



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION
April 28, 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, April 28, 2014, at Hamlin Elementary, 270 W. Hamlin, Rochester Hills, MI 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, John Stoner, Deb Walter and approximately 4 visitors.

Ms. Nowak announced that the Board of Education and the Rochester Education Association (REA) and their bargaining teams have reached a tentative agreement on a contract. Members of the teaching staff will receive summaries of the tentative agreement in the near future in preparation for the ratification process that is expected to be voted on by REA membership on May 5, 2014, after which time the contract will be presented to the Board of Education for approval.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mr. Zabat shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Atherium Bommarito regarding the cost of parking passes; Jennifer Cordon Thor regarding the presentation in her student's health class; Brian Dalton, teacher at West Middle School, invited the Board to participate in a fundraiser for Rett's Syndrome; Adrian Munteanu regarding the status of negotiations with the REA Contract; and David Mammel regarding a meeting on American Sign Language on April 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rochester Hills Public Library.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None

C. Members of the Board of Education

Mrs. Pierobon received communication from Craig Rizzi, teacher at SCHS, thanking her for attending the Pippin performance.

Mr. Zabat received communication from Kevin Brown regarding the location of the bullying policy on the district website.

Mrs. Talbert received communication from Gary Elliot regarding the location of the GCA contract on the district website.

Work Session

A. Full Day Kindergarten

Mr. Behrmann, Executive Director for Elementary Education, led the Board through a discussion of full day kindergarten, which is concluding its second full year in Rochester. Mrs. Fragomeni, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, thanked Mrs. Walter and Dr. Blohm for their work in guiding the district through the implementation process. Data shows an increase in student achievement in writing and reading. Perception data shows that overall parents and teachers are very satisfied with the all day program.

B. RACE Relocation

Mr. Romzek, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs, presented the relocation information of the Rochester Alternative & Adult Center for Education (RACE) programs from its current location on Auburn Road to the Meadows School in Avondale School District, which will be leased for this purpose. The RACE building is not conducive to use as a school building. A group of district administrators reviewed options for relocating RACE before arriving at the current recommendation, including moving RACE to another district school or location. The district also looked at partnering with other districts.

Administration is recommending that the Board of Education consider approving a lease agreement with Avondale School District for the rental of a portion of the Meadows School at the Regular Board of Education Meeting on May 12, 2014. If approved by the Board, we will begin the planning process to move the RACE building contents to the new leased space in Avondale.

Additional Information

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting – None

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner thanked the RACE committee members for their work.

C. Members of the Board of Education

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Mr. Piskulich thanked Audrey Hernandez, Hamlin PTA President, for helping to host the Board meeting.

Mrs. Pierobon shared that she and Mrs. Berwick spoke with the following individual at Chat with the Board this evening: Dee Hilbert regarding cell towers.

Mrs. Talbert attended the Adams HS and Brooklands Elementary PTA meetings. She also attended the author presentation at McGregor Elementary.

Mrs. Pierobon shared that she attended the Pippin performance at Stoney Creek HS.

Ms. Nowak, Mrs. Talbert, Mr. Piskulich and Dr. Shaner attended the Rett's Syndrome fundraiser at Noodles restaurant.

Announcements

Upcoming Events

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 1	ACE Conferences
May 5	REGULAR School Day & Hours
May 10	RCS Foundation Hometown Hustle
May 12	7:00 P.M., Board of Education, Regular Mtg., Admin. Ctr.
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

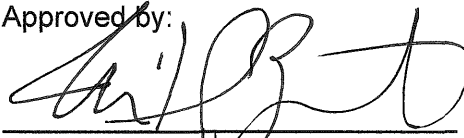
Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Secretary, Board of Education