



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
February 9, 2015

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, February 9, 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, Sandy Fiaschetti, Kristin Bull and Beth Talbert

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Daniel Romzek, Beth Davis, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Lori Grein, John Stoner, Doug Hill and approximately 15 visitors.

A moment of silence was observed for Rochester High School student Gage Garmo who passed away on January 12th, 2015 after a long illness.

Spotlight on Success

A. Diploma Presentation – Lori Grein

Dr. Shaner and Jennifer Berwick presented Korean War veteran Mr. Richard T. Armstrong with his 1955 Rochester High School diploma.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mike Zabat shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Allison Zelinski regarding facility reservations; Walerian Domanski regarding the purchase of books; Colleen Mestdaugh, regarding the benefits of the teacher labs that our district offers; Sarah Berry

regarding interviewing Board members for a college assignment; and Michelle Holwey sent two e-mails regarding the use of school busses.

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

Jennifer Berwick shared cards and letters she has received from schools in honor of Board Appreciation Month.

Consent Agenda

- A. Current Bills Payable for December 20, 2014 through January 30, 2015 in the amount of \$11,379,181.87.
- B. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, January 12, 2015
- C. Human Resources Report

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

Moved by: Mike Zabat
Supported by: Beth Talbert

Vote: 7-0

Reports

A. Superintendent's Committee Reports (Informational Item) Daniel Romzek and Beth Davis

Assistant Superintendent for Business Daniel Romzek shared information from the Superintendent's Business and Operations Committee meeting that took place on January 22, 2015. Topics of discussion included mid-year general fund budget amendment, ongoing business process review, ongoing Infrastructure and Technology Planning process, and a proposed sidewalk easement.

Chief Human Resource Officer Beth Davis shared information from the Superintendent's Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting that took place on January 21, 2015. Topics of discussion included the review of the 2000 Series Curriculum Policies, recent law changes requiring revisions to the Anti-Bullying Policies, and revisions to Policies 2430 and 3410.02.

B. Superintendent's Report (Informational Item) Dr. Shaner

No report this meeting.

New Business

A. Board of Education Retreat Meeting Minutes, January 24, 2015 (Action Item)

Pat Piskulich was absent from the Board of Education Retreat with notice.

A motion was made to approve the Board of Education Retreat Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2015, as presented.

Moved by: Jane Pierobon
Supported by: Sandy Fiaschetti
Abstentions: Pat Piskulich

Vote: 6-0-1

B. Adoption of Budget Resolutions Amending the 2014/2015 General Fund and Debt Retirement Fund Budgets (Action Item) Daniel Romzek

A motion was made to adopt the budget resolutions amending the 2014/2015 General Fund and Debt Retirement Fund Budgets.

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Mike Zabat

Daniel Romzek discussed the proposed budget amendments.

Board discussion included clarification of surplus funds used to pay for closing costs of the bond, and concerns regarding the district fund balance.

Vote: 7-0

C. Approval of the Purchase of Network Firewall Equipment (Action Item) Daniel Romzek

A motion was made to approve the purchase of network firewall equipment from Delta Network Services in the amount of \$34,495.76, in accordance with their REMC bid pricing, as presented.

Source of Funds: General Fund Technology Equipment Budget

Moved by: Pat Piskulich
Supported by: Jane Pierobon

Board discussion included funds budgeted for technology, location of the equipment, clarifying the State bidding threshold, and questions regarding the timeframe of installation and depreciation of the equipment.

Vote: 7-0

D. Approval of Easements at Adams High School (Action Item) Daniel Romzek

A motion was made to approve the Sidewalk Easement with the City of Rochester Hills and Temporary Easement with the Road Commission of Oakland County at Adams High School as presented.

Moved by: Sandy Fiaschetti

Supported by: Kristin Bull

Vote: 7-0

E. Board of Education Goals (Action Item) Jennifer Berwick

A motion was made to approve the Board of Education Goals for the period ending June 30, 2016, as presented.

Moved by: Jane Pierobon
Supported by: Beth Talbert

Board discussion included appreciation of who oversees the goal areas.

Vote: 7-0

F. Board Policy 3410.02 – Guest Teachers (Action Item, First Reading) Beth Davis

Beth Davis presented the revisions to Board Policy 3410.02 – Guest Teachers.

A motion was made to approve the first reading of the proposed Board Policy 3410.02 – Guest Teachers, as presented.

Moved by: Pat Piskulich
Supported by: Beth Talbert

Board discussion included clarification of who is a guest teacher, and proposed changes to hiring of retirees as substitute teachers.

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

Moved by: Jane Pierobon
Seconded by: Kristin Bull

Vote 7-0

G. Superintendent's Performance Goals (Action Item) Dr. Shaner

Executive Director of Elementary Education Michael Behrmann presented the Elementary Student Achievement Benchmarks for December 2014 – December 2015.

Board discussion included clarification of scaled benchmarks, what will constitute an increase in achievement, statistics on success of opt-in advanced language students, and an explanation of the i-Ready test.

Executive Director of Secondary Education Carrie Lawler presented the Secondary Student Achievement Benchmarks for December 2014 – December 2015.

Board discussion included clarification of the 7th and 8th grade testing graph and the effectiveness rating chart, and the number of growth targets.

A motion was made to approve the Superintendent Performance Goals, as presented.

Moved by: Mike Zabat
Supported by: Sandy Fiaschetti

Vote: 7-0

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

Michelle Bueltel spoke as a representative of the PTA Council STEAM Committee. The 1st Annual STEAM Career Exploration Fair will be held on May 2, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Rochester High School. They are currently looking for presenters for this event.

D. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner thanked the maintenance crews for clearing the recent snow in a timely fashion.

E. Members of the Board of Education

Mike Zabat attended the AdamBots Open House on Saturday, February 7th.

Announcements

Upcoming RCS Events:

February 16	No School K-12 & Post High – Professional Development
February 17	7:00 p.m., Kindergarten Information Night, Stoney Creek High School
February 23	7:00 P.M., Board of Education, Work Session, Adams High School
March 9	7:00 P.M., Board of Education, Regular Meeting, Administration Center
March 23	7:00 P.M., Board of Education Work Session, Hugger Elementary

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

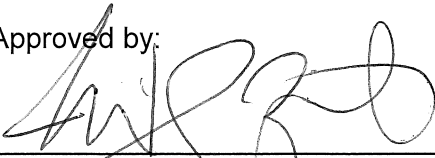
Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Pat Piskulich

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education