



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
June 13, 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, June 13, 2016 in the Harrison Room. President Pat Piskulich called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Piskulich asked for a moment of silence to honor those touched by the tragedy in Orlando, FL this past weekend.

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, Elizabeth Davis, Dana Taylor, Michael Behrmann, Carrie Lawler, Anne Evans, Lori Grein, Wendy Darga, Kelly Dessy, Teresa DiMaria, Jamie Kendall-Dent, Eric Williams, Cheryl Gambaro, Cindy Lindner, Pat Calvin, Pete Muscio, Gary Dennis, and approximately 55 visitors

Spotlight on Success

A. District Retirees

Chief Human Resource Officer Elizabeth Davis introduced the district retirees and Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Debi Fragomeni presented the attendees with a picture frame in recognition of their years of service.

B. Excellence in Education Award Winners

Director of Communications and RCS Foundation Lori Grein, along with John Pino and Debi Fragomeni, presented the 2015-2016 Pino Agency Excellence in Education Awards recognition to: Kristin Daugherty, Counselor at Hart Middle School; Shelley Moore, Science Teacher at Reuther Middle School; and Karen Carl, Technology Facilitator at Rochester High School, Reuther Middle School and West Middle School.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mike Zabat shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Nisha Reddy, regarding student board representatives, and Jasen Comiska regarding an in-district school of choice request.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda

Mr. John Stewart addressed the Board regarding public education.

D. Members of the Board of Education

Pat Piskulich received an e-mail communication from Michael Rossbach concerning summer school, and David Archbold regarding a host home for a youth exchange student.

Beth Talbert, Jennifer Berwick and Kevin Beers received e-mail communications from Roy Salisbury, Jr. regarding curriculum.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Current Bills Payable for May 1 through May 31, 2016 in the amount of \$10,490,548.00
- B. Approval for Mike Zabat to attend the OCSBA Dinner Meeting on June 22, 2016 in the amount of \$30.00
- C. To approve the purchase of Language Arts 9 and Language Arts 10 Textbooks and related resources from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in the amount of \$170,002.80
- D. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, May 9, 2016
- E. Board of Education Regular Meeting/Work Session Minutes, May 23, 2016
- F. Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes, May 23, 2016
- G. Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2016-2017

Moved by: Sandy Fiaschetti
Supported by: Jennifer Berwick

Vote: 7-0

Reports

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

Dr. Shaner reported on the Superintendent Steering Committee Meeting held on June 2, 2016. Topics of discussion were superintendent merit goals, bond report, budget, leadership development, and contracts.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dana Taylor reported on the Superintendent Business and Operations Committee Meeting held on May 16, 2016. Topics of discussion were the 2016-2017 general fund budget assumptions, and the status of our contracted custodial services.

Elizabeth Davis reported on the Superintendent Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting held on May 18, 2016. Topics of discussion were the Orchestra/Strings Task Force, and the status of the revisions to the Student, Curriculum and Human Resource sections of our policies and regulations.

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

2016-2017 Budget Presentation

Dana Taylor and Financial Services Director Jamie Kendall-Dent outlined the latest revisions to the district budget.

Board discussion included parochial transportation expenses, budget classification categories, federal grant money, fund balance, enrollment projections, expansion of global languages, Pre-K programing, bond financing, retirements, and staffing.

District Grant Opportunities

Debi Fragomeni discussed two grant applications that were recently submitted:

Brewster Elementary School has requested funds from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) to host a multi-week residency with Eisenhower Dance in the spring of 2017. The residency will bring four of Eisenhower dancers directly into the school to work with all fourth and fifth grade classes focusing on creative movement and the concept that movement and dance is an important form of communication.

The Post High Social Worker Team also requested grant funds from the MCACA in the amount of \$12,690 to support 30 hours of educational learning experiences in creative dance and visual arts for the students enrolled in our post high program.

New Business

A. Resolution for John and Marie Pino (Action Item) Dr. Piskulich

A motion was made to approve the resolution acknowledging Marie and John Pino of the Pino Insurance Agency for their many years of service to the Rochester Community Schools.

Moved by: Kevin Beers
Supported by: Kristin Bull

Vote: 7-0

B. Administrative Employment Contract Renewals (Action Item) Elizabeth Davis

A motion was made to approve the Administrative Employment Contract Renewals, as presented.

Moved by: Mike Zabat
Supported by: Sandy Fiaschetti

Vote: 7-0

C. Human Resources Report (Action Item) Elizabeth Davis

Elizabeth Davis presented the following recommendations:

RETIREMENTS

Ken Belote, Teacher at Stoney Creek High School, submitted his letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year.

Anne Glaeser, Teacher at Musson Elementary School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year.

Carol McGill, Teacher at Reuther Middle School, submitted her intent to retire effective at the end of the school year.

Tom McGill, Teacher at Reuther Middle School, submitted his letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year.

Gail Mizruchi, Speech and Language teacher at Adams High School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year.

Doris Murakami, Teacher at Meadow Brook Elementary, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year.

RESIGNATIONS

Julia Satterthwaite, Teacher at Rochester High School, submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the school year.

Channon Washington, Teacher at Stoney Creek High School, submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the school year.

Anna Yannello, Occupational Therapist for the district, submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the school year.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

Wendy Darga, Reuther Middle School Principal

Moved by: Jennifer Berwick
Supported by: Beth Talbert

Vote: 7-0

D. Approval of Bond Construction Project Bid Awards (Action Item) Dana Taylor

Dana Taylor presented the following construction project bid recommendations:

Recommendation to approve the vendor costs for Change Directive CCD #2 for Safe and Secure Entry of the Administration Center to Rochester Hills Contract Glazing in the amount of \$43,170, and Master Craft Carper Svc. Inc., in the amount of \$1,650, and to approve the total project costs for CCD #2 in the amount of \$45,647.

Recommendation to approve two change orders to the original bid awarded to Delta Network Services for the Wireless & Network Update projects on March 7, 2016. Change order 1 included upgrades to the cabling, and was an increase of \$38,352.87, for an adjusted contract total of \$2,592,368.58. Change order 2 included reductions in equipment expenses, resulting in a decrease of \$24,928.13, for an adjusted contract total of \$2,567,440.45.

A motion was made to approve the bond construction project bid change orders, as presented.

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Mike Zabat

Board discussion included clarification of Administration Center door framing expenses.

Vote: 7-0

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

Emily Brown, Bridget Reynolds and Amy Phan, students, addressed the Board regarding adding ASL 3 to the curriculum at Rochester High School.

Deanne Mihelich, parent, addressed the Board regarding class size.

Shannon Dalton, parent, addressed the Board regarding class size.

Kristin Nahass, parent, addressed the Board regarding class size.

Julia Wittkopp, parent, addressed the Board regarding class size.

Estelle Peretz, parent, addressed the Board regarding class size.

Andrea Yakima, parent, addressed the Board regarding class size.

Iran Ducharme, parent, addressed the Board regarding the Hamlin Elementary field.

Khai Mahnke, parent, addressed the Board regarding the Hamlin Elementary field and class size.

Meggan Smith, parent, addressed the Board regarding Hamlin safety concerns.

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner congratulated students and parents on three excellent graduations last week. Thank you to all staff for another great school year.

Debi Fragomeni announced that Wendy Beitel has been appointed to fill the 1st grade Literacy Coach position for the 2016-2017 school year. This program is being funded by a grant.

The West Warrior Showdown took place at West Middle School last week. The students collected \$10,000 to donate to RARA for their summer Scamp program.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Kristin Bull spoke regarding parent feedback and class sizes.

Announcements

Upcoming RCS Events:

- June 16 Half Day Students (6-11 and Post High); AM Exams
- June 16 RACE Graduation, Meadows Learning Center Gymnasium, 7 p.m.
- June 17 Half Day Students (6-11 and Post High); AM Exams
- June 17 Half Day Students (K-5)
- June 20 6:45 p.m., Board of Education Truth in Budgeting Hearing, Admin Center**
- June 20 7:00 p.m., Board of Education Regular & Organizational Meeting, Admin Center**

Adjournment

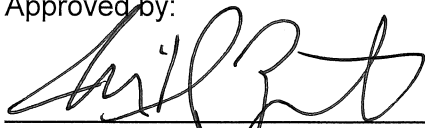
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Seconded by: Mike Zabat

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Secretary, Board of Education