



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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION**  
April 25, 2016

**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 25, 2016 at Stoney Creek High School. President Pat Piskulich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dana Taylor, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Lori Grein, Jamie Kendall-Dent, Cindy Lindner, Catherine Skedell, Kelly Dessy, Dan Mooney, Don Maskill, Doug Hill and 7 visitors

Principal Cathryn Skedel welcomed the Board of Education to Stoney Creek High School.

**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: Darlene Janulus, with an invitation to the Board of Education to attend a brunch after the Hometown Hustle.

**B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda - None**

**C. Members of the Board of Education - None**

## **Work Session**

### **A. Shanghai Delegation Update (Dr. Robert Shaner)**

Director of Elementary Education Michael Behrmann introduced the following colleagues that attended the Shanghai trip with him: Dan Mooney, Principal of Van Hoosen Middle School; Don Maskill, Assistant Principal of Hart Middle School; Lucinda Salmon, teacher at Long Meadow Elementary; Elizabeth Arcangeli, teacher at Rochester High School; and Amanda Liska, teacher at Van Hoosen Middle School. The staff shared their perspectives on the 2016 China middle school exchange trip.

Board discussion included questions regarding the Chinese teaching styles, class sizes, technology in China classrooms compared to Rochester district, and the Chinese community lifestyle.

### **B. Bond Update (Cindy Lindner)**

Director of Technology and Strategic Initiatives Cindy Lindner presented a Bond Project Update. Included were updates on technology, IT infrastructure, and safety and security.

Board discussion included the development of processes and procedures for secured entrances, access to cameras from mobile apps, philosophy of our district content filtering, and clarification of the E-Rate reimbursement process.

Doug Hill, REA President, addressed the Board regarding main office lock-down procedures.

Michelle Bueltel, Parent, addressed the Board regarding safety and security emergency procedures.

### **C. 2016-2017 Budget Update (Dana Taylor)**

Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dana Taylor presented a General Fund Budget Projection Update. The update included a recap of the 2014-2015 year-end budget, and the estimated financial position for fiscal year-end 2016.

Board discussion included the Governor's proposed foundation blending rate, foundation grants for water testing and First Robotics, and increases in healthcare expenses.

### **A. Staffing Update (Dr. Shaner)**

Dr. Shaner is currently watching our enrollment and staffing levels, and will be making budget adjustment recommendations based on the most current data available.

## **Additional Business**

### **A. Citizens Present at the Meeting**

Michelle Bueltel, parent, addressed the Board regarding the school calendar for 2016-2017.

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

Dr. Shaner thanked Mr. Behrmann and the delegation for presenting to the Board tonight.

Two of our educational partners from China will be visiting our district on May 4 and 5, 2016.

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

Multiple Board members attended the Authors in April banquet, and the Community Scholarship Awards Reception.

**Announcements**

**Upcoming RCS Events:**

May 6	Half Day for Students K-5
May 6	No School for Students (6-12 and Post High)
May 9	Board of Education Meeting, Harrison Room, Administration Building
May 23	Board of Education Work Session, West Middle School
May 30	No School for Students (K-12 and Post High)

**Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

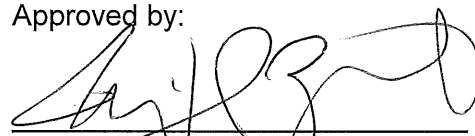
Moved by: Beth Talbert  
Supported by: Kristin Bull

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

  
Secretary, Board of Education