



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 2016

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 8, 2016 in the Harrison Room. 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, Jennifer Berwick, Beth Talbert and Kevin Beers

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Beth Davis, Dana Taylor, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Lori Grein, Cindy Lindner, Jamie Kendall-Dent, Doug Hill and approximately 13 visitors.

Spotlight on Success

A. International Collaboration

Executive Director of Elementary Education Michael Behrmann introduced Dr. Ping Ge and Dr. Walter Zhou from International Higher Education Exchange Center (IHEEC) and thanked them for their continued partnership.

B. PTA Council National Awards

Rochester Community PTA Council is the recipient of the 2016 National PTA Local Advocacy Award.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mike Zabat shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Adam Keyes, regarding a fundraising opportunity, City of Rochester Mayor's Office regarding the State of the City Address, and Rebekah Roberts regarding relocating into the Rochester Community School District.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda

Ms. Clarke Bonten addressed the Board regarding adding an orchestra program to the district curriculum.

C. Student Representatives to the Board

Student Representatives from Rochester, Stoney Creek, and Adams high schools shared information about activities taking place at their schools this past month.

D. Members of the Board of Education

Jennifer Berwick received an e-mail from Reuther Middle School teacher Erica Rossell thanking her for her service to the Board of Education and inviting her to visit her classroom.

Kristin Bull received an e-mail communication from Marcie Chalmers, parent, regarding transportation.

Pat Piskulich received the following e-mail communications: Hugger Principal Marnie Barker with an invitation to attend January student and family events at Hugger, student Joyce Lee regarding the Foundation Scholarship opportunities and parent Jeff Lauth regarding the Superintendent Performance Evaluation.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Current Bills Payable for January 1, 2016 through January 31, 2016 in the amount of \$9,190,741.17
- B. Approval for Pat Piskulich to attend a Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Class on February 27, 2016 in the amount of \$180.00. Source of Funding: General Fund
- C. Board of Education Regular Meeting minutes of January 11, 2016

Moved by: Beth Talbert

Supported by: Jennifer Berwick

Vote: 7-0

Reports

A. Superintendent's Committee Reports (Information Item) Dr. Shaner

Dr. Shaner reported on the January 12, 2016 and the February 2, 2016 Superintendent Steering Committee Meetings. Topics of discussion at the January 12 meeting were the Superintendent Evaluation, Student Achievement Goals, the Board of Education Retreat, and an update on the bond. Topics of discussion at the February 2 meeting were China delegation report, RCS 2016-2017 budget and state budget, Board of Education Retreat, and a bond update.

Interim Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dana Taylor reported on the Superintendent Business and Operations Committee meeting held on January 25, 2016. Topics of discussion were the January 19th bond sale, the need for a Capital Projects Funds Budget Amendment, the status of the SunGard software conversion, and a revision to the 401A Special Pay Retirement Plan.

B. Superintendent's Report – Bond Update (Information Item) Dr. Shaner

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Debi Fragomeni and Director of Technology and Strategic Initiatives Cindy Lindner gave a bond update on areas including committee work, year 1 projects, Pre-K program, curriculum and instruction, media, technology and collaborative spaces, and student athletics.

New Business

A. Bond Ratification Resolution (Action Item) Dana Taylor

Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business Dana Taylor introduced Mr. Christopher Iamarino from Thrun Law Firm, P.C., who outlined the details of the Bond Ratification Resolution.

Board discussion included the bond draw schedule and a question regarding the interest rate.

A motion was made to approve the Bond Ratification Resolution, as presented.

Moved by: Sandy Fiaschetti

Supported by: Kristin Bull

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: None

Vote: 7-0

B. Resolution Authorizing Amendment and Restatement of Retirement Plan (Action Item) Dana Taylor

A motion was made to approve the Resolution Authorizing Amendment and Restatement of Retirement Plan, as presented.

Moved by: Kevin Beers

Supported by: Sandy Fiaschetti

Vote: 7-0

C. Capital Projects Fund Budget Amendment (Action Item) Dana Taylor

A motion was made to approve the Capital Projects Fund Budget Amendment, as presented.

Board discussion included clarification of bond proceeds amount and draw schedule.

Moved by: Jennifer Berwick
Supported by: Beth Talbert

Vote: 7-0

D. Human Resources Report (Action Item) Elizabeth Davis

Elizabeth Davis presented the following recommendations:

APPOINTMENTS

Jamie Kendall-Dent – Director of Financial Services

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

Moved by: Sandy Fiaschetti
Supported by: Mike Zabat

Vote: 7-0

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

Michelle Bueltel, parent, addressed the Board regarding two PTA events: On Thursday, February 25, 2016, the Rochester PTA Council Founders Day Program will take place at Rochester High School Mall at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, March 5, 2016 the STEAM Career Exploration Fair will be held at Rochester High School from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner thanked Dana Taylor and her Business Office team for a successful sale of the bonds.

Debi Fragomeni would like to invite all interested families with young children to our Kindergarten Information Night being held on Tuesday, February 16 at 7 p.m. in the Stoney Creek High School Auditorium.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Pat Piskulich attended Poetry Out Loud at Stoney Creek High School, and Bagel Day at Hugger Elementary.

Announcements

Upcoming RCS Events:

February 15	No School for Students (K-12 and Post-High)
February 16	7:00 p.m., Kindergarten Information Night, Stoney Creek HS
February 22	7:00 p.m., Board of Education Work Session, Rochester High School
March 7	7:00 p.m., Board of Education Regular Meeting, Administration Center
March 8	No School for Students (K-12 and Post-High)
March 21	7:00 p.m., Board of Education Work Session, Van Hoosen Middle School

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Moved by: Kevin Beers

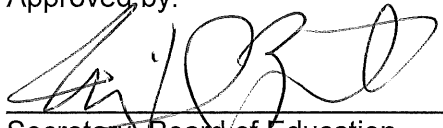
Seconded by: Beth Talbert

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education