



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION
September 22, 2014 at 7:00 PM ~ Baldwin Elementary

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, September 22, 2014, at Baldwin Elementary, 4325 Bannister, Rochester Hills, MI 48306. 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, Jennifer Berwick, Jane Pierobon, Mike Zabat, Pat Piskulich, Beth Talbert

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Elizabeth Davis, Michael Behrmann, Carrie Lawler, Anne Evans and approximately 18 visitors.

Spotlight on Success

A. Elementary Principal Cathy Kochanski

Elementary Principal Cathy Kochanski shared the history of Baldwin Elementary and provided information about the building's English Language Learners Program which serves 50 students from 13 different countries. Two students greeted the Board in their home language and then translated it to English. Mrs. Kochanski invited everyone to the 2nd annual World Tour Day which takes place in January (date to be determined).

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mr. Zabat shared the following communication received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Therese Hetrick regarding Para-Educators; Denise Lanfear regarding a student incident; Joshua Raymond regarding the Michigan Association for Gifted Children's Annual Conference; and, Rachel Ferhadson regarding Military Uniforms.

The Board also received 120 email communications regarding military uniforms.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda - None

C. Members of the Board of Education – None

Mrs. Nowak shared that she received several emails regarding military uniforms.

Work Session

A. Strategic Plan

1. Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Debi Fragomeni shared feedback from Board members and stakeholders regarding Core Beliefs.

Lisa Kowalski, citizen, addressed the Board regarding the Strategic Plan.

Joshua Raymond, citizen, addressed the Board regarding the Strategic Plan.

Board feedback included revising the mission statement and displaying the mission statement in all buildings.

2. Carrie Lawler, Executive Director of Secondary Education, shared the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment goal area of the Strategic Plan.

Joshua Raymond, citizen, addressed the Board regarding the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment goal area of the Strategic Plan.

John Tierney, citizen, addressed the Board regarding the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment goal area of the Strategic Plan and shared information regarding the State Assessment Request for Purchase (RFP).

Doug Hill, teacher, addressed the Board regarding iReady Assessments.

Lisa Kowalski, citizen, addressed the Board regarding including vocational training, job training and skilled trades in the Strategic Plan.

Barb Anness, citizen, addressed the Board regarding the Strategic Plan and non-traditional career paths including vocational education options.

3. Michael Behrmann, Executive Director of Elementary Education, shared the Global Awareness goal area of the Strategic Plan.

Michelle Bueltel, citizen, addressed the Board regarding foreign language and Global Awareness.

Board members discussed community service opportunities and expectations.

4. Lisa Fosnaugh, Van Hoosen Middle School Assistant Principal, shared the Technology and Infrastructure goal area of the Strategic Plan.

John Tierney, citizen, addressed the Board regarding Technology and Infrastructure and the Plante Moran Technology Assessment.

Barb Anness, citizen, addressed the Board regarding Technology and Infrastructure.

Lisa Kowalski, citizen, addressed the Board regarding Technology and Infrastructure along with staff involvement and communication regarding the Strategic Plan.

Joshua Raymond, citizen, addressed the Board regarding prioritizing strategies.

Board discussion included the timeline and resources for the Strategic Plan.

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting - None

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner recognized Michael Behrmann and John Stoner, Director of Facility Operations, for their collaboration with the local emergency management team in opening Van Hoosen Middle School for families impacted by the recent tornado in Rochester Hills.

Michael Behrmann shared that approximately 16 families came to Van Hoosen to have their needs assessed after the tornado.

Debi Fragomeni, thanked Cathy Kochanski for hosting the work session.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Mr. Zabat, Mrs. Berwick and Dr. Shaner attended the Oakland County School Board Association dinner.

Mrs. Pierobon, Mr. Zabat and Mrs. Talbert attended the 10th anniversary of the Royal Park Hotel.

Mrs. Talbert provided feedback regarding the passing of the millage and the Strategic Plan.

Mrs. Talbert reported that she attended an evening event recognizing Mary Miller's leadership. Mrs. Talbert also had many discussions with community members regarding the national news and thanked Dr. Shaner, the administration staff for his professionalism in handling the Adams situation and representing Rochester Community Schools.

Mrs. Nowak thanked the administration staff for handling the phones during the Adams situation.

Mrs. Nowak exhibited the plaque the Board of Education received from Principal Sean Lively at the RACE grand re-opening.

Announcements

Upcoming RCS Events:

- 10/8: Evening Conferences for grades 9-12
- 10/9: Evening Conferences for grades 6-8
- 10/13: No students (K-12 and Post High), Professional Development
- 10/13: Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm, Harrison Room
- 10/15: Evening Conferences for grades 6-8
- 10/16: Evening Conferences for grades 9-12
- 10/27: Board of Education Work Session, 7:00 pm, Brewster Elementary
- 10/31: End of the 1st marking period

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau

Supported by: Mrs. Berwick

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christina McWilliams
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education

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