



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
April 13, 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, April 13, 2015 in the Harrison Room. President Jennifer Berwick called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present: Jennifer Berwick, Jane Pierobon, Pat Piskulich, Mike Zabat, Kristin Bull and Beth Talbert

Members Absent: Sandy Fiaschetti

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Elizabeth Davis, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Doug Hill and approximately 50 visitors.

Spotlight on Success

A. Baldwin Recorder / Musson Drum Performance

The Baldwin Pied Pipers and the Musson Drum Group gave a combined performance.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mike Zabat shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Aaron Kuhn regarding student newspaper publications, and Chauncey Hitchcock regarding district facility rentals.

B. 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.

C. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda

Brad Howes, citizen, addressed the Board regarding the M-STEP testing.

D. Members of the Board of Education

During Chat with the Board, Pat Piskulich spoke with parent Lisa Kowalski about the Oakland Schools Parent Advisory Committee activities.

Mike Zabat received an e-mail from a parent Mrs. Hartman regarding independent study options, lack of orchestra class at the high schools, and academic honors.

Jennifer Berwick received a note from PTA Reflections Chair Monika Babiak thanking the Board for their continued support of the Reflections Program. Jennifer met with parent Jenny McCardell regarding legislative issues.

Consent Agenda

- A. Current Bills Payable for February 28, 2015 through April 3, 2015 in the amount of \$9,017,540.96
- B. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2015
- C. Board of Education Work Session Minutes, March 23, 2015
- D. Approval of Kristin Bull and Sandy Fiaschetti attending the Michigan Association of School Board (MASB) online class *School Finance & School Budget* in the amount of \$190. Source of Funding: General Fund
- E. Board Policy 5566 – Revised Student Bullying (Second Reading)

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

Moved by: Beth Talbert

Supported by: Jane Pierobon

Vote: 6-0

Reports

A. Superintendent's Committee Reports (Informational Item) Dr. Shaner and Elizabeth Davis

Dr. Shaner shared information from the Superintendent's Steering Committee meeting that took place on April 1, 2015. Topics of discussion included the Technology and Infrastructure process and plan, potential for Special Board of Education meeting on May 18, 2015 testing opt-outs for M-Step, and the May 5, 2015 ballot proposal.

Chief Human Resource Officer Elizabeth Davis shared information from the Superintendent's Business and Operations Committee meeting that took place on March 16, 2015. Topics of discussion included financial reporting, the draft of the Financial Report, the budget update, a Facility & Infrastructure update, the May 5 election, as well as the spending control put in place earlier in March.

Elizabeth Davis shared information from the Superintendent's Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting that took place on March 18, 2015. Topics of discussion included the 2000 Series of the Board Policies – Curriculum and Instruction, Policy 2430 – Co-Curricular Activities, and Policy 9170 - Freedom of Information.

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

Technology and Infrastructure 2020 Committee Report – Dr. Shaner

Dr. Shaner introduced TI2020 Co-Chairs Todd Bidlack and Cindy Lindner. Todd and Cindy recapped the activities and information gathered from the six committee meetings. Committee Member and Interim Principal of Rochester High School Neil DeLuca shared observations from the Student Fishbowl activity. Parent and Committee Member Lisa Wattai read the TI2020 Committee Final Recommendation to the Board of Education.

Board members and administration expressed their gratitude and support of the work the committee has completed.

C. Human Resources Report – Elizabeth Davis

Elizabeth Davis presented the following recommendations:

RETIREMENTS

Diane Collins, Teacher at Hugger Elementary School
Donna Hurst, Teacher at Long Meadow Elementary School
Marvin Lancaster, Teacher at Reuther Middle School
Barbara Prew, Special Education Teacher Consultant
Sheila Scovic, Elementary Program Consultant
Sharanne Simmons, Psychologist at Delta Kelly Elementary School

RESIGNATIONS

Jennifer Lietz, Supervisor of School Age Care
Cindy Livingston, Information Literacy Specialist at Delta Kelly Elementary School
Daniel Romzek, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs

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

Moved by: Pat Piskulich
Supported by: Mike Zabat
Vote: 6-0

New Business

A. Board Policy 2430 – Co-Curricular Activities (Action Item, First Reading) - Elizabeth Davis

A motion was made to approve the first reading of proposed Board Policy 2430 – Co-Curricular Activities, as presented.

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Jane Pierobon

Vote: 6-0

Board discussion included a question about the defined activities that count towards the PE waiver requirements.

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

Moved by: Mike Zabat
Supported by: Kristin Bull
Vote: 6-0

B. Best Practices Incentive Board Resolution (Action Item) – Elizabeth Davis

Elizabeth Davis read the recommendation for adoption of the Best Practices Incentive Board Resolution.

A motion was made to adopt the Best Practices Incentive Board Resolution, as presented.

Moved by: Pat Piskulich
Supported by: Jane Pierobon

Board discussion included clarifications regarding funding timeline and open enrollment.

Vote: 6-0

C. Approval of Recommendation to Purchase HVAC Filters (Action Item) – Elizabeth Davis

Elizabeth Davis presented a recommendation that the Board of Education award a one-year contract to Aero Filter, Inc. in the amount of \$129,000 for HVAC filters purchases for the 2015/2016 school year, with an option to renew for up to three one-year renewals, for a possible total four-year contract amount of \$516,000 and authorizes the administration to finalize the contract terms and conditions, and execute the final agreement.

A motion was made to approve the recommendation to purchase HVAC filters, as presented.

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Mike Zabat

Board discussion included clarification of bid amount, and a question regarding who changes the filters.

Vote: 6-0

D. Approval of Recommendation to Purchase Cement Services (Action Item) – Elizabeth Davis

Elizabeth Davis presented a recommendation that the Board of Education awards a one-year contract to M.J. Chisholm Construction in the amount of \$115,000 for Cement Services for the 2015/2016 school year, with an option to renew for up to three one-year renewals, for a possible total four-year contract amount of \$460,000 and authorizes the administration to finalize the contract terms and conditions, and execute the final agreement.

A motion was made to approve the recommendation to purchase cement services, as presented.

Moved by: Jane Pierobon

Supported by: Pat Piskulich

Board discussion included clarification of bid amount, and what work will be completed.

Vote: 6-0

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting - None

B. Members of the Administration - None

C. Members of the Board of Education

Mike Zabat spoke regarding the reauthorization of the Education Act (No Child Left Behind).

Jennifer Berwick visited ACE for their quarterly award recognition, attended the AHS production of The Addams Family, attended the welcome reception for the new Rochester Area Neighborhood House Director, and attended the State of the City Address for Rochester along with Beth Talbert, Sandy Fiaschetti and Mike Zabat. Also, congratulations was extended to the Rochester PTA Council, as they were chosen the 2014 Michigan PTA Council of the Year.

Announcements

Upcoming RCS Events:

April 15	Evening Conferences (K-5)
April 20	Board of Education Work Session, North Hill Elementary, 7:00 p.m.
April 20-24	Authors in April Week
April 23	Evening Conferences (K-5)

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Moved by: Jane Pierobon


Supported by: Mike Zabat

Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education