



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION
April 20, 2015

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, April 20, 2015 at North Hill Elementary School. 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, Dana Taylor, Elizabeth Davis, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Doug Hill and approximately 18 visitors.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Board Secretary Mike Zabat shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Victoria Mendler regarding a student incident and Lindsey Simonis regarding class sizes.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda

1. Stoney Creek High School students Manisha Vupputuri and Emma Persson spoke regarding the district Technology Use Agreement.

C. Members of the Board of Education - None

Work Session

A. Technology and Infrastructure 2020 Committee – Dr. Robert Shaner

Dr. Shaner introduced Technology and Infrastructure 2020 Committee Co-Chairs Cindy Lindner and Todd Bidlack.

Cindy and Todd facilitated a prioritizing exercise, giving the Board of Education an opportunity to provide the TI2020 committee with additional direction on some key technology and facility items. During this process, questions from the consultants and Board members were gathered for future clarification.

Paul Theriault from Plante Moran CRESA reviewed the technology process and plan with the Board members. Board discussion included clarification of critical needs and cost contingency percentage, and which buildings are included in the Building Renovation category.

B. Capital Projects Financing

Paul Stauder from Stauder, Barch & Associates and Beverly Bonning from Thrun Law Firm reviewed capital financing options. Board discussion included clarification of bond vs. sinking funds, qualified bonds vs. non-qualified bonds, and the timeline of a ballot proposal.

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

Citizen Lisa Kowalski spoke regarding adult and pre-K learners. Parent Michelle Bueltel asked where she could view the draft Facility Assessment. The Rochester PTA Council is hosting a STEAM Conference on May 2 from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at Rochester High School, and would like to invite community members.

B. Members of the Administration

PTA Council will be hosting a Cyberbullying and Sexting Parent Presentation on Monday, April 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Harrison Room. Parents and community members are invited to attend this event.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Kristin Bull attended two Authors in April presentations. She thanked the Board of Authors in April, Inc. for their continued dedication to this program.

Announcements

Upcoming RCS Events:

April 20-24	Authors in April Week
April 23	Evening Conferences (K-5)
May 5	No School for Student / Professional Development Day for Staff
May 11	Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Harrison Room / Administration Center

Adjournment

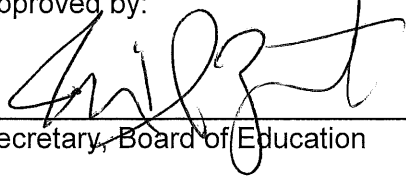
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:31p.m.

Moved by: Mike Zabat
Supported by: Beth Talbert
Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education