

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
January 12, 2015

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

A Regular and Organizational Meeting, Open to the Public, of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, January 12, 2015 in the Harrison Room. Secretary Pat Piskulich called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Beth Davis, Dan Romzek, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Lori Grein, John Stoner, Doug Hill and approximately 35 visitors.

**Oath of Office for New Board Member**

Dr. Piskulich administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Kristin Bull and Mr. Michael Zabat. Mrs. Bull and Mr. Zabat 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.*

**Election of Officer**

**A. Election of President of Board of Education**

Moved by Mrs. Pierobon that Mrs. Berwick be elected President of the Board of Education.

Moved by Mrs. Talbert and supported by Mrs. Bull to close nominations for President.

Ayes: Mrs. Bull, Mrs. Talbert, Dr. Fiaschetti, Mrs. Pierobon, Mr. Zabat, Mrs. Berwick, and Dr. Piskulich  
Nays: None

Motion carried: 7-0

Mrs. Berwick became President of the Board of Education.

**B. Election of Vice President of Board of Education**

Moved by Dr. Piskulich that Mrs. Pierobon be elected Vice President of the Board of Education.

Moved by Mrs. Talbert and supported by Dr. Fiaschetti to close nominations for Vice President.

Ayes: Mrs. Bull, Mrs. Talbert, Dr. Fiaschetti, Mrs. Pierobon, Mr. Zabat, Dr. Piskulich and Mrs. Berwick  
Nays: None

Motion carried: 7-0

Mrs. Pierobon became Vice President of the Board of Education.

**C. Election of Secretary of Board of Education**

Moved by Mrs. Talbert that Mr. Zabat be elected Secretary of the Board of Education.

Moved by Dr. Fiaschetti and supported by Mrs. Pierobon to close nominations for Secretary.

Ayes: Mrs. Bull, Mrs. Talbert, Dr. Fiaschetti, Mrs. Pierobon, Mr. Zabat, Dr. Piskulich and Mrs. Berwick  
Nays: None

Motion carried: 7-0

Mr. Zabat became Secretary of the Board of Education.

**D. Election of Treasurer of Board of Education**

Moved by Mr. Zabat that Dr. Piskulich be elected as Treasurer of the Board of Education.

Moved by Mrs. Pierobon and supported by Mrs. Talbert to close nominations for Treasurer.

Ayes: Mrs. Bull, Mrs. Talbert, Dr. Fiaschetti, Mrs. Pierobon, Mr. Zabat, Dr. Piskulich and Mrs. Berwick  
Nays: None

Motion carried: 7-0

Dr. Piskulich became Treasurer of the Board of Education.

**Code of Cooperation**

**A. Code of Cooperation for Conduct Among Board Members and Code of Cooperation for Board Conduct with Administrators (Action Item)**

Mr. Zabat read the Code of Cooperation for Conduct among Board Members and Code of Cooperation for Board Conduct with Administrators. Each Board member signed the agreement.

## **Communications**

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

Mr. Zabat shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Anne Iwasko regarding district budget; Ann Ehlert regarding the Early On Program, Jeff Lauth sent his holiday greetings; and Kevin Butts contacted the board regarding the Michigan Cyber Safety Program.

### **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**

## **Spotlight on Success**

### **A. School Board Recognition Month – January**

On behalf of the Rochester Community School district, Dr. Shaner presented Ms. Nowak with a plaque in recognition of her years of service on the Board of Education. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. Pierobon presented Ms. Nowak with a plaque honoring the service of Ms. Nowak and Mr. Coutteau. Board members also made a donation to the RCS Foundation on behalf of Ms. Nowak and Mr. Coutteau.

Dr. Shaner read Governor Snyder's proclamation honoring School Board Recognition Month. Each Board Member was presented with a copy of the proclamation.

Mrs. Evans thanked the Board Members on behalf of the Superintendent's Cabinet.

Doug Hill, REA President, thanked the Board Members for their service.

John Kelley, RAA President, thanked the Board Members for their service.

### **B. Transportation Recognition Day – January 14, 2015**

Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dan Romzek recognized and thanked the Durham Transportation Services Staff.

### **C. McGregor Elementary**

McGregor Principal Mr. David Pontzious recognized the efforts of McGregor parents and the community, for building a float that was part of the Rochester Hometown Christmas Parade.

## **Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Current Bills Payable for November 29, 2014 through December 19, 2014 in the amount of \$7,373,713.49.

B. To approve the second reading of Board Policy 5351 – Cardiac Emergency Response Plan

Moved by: Dr. Piskulich

Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon

Vote: 7-0

## **Reports**

### **A. Superintendent's Committee Reports (Informational Item) Dr. Shaner**

Dr. Shaner shared information from the Superintendent's Steering Committee meeting that took place on January 7, 2015. Topics of discussion included the budget process, calendar for budget cycle, changes being made to personal curriculums, plans for the Board retreat, and the Technology and Infrastructure 2020 Committee.

### **B. Curriculum Update (Informational Item) Mrs. Lawler**

Executive Director of Secondary Education Carrie Lawler reported on updates to the Michigan Merit Curriculum. Physical Education modifications were discussed.

Board discussion included clarifying the definition of a sport season, and questions regarding travel sports and summer physical education classes.

### **C. Budget Calendar (Informational Item) Mr. Romzek**

Mr. Romzek presented the proposed Budget Calendar for the 2015-2016 school year.

Board discussion included the timing of parent and community input, and confirmation of the final budget approval meeting date.

## **New Business**

### **A. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, December 8, 2014 (Action Item)**

Mrs. Bull and Mr. Zabat were not members of the Board of Education on December 8, 2014.

A motion was made to approve the Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2014, as presented.

Moved by: Dr. Fiaschetti

Supported by: Dr. Piskulich

Abstentions: Mrs. Bull and Mr. Zabat

Vote: 5-0-2

### **B. Human Resources Report (Action Item) Ms. Davis**

Executive Director of Human Resources Elizabeth Davis introduced Mrs. Lori Grein, Director of Community Relations who started in the district on January 12, 2015.

Ms. Davis presented the following recommendations:

#### RETIREMENTS

Janette Lucius, Teacher at Rochester High School, submitted her intent to retire effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Karen Palazzolo, Speech Pathologist at Reuther Middle School, submitted her intent to retire effective January 30, 2015.

Charles Rowland III, Principal of Rochester High School, submitted his intent to retire effective January 16, 2015.

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

Moved by: Mrs. Pierobon

Supported by: Mr. Zabat

Vote: 7-0

#### Additional Business

##### **A. Citizens Present at the Meeting - None**

##### **B. Members of the Administration**

Dr. Shaner thanked the community and staff for their support of the Garmo family.

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

Mrs. Talbert thanked the Rochester staff for their support of the Garmo family. This past Saturday, the Board members and Superintendent's Cabinet attended the School Law and Finance Seminar in Livonia.

Mrs. Pierobon attended the Hamlin PTA meeting last week, and will be attending their Parade of Nations in February.

Dr. Piskulich and Mrs. Pierobon attended the Rett's Syndrome fundraiser at Barnes & Noble in December.

Mrs. Berwick shared the Board committee assignments for 2015. The Board of Education page will be updated with the new Board Members, and Board bios will be added soon. The Hometown Hustle will be on May 9, 2015; the committee is soliciting businesses for sponsors, so please contact the Foundation Board if you know of anyone that would like to sponsor the event.

#### Announcements

##### **Upcoming RCS Events:**

January 14	Half Day for Students, (6-12 & Post High) - A.M. Exams
January 15	Half Day for Students, (6-12 & Post High) - A.M. Exams
January 16	Half Day for Students, (6-12 & Post High) - A.M. Exams
January 16	Half Day for Students (K-5)
January 16	End of 2nd Marking Period / 1st Semester
January 19	No School for Students; Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

January 20            2nd Semester Begins / 3rd Quarter Begins  
January 24            8:00 A.M., Board of Education Retreat, Admin. Ctr.

**Adjournment**

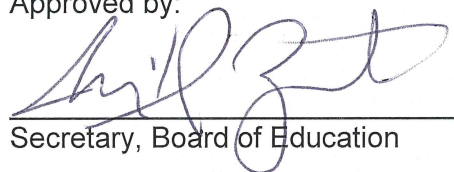
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Zabat  
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon  
Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

  
Secretary, Board of Education