. Ctr.
June 23 7:00 P.M., Board of Education, Regular & Organizational Mtg., Admin. Ctr.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau

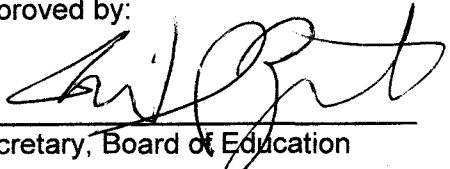
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education