



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION
March 21, 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, March 21, 2016 at Van Hoosen Middle 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, Elizabeth Davis, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Lori Grein, Jamie Kendall-Dent, Cindy Lindner, Pete Muscio, Dan Mooney, Doug Hill and 25 visitors

Van Hoosen Middle School Principal Dan Mooney welcomed the Board of Education and visitors to the meeting, and introduced teacher Matt Cottone and his World Studies students, who shared an interactive presentation entitled "A Trip Around the World" using Google Cardboard.

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: Deb Camphous regarding school social worker week, and Lynn Lonsway regarding a bullying prevention conference in Southeast Michigan.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda - None

C. Members of the Board of Education - None

Work Session

A. Bond Design

Director of Technology and Strategic Initiatives Cindy Lindner, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dana Taylor, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Debi Fragomeni, and Community Relations Director Lori Grein presented a bond project update. Updates included the bond timeline to date, bond scope, project timelines, committee work, technology, individual site location progress, and strategic focus.

Board discussion included questions regarding collaborative spaces, square footage of additions, Rochester High School cost overages, and the timing of the pre-school hub additions.

Lisa Kowalski, parent, addressed the Board regarding the sports activities scheduled at Brooklands field during the demolition of the RACE building, and a question regarding feedback from specials teachers.

Michelle Bueltel, parent, addressed the Board regarding ADA updates at Rochester High School, and a question regarding the results of the feedback from the district safety & security committee.

Doug Hill, REA President, addressed the Board regarding the timeline for the installation of secure entrances at West Middle School and Hamlin Elementary School.

B. Budget Update

Dana Taylor outlined the General Fund Budget Amendment.

Board discussion included a question regarding enrollment counts, discussion of building vs. departmental budgets, and fund balance.

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

Lisa Kowalski, parent, invited all to the Sparkle Awards on Wednesday night at Stoney Creek High School.

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner thanked the team for their hard work on the bond and budget presentations.

Mr. Michael Behrmann and Mr. Dan Mooney will be heading up the student delegation trip to China over spring break.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Jennifer Berwick informed all that the Rochester Community Schools Foundation Hometown Hustle will be held on May 7, 2016. Jennifer also attended the FIRST Robotics competition this past weekend.

Kristin Bull attended the Extreme Weather March Madness Bracket Challenge in Mr. Trudeau's 8th grade science class at West Middle School.

Sandy Fiaschetti attended the State Solo & Ensemble competition at Stoney Creek High School this past weekend.

Beth Talbert, Pat Piskulich, Kristin Bull, and Mike Zabat attended the PTA Reflections Award Ceremony last week.

Kevin Beers attended Oakland County School Board Association Meeting at Oakland Schools on Wednesday, March 16th. Topic of discussion was "Reading and Literacy Program Best Practices."

Announcements

Upcoming RCS Events:

- March 25 No School for Students (K-12 and Post High)
- April 1 End of 3rd Marking Period
- April 1 Spring Recess Begins at End of Full Day (K-12 and Post High)
- April 11 Classes Resume / 4th Quarter Begins
- April 11 Board of Education Meeting, Harrison Room, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Moved by: Jennifer Berwick

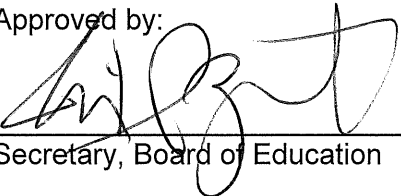
Supported by: Mike Zabat

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster

Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education