



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
June 16, 2015

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 Tuesday, June 16, 2015 in the Harrison Room. President Jennifer Berwick called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present: Jennifer Berwick, Mike Zabat, Pat Piskulich, Beth Talbert, Sandy Fiaschetti, and Kristin Bull

Members Absent: Jane Pierobon, with notice

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dana Taylor, Elizabeth Davis, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Lori Grein, and approximately 15 visitors.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mike Zabat shared the following communication received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Henry Hibbeln regarding teacher layoffs.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None

C. Members of the Board of Education - None

Consent Agenda

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

A. Current Bills Payable for May 30, 2015 through June 12, 2015 in the amount of \$3,136,160.20

B. Board of Education Meeting Dates for the 2015-2016 School Year

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- C. Approve Michele Manhire and Lisa Kowalski as representatives to the Oakland County Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) for a three year term, 2015-2016 to 2017-2018 school years.
- D. School Meal Price Recommendations for 2015-2016
- E. GCA Contract Amendment for 2015-2016
- F. Chartwells Contract Renewal for 2015-2016

Moved by: Beth Talbert

Supported by: Pat Piskulich

Vote: 6-0

Reports

A. Superintendent's Committee Reports (Informational Item) – Dr. Shaner, Dana Taylor

Dr. Shaner introduced Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dana Taylor who reported on the Superintendent's Business and Operations Committee meeting that took place on June 15, 2015. Topics of discussion included financial reporting, GCA Contract Amendment for 2015-2016, Chartwells Contract Renewal for 2015-2016, and accounting processes and procedures.

B. Superintendent's Report - None

New Business

A. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2015

Jane Pierobon and Beth Talbert were absent from the June 8, 2015 Regular Meeting, with notice.

A motion was made to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2015.

Moved by: Pat Piskulich

Supported by: Sandy Fiaschetti

Abstentions: Beth Talbert

Vote: 5-0-1

C. Approval of Proposed Resolution for Weighted Grading Scale (Action Item) Debi Fragomeni

A motion was made to approve the Proposed Resolution for Weighted Grading Scale, as presented.

Moved by: Mike Zabat

Supported by: Kristin Bull

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Debi Fragomeni read the Proposed Resolution for Weighted Grading Scale.

Board discussion included an acknowledgement of the extensive work of the Grading Committee, and a request to continue researching weighted grades for honors courses.

Michelle Bueltel, parent, addressed the Board asking if this will start with incoming freshmen, or will it be for all current high school students.

A clarification was made by Debi Fragomeni that this adjustment will apply to all AP courses (including those previously taken) for all students who are enrolled in high school for the 2015-2016 school year.

Vote: 6-0

C. 2015 Tax Rate Certification (Action Item) Dana Taylor

A motion was made to approve the 2015 Tax Rate Request, as presented.

Moved by: Mike Zabat
Supported by: Beth Talbert

Vote: 6-0

D. Approval of the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment (Action Item) Dana Taylor

A motion was made to approve the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment, as presented.

Moved by: Pat Piskulich
Supported by: Sandy Fiaschetti

Vote: 6-0

E. Adoption of the 2015-2016 Budget Resolutions (Action Item) Dana Taylor

A motion was made to approve the Adoption of the 2015-2016 Budget Resolutions, as presented.

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Kristin Bull

Board discussion included clarification of the timeline for future budget amendments, and a question regarding the status of the Governor's school aid budget adoption. A comment was also made regarding projecting a balanced budget without having to eliminate student programs; there could potentially be a small percentage increase back into the fund balance during the 2015-2016 school year.

Todd Sterling, parent, addressed the Board regarding private school student population.

Joshua Raymond, parent, addressed the Board regarding private school student population. Mr. Raymond also requested an increase in honors courses and gifted program opportunities.

Vote: 6-0

F. Renewal of the district memberships to the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) \$0; the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) \$8,626.00 and the MASB Legal Trust Fund \$437.00. (Action Item)

A motion was made to renew the district memberships to the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) \$0; the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) \$8,626.00 and the MASB Legal Trust Fund \$437.00, as presented.

Beth Talbert shared that she provides consulting presentations for the MASB which she receives compensation for and feels her vote would be a conflict of interest.

Moved by: Mike Zabat
Supported by: Sandy Fiaschetti
Abstentions: Beth Talbert

Vote: 5-0-1

G. Human Resources Report (Action Item) Elizabeth Davis

Elizabeth Davis presented the following recommendations:

RESIGNATIONS

Bonnie Backing, teacher at Brewster Elementary School, has submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

Jill Leider, teacher at Van Hoosen Middle School, has submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

Barbara Poehlman, teacher at North Hill Elementary School, has submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

APPOINTMENTS

Pasquale Cusumano, 12 Month Assistant Principal, Rochester High School

A motion was made to approve the Human Resources Report, as presented.

Moved by: Sandy Fiaschetti
Supported by: Pat Piskulich

Vote: 6-0

2015-2016 Organizational Items (Action Item) Dana Taylor

A motion was made to approve the 2015-2016 Organizational Items, as presented.

1. Establishment of Depository Accounts and Check Signatories
2. Persons Authorized to Make Investments on Behalf of Rochester Community Schools
3. Persons Authorized to Enter into Agreements with Financial Institutions for Commercial Card Agreements, Custodial Agreements, and Other Financial Transactions
4. Persons Authorized to Sign in the Name of Rochester Community Schools
5. Newspapers for Official Publications
6. Designation of District Legal Counsel Representation
7. Authorize Summer and Winter Tax Collection for Each Municipality
8. Designation of Person Responsible for Implementing Public Notice Requirements of the Open Meetings Act
9. Designation of Property/Liability Insurance Carriers
10. Designation of Persons to Serve as Director and Alternate Director to the M.A.I.S.L. Joint Risk Management Trust
11. Designation of Persons to Serve as Commissioner to the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority (RARA)

Moved by: Kristin Bull
Supported by: Beth Talbert

Vote: 6-0

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

Jenny McCardell and Kim Pharmer, parents, spoke regarding school funding and district class sizes.

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner thanked Board of Education members for their dedicated year of service to the district, as well as thanking staff and parents for a successful school year. Dr. Shaner also thanked Lisa Kowalski and Michele Manhire for continuing to serve as our district representatives on the Oakland County Special Education Parent Advisory Committee. Debi Fragomeni reported on the success of the ESL Summer School Program.

C. Members of the Board of Education - None

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

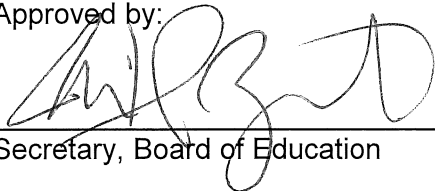
Moved by: Mike Zabat
Supported by: Pat Piskulich

Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster

Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education