



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
May 11, 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 Monday, May 11, 2015 in the Harrison Room. 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, Jane Pierobon, Pat Piskulich, Mike Zabat, Sandy Fiaschetti, Beth Talbert and Kristin Bull

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dana Taylor, Elizabeth Davis, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Lori Grein, Kevin Cumming, Todd Bidlack, Dave Murphy, Amy Grande, Mike Dillon, Don Maskill, Casey Wescott, Doug Hill and approximately 40 visitors.

Spotlight on Success

A. Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union Grant Award

Elisabeth Newman, teacher, was recognized for a grant she received to assist her with covering the cost of a classroom weather unit.

B. Teacher Labs Recognized as a Program of Distinction by District Administration Magazine

Sheila Scovic, Elementary Program Consultant, was recognized for her dedication to the district's Teacher Lab Program. Because of her hard work, the Rochester Community School District was recognized by *District Administration* magazine as a Program of Distinction.

C. School Social Worker of the Year

Jessica Buchheister, Social Worker, was recognized as the Michigan Association of School Social Workers (MASSW) Region F School Social Worker of the Year.

D. Human Performance and Health Education Alumni Honor Academy Induction

Cherie Welch, teacher, was inducted into Western Michigan University's Human Performance and Health Education Alumni Honor Academy, where she was honored for her professional accomplishments in the field of physical education, as well as her commitment to civic service.

E. Recognition as an Exemplar by HUMANeX Ventures

Teachers Brian Peterson and Tracy Anderson, as well as Principal Cheryl Gambaro were recognized as Exemplars by HUMANeX Ventures.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mike Zabat shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Matthew Maldonado regarding his high school transcript, Elizabeth Barr regarding a "Girls on the Run" event at McGregor, Julie Ghoneim regarding reestablishing a string orchestra program in the district, Marina Visser regarding the district community service requirements, and Deb Dunn, Emilia Traficante, Carolyn Houle and Cindy McMillan regarding weighted grades.

B. Student Representatives to the Board

Student Representatives from Rochester and Adams high schools shared information about activities taking place at their schools for the remainder of the school year.

Jennifer Berwick recognized the student representatives and thanked them for their service to their high schools and to the district.

C. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda

Joshua Raymond, citizen, addressed the Board regarding honors classes.

D. Members of the Board of Education

During Chat with the Board, Sandy Fiaschetti and Pat Piskulich spoke with parent Michelle Marcellin regarding staffing, and parents Barb Anness and Michelle Bueltel regarding weighted grades and honors courses.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Current Bills Payable for April 4, 2015 through May 1, 2015 in the amount of \$32,195,126.16
- B. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, April 13, 2015
- C. Board of Education Work Session Minutes, April 20, 2015
- D. Board of Education Closed Session Minutes, April 20, 2015

E. Board Policy 2430 – Co-Curricular Activities (Second Reading)

Moved by: Jane Pierobon
Supported by: Mike Zabat
Vote: 7-0

Reports

A. Superintendent’s Committee Reports (Informational Item) Dr. Shaner, and Elizabeth Davis

Dr. Shaner shared information from the Superintendent’s Steering Committee (SSC) meeting that took place on May 6, 2015. Topics of discussion included the Technology and Infrastructure process and plan, budget/staffing, and possible June Board meeting date changes.

Chief Human Resource Officer Elizabeth Davis shared information from the Superintendent’s Policy and Curriculum Committee (SPCC) meeting that took place on April 22, 2015. Bob Lusk from Lusk & Albertson, PLC joined the meeting. The topic of discussion was the 2000 Series of the Curriculum Board Policies. These policies are in the process of being revised, and the revisions will be discussed at the June 17, 2015 SPCC meeting.

B. Superintendent’s Report (Informational Item) Dr. Shaner

1. Grading Committee Report

Grading Committee Representatives Executive Director for Secondary Education Carrie Lawler, Principal Kevin Cumming, Interim Assistant Principal Casey Wescott, and Counselor Jennifer Wilson presented their final Grading Committee recommendations to the Board of Education.

Board discussion included clarification of using weighted vs. unweighted grades for Senior Recognition, and questions regarding teacher’s thoughts on weighted grades, unintended consequences, why we chose the 1.25 multiplier, the number of AP classes held per building, and the value of extra scholarship money. A request was made that the committee continue to research weighted honors courses for future revisions.

A recommendation will be presented to the Board at a meeting in June.

2. Technology and Infrastructure 2020 Committee Report

Dr. Shaner introduced TI2020 Co-Chairs Todd Bidlack and Cindy Lindner, who shared a summary of the Technology and Infrastructure 2020 Committee work to present. Paul Theriault from Plante Moran CRESA presented a Facility Assessment – Scope of Work / Scenarios document to the Board.

Board discussion included clarification of collaboration furniture vs. regular furniture, long-term costs of building new buildings vs. adding on to current buildings, where portables fall in the scope of work, community input into the plan, and the difference between technology base vs. technology refresh.

At the May 18th Special Board Meeting, the Technology and Infrastructure 2020 Committee will bring conclusion to their committee work, and a recommendation will be presented to the Board outlining the next steps in the process.

New Business

A. Human Resources – Elizabeth Davis

Elizabeth Davis presented the following recommendations:

Retirements

Anne Albertus, teacher at Adams High School
Kathy Taylor Brown, teacher at Van Hoosen Middle School
Robert Hale, teacher at Hart Middle School

Resignations

Erin Clinesmith, teacher at Delta Kelly Elementary
Gretchen Hebekeuser, Speech and Language teacher
Sarah Rennick, teacher at Reuther Middle School

Administrative Appointments

James Walker, Accountant

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

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Pat Piskulich
Vote: 7-0

B. Resolution to Approve Chartwells as the Food Service Management Vendor (Action Item)

Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dana Taylor outlined the recommendation for the Approval of Compass Group USA, Inc., Chartwells School Dining Services, to provide Food Service Management for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

A motion was made to approve the Resolution to Approve Chartwells as the Food Service Management Vendor, as presented.

Moved by: Jane Pierobon
Supported by: Mike Zabat

Board discussion included a question regarding the length of the contract, and recognition of current Chartwells services.

Vote: 7-0

C. Resolution Authorizing Filing of Application for Approval to Issue its Line of Credit (Action Item)

Dana Taylor outlined the recommendation that the Board of Education authorize the District to file an application for approval to issue a line of credit.

A motion was made to approve the Resolution Authorizing Filing of Application for Approval to Issue its Line of Credit Contingent upon Receiving State Treasurer's Approval, as presented.

Moved by: Sandy Fiaschetti
Supported by: Jane Pierobon

Board discussion included clarification of what would happen if we did not request a line of credit, and questions regarding the need for credit, the amount of credit, and the expiration date of the line of credit.

Vote: 7-0

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

1. Audrey Hernandez, parent, spoke regarding 6th grade curriculum changes.
2. Lisa Kowalski, parent, spoke regarding AP Classes.

B. Members of the Administration - None

C. Members of the Board of Education

Pat Piskulich attended the Oakland University graduation and was pleased to see Rochester administrators and staff receiving their advanced degrees. Jane Pierobon attended the Stoney Creek High School production of *Mary Poppins*. Beth Talbert visited the district art show. Board members Mike Zabat, Jane Pierobon, Beth Talbert and Jennifer Berwick attended the Hometown Hustle, and they all thanked the Foundation for their dedication and hard work. Jennifer Berwick will be attending the Community Scholarship Reception on Friday, May 22, 2015 and referenced a letter from the Michigan Association of School Boards recognizing the Board of Education as eligible for the Honors Board certification for 2015. Kristin Bull attended the STEAM Fair at Rochester High School last weekend.

Announcements

Upcoming RCS Events:

May 15	7:00 P.M.	RCS Foundation Scholarship Reception, Adams HS Auditorium
May 18	7:00 P.M.	Board of Education Special Mtg., Admin. Ctr.
May 19	7:00 P.M.	Honors Convocation, Stoney Creek HS
May 26	7:00 P.M.	Board of Education Work Session, McGregor Elementary
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
June 8	7:00 P.M.	Board of Education Regular Mtg., Admin. Ctr.
June 11	7:00 P.M.	RACE Graduation, Meadows Learning Center Gymnasium
June 22	6:45 P.M.	Board of Education Truth in Budgeting Hearing, Admin. Ctr.
June 22	7:00 P.M.	Board of Education Regular & Organizational Mtg., Admin. Ctr.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9: 06 p.m.

Moved by: Jane Pierobon

Supported by: Mike Zabat

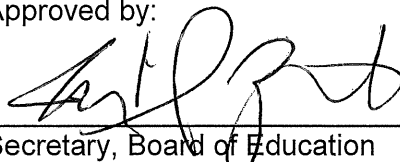
Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster

Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Secretary, Board of Education