



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
July 27, 2015

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, July 27, 2015 in the Harrison Room. President Jennifer Berwick called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present: Jennifer Berwick, Mike Zabat, Pat Piskulich, Beth Talbert, and Kristin Bull

Members Absent: Jane Pierobon and Sandy Fiaschetti, with notice

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dana Taylor, Elizabeth Davis, Carrie Lawler, Anne Evans, Neil DeLuca, Casey Wescott, Cathryn Armstrong, Cindy Lindner, Beverly Bonning and approximately 15 visitors.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mike Zabat shared the following communication received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Suzanne Wolfe regarding ACT scores being a part of the honors criteria for Rochester Community Schools, Pooja Patel regarding class scheduling concerns and Clarke Bonten regarding the lack of a string music program in our district.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None

C. Members of the Board of Education

Jennifer Berwick read a resignation letter from Board of Education Vice President Jane Pierobon. Jane has resigned effective July 25, 2015.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Current Bills Payable for June 13, 2015 through July 17, 2015 in the amount of \$10,220,740.65
- B. Approval of Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dana Taylor as Plan Administrator for VALIC
- C. Board of Education Truth in Budget Hearing Minutes, June 16, 2015
- D. Board of Education Regular and Organizational Meeting Minutes, June 16, 2015

Mike Zabat requested that Item B, Approval of Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dana Taylor as Plan Administrator for VALIC, be removed from the Consent Agenda. This item will become the first agenda item under the New Business portion of the agenda.

Moved by: Beth Talbert

Supported by: Pat Piskulich

Vote: 5-0

Reports

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

Dr. Shaner reported on the Superintendent Steering Committee Meeting that took place on July 14, 2015. Topics of discussion included bond financing, legal requirements regarding campaign finance, and the Board of Education evaluation and meeting calendar. Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dana Taylor reported on the Superintendent's Business and Operations Committee meeting that took place earlier this evening. Topic of discussion was bond financing.

B. Superintendent's Report - None

New Business

A. Approval of Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dana Taylor as Plan Administrator for VALIC (Action Item) Dana Taylor

Moved by: Mike Zabat

Supported by: Pat Piskulich

Board discussion included clarification that VALIC is the provider of the 401A Special Pay Plan and the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan for employees.

Vote: 5-0

B. Approval of Maintenance, Grounds and Technology Union, A.F.S.C. & M.E., Local 202 Contract (Action Item) Elizabeth Davis

Chief Human Resource Officer Elizabeth Davis outlined the terms of the new contract.

A motion was made for the Approval of the Maintenance, Grounds and Technology Union, A.F.S.C. & M.E., Local 202 Contract, as presented.

Moved by: Kristin Bull
Supported by: Mike Zabat

Vote: 5-0

C. Human Resources Report (Action Item) Elizabeth Davis

Elizabeth Davis presented the following recommendations:

RETIREMENTS

Janie Barner, teacher at Adams High School, submitted her intent to retire effective September 30, 2015.

RESIGNATIONS

Marliese Jagels, Speech Pathologist at McGregor Elementary School, has submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

Jill Jessen, teacher at Rochester High School, has submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

Alexandrea Surinck, teacher at Van Hoosen Middle School, has submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Heather Wist, teacher at Adams High School, has submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

APPOINTMENTS

Casey Wescott, 11 Month Assistant Principal, Rochester High School

Michael Cardimen, School Age Care Supervisor

Richard Jakacki, Athletic Supervisor, Stoney Creek High School

Patricia Calvin, Purchasing Supervisor

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

Moved by: Mike Zabat
Supported by: Pat Piskulich

Board discussion included clarification of the Athletic Supervisor title.

Vote: 5-0

C. Approval of Bond Resolution to Call Election and Approve Ballot Language (Action Item) Dana Taylor

Dana Taylor read the Bond Resolution to Call Election and Approve Ballot Language.

A motion was made to approve the Bond Resolution to Call Election and Approve Ballot Language, as presented.

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Pat Piskulich

Beverly Bonning from Thrun Law Firm was brought forward to address questions from the Board.

Board discussion included questions regarding the creation of the ballot language and whether to include the words "security and fine arts" in the ballot language, and clarification of the simple average annual millage rate and the contents of Exhibit B.

A motion was made to amend the original resolution to include the word "zero" to the informational purposes only paragraph of "Exhibit A." The corrected sentence will read: The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2016 is 1.82 mills (\$1.82 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a zero (-0-) mill net increase in debt millage.

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Pat Piskulich

Lisa Kowalski, parent, addressed the Board with concerns regarding the ballot language.

A vote was taken on the Bond Resolution to Call Election and Approve Ballot Language, as amended.

Vote: 5-0

E. Approval of Consultant Contracts for Professional Services (Action Item) Dana Taylor

A motion was made to approve the Consultant Contracts for Professional Services, as presented.

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Pat Piskulich

Board discussion included identifying the scope of work the consultants will be responsible for, and clarification of payment of services.

Vote: 5-0

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting - None

B. Members of the Administration - None

C. Members of the Board of Education

Jennifer Berwick discussed the Board Evaluation tool. Board members will receive an evaluation survey to complete, and results will be discussed at the BOE retreat on August 20, 2015.

Election of Vice President of Board of Education

Moved by Pat Piskulich that Beth Talbert be elected Vice President of the Board of Education.

Moved by Kristin Bull and supported by Pat Piskulich to close nominations for Vice President.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Kristin Bull, Beth Talbert, Pat Piskulich, Mike Zabat, Jennifer Berwick
Nays: None

Motion carried: 5-0

Beth Talbert became Vice President of the Board of Education.

Vacant Board of Education Seat

Jennifer Berwick led the Board in discussion of the process and procedure outlined in the Michigan Election Laws and district bylaws, and requirements of the Open Meetings Act to fill a vacant seat of the Board.

A motion was made to approve the Process and Application for filling a vacant Board of Education seat due to the resignation of Jane Pierobon, effective July 25, 2015.

Moved by: Mike Zabat
Supported by: Pat Piskulich

Vote: 5-0

Approve Special Meeting

A motion was made to approve a Board of Education Special Meeting, Open to the Public, on August 17, 2015 for the purpose of interviewing the Board of Education candidates.

Moved by: Pat Piskulich
Supported by: Beth Talbert

Vote: 5-0

Beth Talbert expressed her thanks to Jane Pierobon for her years of service to the Board of Education.

Jennifer Berwick and Mike Zabat attended the Summer Music Theatre production of Children of Eden and said it was a phenomenal production.

Announcements

August 10	Board of Education Closed Session Meeting, Administration Center, 7:00 p.m.
August 20	Board of Education Retreat, Administration Center, 12:00 p.m.
August 24	Board of Education Regular Meeting, Administration Center, 7:00 p.m.
September 8	First day of school for students
September 14	Board of Education Regular Meeting, Administration Center, 7:00 p.m.
September 28	Board of Education Work Session, Hart Middle School, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

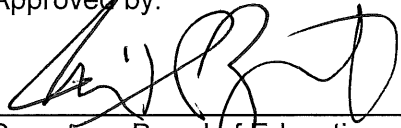
Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Mike Zabat

Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education