



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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION**  
October 27, 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, October 27, 2014 at Brewster Elementary. President Lisa Nowak called the meeting to order at 6:59 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, Dan Romzek, Beth Davis, Debbi Hartman, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans and approximately 14 visitors.

**Spotlight on Success**

Elementary Principal Teresa DiMaria welcomed the Board and community members and provided a brief history and several accomplishments of Brewster Elementary.

- A. Third Grade Teacher Megan Gaura shared information regarding the Chinese Language and Culture that is being taught at all of our elementary schools. Chinese Instructor Jaing Bao and three students demonstrated what they have learned with song, hand gestures and verbal communication.

**Communications**

- A. Secretary to the Board of Education – None
- B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None
- C. Members of the Board of Education

Mrs. Pierobon reported that two individuals contacted her; Jeff Glaser regarding the use of baseball diamonds at Stoney Creek High School; Steve Emennheiser regarding language arts curriculum.

Mr. Zabat received a letter from Bob Sheldrick regarding a publication from Utica Schools.

## **Work Session**

### A. Superintendent's Student Achievement Goals

Executive Director of Elementary Education Michael Behrman reported on the 2015 Student Growth Targets for students K-6.

Executive Director of Secondary Education Carrie Lawler reported on the 2015 Student Growth Targets for students in grades 8-12. Discussion included the Explore Mathematics and Science Test and Eighth Grade College Readiness for Math and Science. Mrs. Lawler noted that The College Readiness Benchmark changed from 20 to 18 in 2013-2014 as well as the ACT.

Board discussion included benchmarks, failure rates, assessments, and processes to identify and address areas of student achievement.

### B. Student Enrollment

Paul Wills from Plante Moran CRESA presented information regarding student enrollment. Board members received copies of the Pupil Enrollment Projection Study Report 2015-2019 conducted by Plante Moran CRESA.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Daniel Romzek reported the results of the Parent Exit Survey conducted by Banach, Banach & Cassidy which asked parents the following questions:

1. Why did they leave?
2. Where are they now?
3. What do they like most about the new school?
4. What does the new school offer that RCS does not offer and/or what do they do better?
5. What would it take for parents to consider re-enrolling in the district?

Beth Talbert suggested that we look into child care costs to see if that is a deterrent for young families to come to RCS.

Joshua Raymond, citizen, addressed the Board regarding the Parent Exit Survey.

Robert Roy, citizen, addressed the Board regarding the Parent Exit Survey.

### C. Strategic Plan / Facilities Technology and Infrastructure Committee

Dr. Shaner gave a brief overview regarding the direction of Technology and Infrastructure and that it would be discussed in the future.

## **Additional Information**

### A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

None

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner shared that Elisabeth Buchheister, volunteer and trustee of the Rochester Hills Public Library was killed in a fatal car accident on Rochester Rd. on October 25, 2014. She was a vital asset to Rochester Community Schools and was affectionately known at the elementary buildings as "The Reading Lady". This is a great loss for our district.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Jane Pierobon shared regarding Chat with the Board. Jane also attended the Rochester Area Youth Assistance (RAYA) breakfast.

Beth Talbert visited Hugger and Meadow Brook and reported that everything is going extremely well.

Pat Piskulich invited everyone to see *An Imperfect Proposal* at ACE this Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Jennifer Berwick announced that tickets for the Rochester High School Musical *Grease* are on sale and the performance is the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Lisa Nowak presented the administrative team with a gift basket for Administrator Appreciation Week.

**Announcements**

A. Upcoming Events:

- 10/31: End of the 1st marking period
- 11/3: No school for students K-12 and Post High
- 11/4: Election Day, No school for students K-12 and Post High
- 11/5: Evening conferences, K-5
- 11/10: Board of Education Regular Meeting, Harrison Room
- 11/11: Evening conferences, K-5
- 11/13: Evening conferences, K-5

**Adjournment**

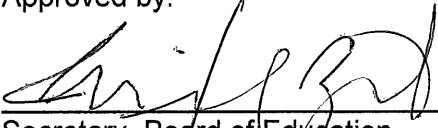
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Moved by: Mrs. Pierobon  
Supported by: Mrs. Talbert  
Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christina McWilliams  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

  
Secretary, Board of Education