



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
May 18, 2015

MINUTES

Call to Order

A Special Meeting, Open to the Public, of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, May 18, 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, Beth Talbert, Sandy Fiaschetti and Kristin Bull

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dana Taylor, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Lori Grein, Doug Hill and approximately 20 visitors.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mike Zabat shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Kim Adair and Barb Anness regarding weighted grades.

C. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda - None

D. Members of the Board of Education - None

New Business

A. Technology and Infrastructure 2020 (Informational Item) Dr. Shaner

Dr. Shaner introduced Technology and Infrastructure 2020 (TI2020) Co-Chairs Cindy Lindner and Todd Bidlack, who reviewed the district Strategic Plan as well as the TI2020 Committee work.

Paul Theriault from Plante Moran CRESA reviewed the assessment process and the findings of the Facility Assessment Report, as well as reviewing the district critical needs, deferred needs, and other needs.

Paul Stauder from Stauder, Barch & Associates reviewed capital financing options.

Beverly Bonning from Thrun Law Firm P.C. spoke regarding the timeline for placing a Bond Proposal on the November, 2015 ballot.

Board discussion included clarification of the number of programs offered in the RACE/Adult Ed Program, types of equipment to be purchased with technology funds, the future technology "standard", video surveillance upgrade, and addressing the needs that were changed from the original proposal. Questions discussed were the proposed Early Childhood Program location, change from a 10 year plan to a 5 year plan, plans for the Adult Education expansion, what types of purchases can be included with Bond funds, and will green materials be used in technology and infrastructure updates.

B. Resolution to Authorize the Superintendent to Prepare a Bond Proposition for District-Wide Technology and Infrastructure Improvements (Action Item) Dana Taylor

Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dana Taylor read the proposed resolution.

A motion was made to approve the Resolution to Authorize the Superintendent to Prepare a Bond Proposition for District-Wide Technology and Infrastructure Improvements, as presented.

Moved by: Sandy Fiaschetti
Supported by: Pat Piskulich

Director of Community Relations Lori Grein noted a correction to the wording of the resolution.

Board discussion included a development of the Bond language, and the requirement of two secretary signatures on the resolution. A board member noted that there will be some relief to the General Fund budget if the proposed bond were to pass in November, 2105.

Vote: 7-0

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting - None

B. Members of the Administration - None

C. Members of the Board of Education

Beth Talbert thanked the consultants that attended the Board meeting this evening and expressed her appreciation for their hard work and dedication to the TI2020 project. Beth Talbert reported on recent meetings with Representative Webber and Senator Knollenberg. The meetings were very productive and resulted in good dialogue between Rochester Board members and our elected officials. They will continue to meet on a regular basis. Jane Pierobon, Jennifer Berwick, Sandy Fiaschetti, and Pat Piskulich attended the ACE Senior Recognition. The Community Scholarship Reception was attended by Jennifer Berwick, Pat Piskulich, Beth Talbert and Mike Zabat.

Announcements

JUNE MEETING DATE CHANGES

Canceled June 22, 2015 meetings and rescheduled to:

June 16, 6:45 p.m., Truth in Budget Hearing, Administration Building
June 16, 7:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting

Adjournment

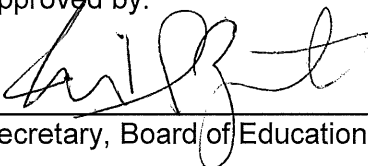
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Moved by: Mike Zabat
Supported by: Pat Piskulich
Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education