



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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**  
August 25, 2014 at 7:00 PM ~ Harrison Room

### **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, August 25, 2014, at RCS Administration Center, 501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan 48307. President Lisa Nowak called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Roll Call**

Members Present: Lisa Nowak, Chuck Coutteau, Jennifer Berwick, Pat Piskulich, Beth Talbert

Members Absent: Mike Zabat and Jane Pierobon, with notice

Others Present: Dr. Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Daniel Romzek, Elizabeth Davis and approximately 26 visitors.

Dr. Shaner, Superintendent, requested a moment of silence in memory of a Rochester High School student and a Stoney Creek High School student who passed last week; and Don Morris, Information Literacy Specialist at Baldwin Elementary who passed away on August 19, 2014.

#### **Spotlight on Success**

##### **A. Millage Committee Volunteers**

Dr. Shaner recognized the volunteers that worked on the millage committee and presented them with a certificate and Rochester pin; Lisa Wattai, Michelle Butel, Samantha Phillips, Doug Hill, Lisa Kowalski, Pasquale Cusumano, Neil Deluca, Lisa Nowak and Beth Talbert.

#### **Communications**

A. Secretary of the Board of Education – Board President Lisa Nowak filled in for Mr. Zabat

Ms. Nowak shared the following communication received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Judy Antonucci regarding transportation concerns.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None

C. Members of the Board of Education

Ms. Nowak received communication from Rochester High School Student Madison Vincent regarding Winter Guard and Darlene Janulis congratulating the Board for becoming a MASB Honor Board.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

A. Current Bills Payable for June 14, 2014 through August 15, 2014 in the amount of \$16,364,924.23.

B. Board of Education Retreat Minutes, August 11, 2014

C. Approval of Advanced Placement US History Textbook Order (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert

Supported by: Mr. Coutteau

Vote: 5-0

### **Reports**

A. Human Resources Report (Action Item) Ms. Davis

Ms. Davis, Chief Human Resource Officer, presented the following recommendations:

#### **NEW TEACHER HIRES**

Jack Barraclough, Math Teacher, Adams High School

Jessica Bellomo, Counselor, Adams High School

Jessica Bentz, Occupational Therapist

Kathleen Brown, Social Worker, Hamlin Elementary

Brett Gurzick, Social Worker

Jenica Hale, Physical Therapist

Sarah Meuller, Cognitively Impaired Teacher, Stoney Creek High School

Rebekah Smith, Social Worker, Hugger Elementary

Brittany Steinwisher, Resource Room Teacher, Hart Middle School

Winn, Chemistry Teacher, International Academy ADMINISTRATIVE

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Marnie Barker, Principal, Hugger Elementary  
Michael Bennion, Assistant Principal, Hart Middle School  
Karen Jelardi, ESL Specialist  
David Murphy, Principal, North Hill Elementary  
Allison Roberts, Principal, Hart Middle School

Sandra Turner, Assistant Director of Special Education  
Joshua Vander Voord, Systems Administrator

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

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich  
Supported by: Mr. Coutteau  
Vote: 5-0

#### B. Superintendent's Business and Operations Committee Report (Informational Item) Mr. Romzek

Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Daniel Romzek shared information from the Superintendent's Business and Operations Committee meeting that took place on August 18, 2014. Discussion included preliminary 2013/2014 financial results, summer facility and construction projects, possible easement at Hamlin Elementary, a traffic study at the Adams High School and Van Hoosen Middle School site, and the implementation of call center software in the transportation department.

Board discussion included confirming that the transportation department was prepared for road construction accommodations.

#### C. Superintendent's Report (Informational Item) Dr. Shaner

Superintendent Dr. Shaner shared information regarding the first district-wide professional development day taking place on August 26, 2014.

### New Business

#### A. Board of Education Truth in Budget Hearing Minutes, June 23, 2014 (Action Item) Ms. Nowak.

Ms. Nowak and Mr. Piskulich were absent, with notice, from the Board of Education Truth in Budget Hearing on June 23, 2014.

President Nowak suggested that this item be tabled until the September 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting due to the absence of Mike Zabat and Jane Pierobon this evening, which causes the Board to lack a quorum that was represented at June 23, 2014 meeting.



A motion was made to table the approval of the Board of Education Truth in Budget Hearing Minutes of June 23, 2014 until the September 08, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau

Supported by: Mrs. Berwick

Vote: 5-0

B. Board of Education Regular and Organizational Meeting Minutes, June 23, 2014 (Action Item) Ms. Nowak

Ms. Nowak and Mr. Piskulich were absent, with notice, from the Board of Education Regular and Organizational Meeting June 23, 2014.

President Nowak suggested that this item be tabled until the September 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting due to the absence of Mike Zabat and Jane Pierobon this evening, which causes the Board to lack a quorum that was represented at June 23, 2014 meeting.

A motion was made to table the approval of the Board of Education Regular and Organizational Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2014 until the September 08, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

Moved by: Mrs. Berwick

Supported by: Mr. Piskulich

Vote: 5-0

### **Additional Business**

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

Joshua Raymond, parent, addressed the Board regarding sixth grade math.

B. Members of the Administration

Mr. Romzek reported on the recent building summer cleaning inspections.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Debi Fragomeni reported on recent training on medical management plans and student safety in partnership with Crittenton Hospital.

Dr. Shaner thanked district support staff and their hard work throughout the summer.

C. Members of the Board of Education

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

## Announcements

### Upcoming RCS Events:

September 2: First Day of School for Students: Half Day K-5 and Full Day 6-12  
September 8: Board of Education Regular Meeting, Admin. Center, 7:00 pm  
September 22: Board of Education Work Session, Brewster Elementary, 7:00 pm

## Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau  
Supported by: Mrs. Talbert  
Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

Christina McWilliams  
Recording Secretary

  
Secretary, Board of Education

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