



**ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

**BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION**  
May 26, 2015

**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 Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at McGregor Elementary School, 1101 W. First Street, Rochester, MI 48307. President Jennifer Berwick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

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

Members Absent: Jane Pierobon and Pat Piskulich

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dana Taylor, Elizabeth Davis, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Lori Grein, Jamie Kendall-Dent, Dave Pontzious, Colleen Winkler and 6 visitors.

**Communications**

**A. Secretary of the Board of Education**

Board Secretary Mike Zabat shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Kara and Mike Burgess regarding a positive experience with their child and teachers, and Steve Kassa regarding the district phone and internet services.

**B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda - None**

**C. Members of the Board of Education - None**

## **Work Session**

### **A. Draft Budget for 2015-2016**

Dr. Shaner introduced Interim Assistant Superintendent Dana Taylor who presented a draft of the 2015-2016 Budget.

Board discussion included questions regarding our fund balance, notification timeline for staff layoffs, and the budget timeline. Clarifications included secondary level staffing, and the building locations of Pre-K classes.

Lisa Kowalski, parent, addressed the Board regarding the impact on the General Fund Budget if the bond passes, and the financial impact of increasing enrollment in the Pre-K program.

Thomas Crowe, parent, addressed the Board regarding the Plante Moran CRESA enrollment study, the district pre-school programs, class sizes, our open enrollment policy, and concerns about the reduction of ancillary staff.

Glenn Crandall, parent, addressed the Board regarding improving communication with district stakeholders.

## **Additional Business**

### **A. Citizens Present at the Meeting - None**

### **B. Members of the Administration –**

Dr. Shaner thanked McGregor Principal Dave Pontzius for hosting the Work Session.

### **C. Members of the Board of Education - None**

## **Announcements**

### **Upcoming RCS Events:**

May 27	7:00 P.M., Honors Convocation, Rochester HS
May 28	7:00 P.M., Honors Convocation, Adams HS
June 2	7:00 P.M., Adams HS Graduation, Oakland University O'Rena
June 3	7:00 P.M., Rochester HS Graduation, Oakland University O'Rena
June 4	7:00 P.M., Stoney Creek HS Graduation, Oakland University O'Rena
<b>June 8</b>	<b>7:00 P.M., Board of Education Regular Mtg., Admin. Ctr.</b>
June 10	Half Day Grades 6-11, Exams
June 11	Half Day Grades 6-11, Exams
June 11	7:00 P.M., RACE Graduation, Meadows Learning Center Gymnasium
June 12	End of 4th Marking Period/2nd Semester/School Year
<b>June 16</b>	<b>6:45 P.M., Board of Education Truth in Budgeting Hearing, Admin. Ctr.</b>
<b>June 16</b>	<b>7:00 P.M., Board of Education Regular &amp; Organizational Mtg., Admin. Ctr.</b>
June 23	Grades posted to myRCS

**Adjournment**

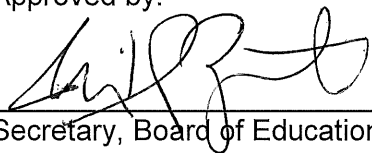
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Moved by: Mike Zabat  
Supported by: Beth Talbert  
Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster  
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Recording Secretary

Approved by:

  
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Secretary, Board of Education