

**ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**  
December 8, 2014

**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, December 8, 2014 at the Harrison Room. President Lisa Nowak called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Lisa Nowak, Chuck Coutteau, Jane Pierobon, Jennifer Berwick, Sandy Fiaschetti, Pat Piskulich and Beth Talbert

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dan Romzek, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, John Stoner, Doug Hill and approximately 35 visitors.

**Oath of Office for New Board Member**

Ms. Nowak administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Sandy Fiaschetti. Dr. Fiaschetti recited the Oath of Office as follows: *I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of this State, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of the Rochester Community School District according to the best of my ability.*

**Moment of Silence**

Dr. Shaner requested a moment of silence for Missy Valdez, a student at Reuther Middle School who passed away.

**Election of Officer**

**A. Election of Secretary of the Board**

Mr. Coutteau nominated Dr. Piskulich to the office of Secretary of the Board. There were no other nominations.

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert

Seconded by: Mrs. Berwick

A roll call vote was then taken on the nomination.

Ayes: Mrs. Talbert, Dr. Fiaschetti, Mrs. Berwick, Mrs. Pierobon, Mr. Coutteau, and Ms. Nowak

Nays: None

Abstentions: Dr. Piskulich

Vote 6-0-1

### **Spotlight on Success**

Canned Food Drive Challenge – Board of Education members challenged the Superintendent Cabinet to a canned food drive for Rochester Neighborhood House.

REA President Doug Hill declared the Board of Education the winner of the challenge.

### **Communications**

#### **A. Secretary of the Board of Education**

Dr. Piskulich shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Laurie Gell from Families Against Narcotics regarding a public forum.

#### **B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None**

#### **C. Student Representatives to the Board**

Student Representatives from Rochester, Stoney Creek, Adams and ACE high schools shared information about activities taking place at their schools this past month.

#### **D. Members of the Board of Education – None**

### **Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Current Bills Payable for October 25, 2014 through November 28, 2014 in the amount of \$12,725,193.56.
- B. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2014
- C. Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2014
- D. Board of Education Work Session Minutes of November 24, 2014
- E. Approval of Mrs. Berwick and Mrs. Talbert attending the Oakland County School Boards Association meeting on November 12, 2014 in the amount of \$40.00. Source of Funding: General Fund
- F. Approval of Kristin Bull and Sandra Fiaschetti attending the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Certified Board Member Award (CBA) Class *Intro to School Boards*, on December 4, 2014 in Bay City, Michigan in the amount of \$360. Source of Funding: General Fund

G. Resolution Authorizing Summer Tax Levy for 2015

H. Human Resource Report

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

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau

Supported by: Dr. Piskulich

Vote: 7-0

### **Reports**

#### **A. Superintendent's Committee Reports (Information Item) Dr. Shaner, Mr. Romzek**

Dr. Shaner shared information from the Superintendent's Steering Committee meeting that took place on December 3, 2014. Topics of discussion included processes and systems for our Finance Department, Facility & Technology Infrastructure Committee, new board members and board goals for the coming year.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Dan Romzek shared information from the Superintendent's Business and Operations Committee meeting that took place on November 6, 2014 and December 1, 2014. Topics covered in the November meeting included a review of the draft audit report, discussion about facility planning process, and review of the budget. Topics covered in the December meeting included the process associated with new Board members, mid-year budget adjustment, facility planning update, bond refunding update, medical insurance cost sharing, proposed highway easement at Hamlin Elementary and the summer tax levy.

### **New Business**

#### **A. Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes, December 1, 2014 (Action Item)**

Dr. Fiaschetti was not a member of the Board of Education on December 1, 2014.

A motion was made to approve the Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2014, as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau

Supported by: Dr. Piskulich

Abstentions: Dr. Fiaschetti

Vote: 6-0-1

#### **B. Approval of Resolution Accepting 2015 Refunding Bond Pricing - (Action Item) Mr. Romzek**

Mr. Romzek introduced a representative from Thrun Law Firm who briefly highlighted the resolution that is being presented tonight.

Board discussion included correction to clerical error in contract, clarification that this refunding will allow us to reduce our millage, question regarding our ability to refund future bonds, and a clarification question regarding the timing of the refunding.



A motion was made to approve the Authorizing Resolution for the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of the Refunding Bonds, as presented.

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

**C. Superintendent Evaluation and Effectiveness Rating (Action Item) Ms. Nowak**

A motion was made to approve the Superintendent Evaluation and Effectiveness Rating for the 2014 calendar year, as presented.

Mrs. Nowak read the summary of the Superintendent Evaluation.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau  
Supported by: Mrs. Berwick  
Vote: 7-0

**D. Approve Resolution for Medical Insurance Cost Sharing for the 2015 Coverage Year (Action Item) Mr. Romzek**

Mr. Romzek presented a resolution that is needed in order to comply with the requirements of PA152.

A motion was made to approve the Resolution for Medical Insurance Cost Sharing for the 2015 Coverage Year, as presented.

Moved by: Dr. Fiaschetti  
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon  
Vote: 7-0

**E. Approval of Highway Easement at Hamlin Elementary School (Action Item) Mr. Romzek**

Mr. Romzek explained the easement project, which will include a three lane road and a sidewalk. The city is requesting that Rochester Schools grant the easement to the City of Rochester Hills for \$1.00. This is a project that is of mutual benefit to the City of Rochester Hills and the district.

A motion was made for the Approval of Highway Easement at Hamlin Elementary School, as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau  
Supported by: Mrs. Talbert

Board discussion included an inquiry regarding speed limit changes, questions regarding the new sidewalk installation, and clarification that the distance from the vehicle lanes to the school building will remain the same.

Vote: 7-0

**F. Board Policy 5351 – Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (Action Item, First Reading) Mrs. Fragomeni**

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Debi Fragomeni presented the draft of the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan.

A motion was made to approve the first reading of Board Policy 5351 – Cardiac Emergency Response Plan, as presented.

Moved by: Mrs. Berwick  
Supported by: Dr. Piskulich

Board discussion included clarification regarding additional details of the policy being outlined in a regulation, and legal references within the policy.

A motion was made to table this agenda item until the next regular meeting.

Vote 7-0

**G. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Mid-Year Budget Adjustments (Action Item) Dr. Shaner**

Dr. Shaner reviewed our mid-year budget adjustments. Mrs. Fragomeni and Mr. Romzek, along with Executive Director of Elementary Education Michael Behrmann, Executive Director of Secondary Education Carrie Lawler, Executive Director of Special Education Anne Evans gave further explanation of the budget adjustments within their assigned areas.

A motion was made to approve the Resolution Authorizing Mid-Year Budget Adjustments, as presented.

Moved by: Dr. Piskulich  
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon

Board discussion included reducing the number of subs at the elementary level, impact on special education services, FTE calculation explanation, clarifying the reduction from our Safe-Ed., LLC contract, secondary staff adjustments, General Fund subsidy to athletics, and fund equity balance.

Jenny McCardell, citizen, addressed the Board regarding the projected student enrollment count.

Michael Cicco, citizen, addressed the Board regarding class sizes at the elementary level and how we estimate enrollment count.

Jeff Lauth, citizen, addressed the Board regarding impact on displaced district personnel.

David Leszkowitz, citizen, addressed the Board regarding open enrollment for students outside of the Rochester Schools boundaries.

Michelle Bueltel, citizen, addressed the Board regarding the eliminated classes at the secondary level.

Dana Meyer, citizen, addressed the Board regarding the reduction of subs at the elementary level.

Thomas Crowe, citizen, addressed the Board regarding contracts awarded for district services.

Vote: 7-0

**Additional Business**

**A. Citizens Present at the Meeting**

Diane Glinski shared her concern regarding shortage of subs during assessments.

**B. Members of the Administration**

Dr. Shaner stated that all citizens that addressed the Board tonight will be personally contacted within 24 hours.

Dr. Shaner thanked Chuck Coutteau and Lisa Nowak, and recognized their years of service to the Board of Education.

**C. Members of the Board of Education**

Ms. Nowak and Mr. Coutteau expressed their gratitude to the Board members as well as administration and the community.

**Announcements**

**Upcoming RCS Events:**

Winter Break is December 22, 2014 – January 2, 2015 with school resuming on January 5, 2015

The first board meeting for 2015 will be a Regular / Organizational Meeting on January 12, 2015

**Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau

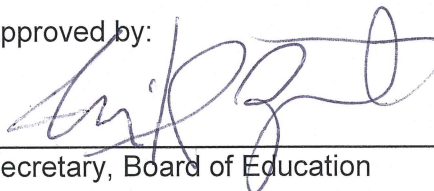
Supported by: Mrs. Berwick

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster  
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Recording Secretary

Approved by:

  
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Secretary, Board of Education