



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
November 9, 2015

MINUTES

Veterans Day Program

Acknowledgement of our Rochester Community Schools Veterans took place prior to the Board of Education Meeting. The program began with a flag ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance lead by the Meadowbrook Elementary Cub Scout Pack 188.

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, November 9, 2015 in the Harrison Room. President Jennifer Berwick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dana Taylor, Elizabeth Davis, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Lori Grein, Doug Hill, Betty Crowder, Susan Demeniuk, Cindy Lindner, and approximately 45 visitors.

Spotlight on Success

A. Board of Education Recognition

Jane Pierobon was recognized for her years of service to the Rochester Community Schools Board of Education.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mike Zabat shared the following communication received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Roy Salisbury, Jr. regarding his communication he sent to the Oakland Press; Dan Stuart regarding high school parking fees; Richard Bosler regarding a bond renewal question; and Janis Gamble regarding a district transportation concern.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None

C. Student Representatives to the Board

A student representative from Stoney Creek High School shared information about activities taking place at her school this past month.

D. Members of the Board of Education - None

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Current Bills Payable for October 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015 in the amount of \$9,374,556.67
- B. Approval for Pat Piskulich to attend MASB Board Member Certification Classes on December 4 and 5, 2015 at Oakland Schools in the amount of \$180.00. Source of funding: General Fund
- C. Approval for Jennifer Berwick, Beth Talbert and Sandy Fiaschetti to attend the OCSBA Dinner Meeting on November 18, 2015 in the amount of \$90.00. Source of Funding: General Fund
- D. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, October 12, 2015
- E. Board Policy 6900 – Fund Balance (Second Reading)

Moved by: Sandy Fiaschetti

Supported by: Pat Piskulich

Vote: 7-0

Reports

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

Dr. Shaner reported on the Superintendent Steering Committee Meeting held on November 4, 2015. Topics of discussion included the November Work Session, district leadership, and bond procedures. Interim Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dana Taylor reported on the Superintendent Business and Operations Committee meeting held on October 19, 2015. Topic of discussion was a review of the audited financial statement. Chief Human Resource Officer Beth Davis reported on the Superintendent Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting held on October 19, 2015. Topics of discussion included a review of the 2000 and 10000 series policies, the history of administrative regulation implementation and notice requirements, and a discussion of Administrative Regulations.

B. Student Achievement Goals (Informational Item) – Michael Behrmann

Executive Director of Elementary Education Michael Behrmann presented a recap of the Student Achievement Goals that were discussed previously at the October 26, 2015 Work Session.

Board discussion included elementary reading scores, literacy instruction, Pre-K best practices, and tracking data into the future.

Joshua Raymond, parent, addressed the Board regarding i-Ready subgroups not making a full year's growth progress.

C. Reproductive Health Advisory Board Update (Informational Item)

Health Coordinator Betty Crowder and ACE Principal Susan Demeniuk presented recommended additions to the Health Curriculum. A public hearing to review the recommended changes will be held on November 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Harrison Room. The proposed revisions to the Health Curriculum will be on the December 7, 2015 Board of Education Regular Meeting agenda for approval.

New Business

A. Human Resources Report (Action Item) Elizabeth Davis

Elizabeth Davis presented the following recommendations:

RETIREMENTS

Patricia Duronio, Speech and Language Teacher at Hart Middle School, submitted her letter of retirement effective January 15, 2016.

APPOINTMENTS

Stephen Lambert, Accountant

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

Moved by: Beth Talbert

Supported by: Kevin Beers

Vote: 7-0

B. Delete Current 2000 Curriculum Series Policies and Approve Revised Board Policy 2000 – Curriculum Series and Board Policy 10000 General Series Policies (Second Reading) - Elizabeth Davis

Beth Davis updated the Board on the status of the adoption of the new policies.

A motion was made to Delete Current 2000 Curriculum Series Policies and Approve Revised Board Policy 2000 – Curriculum Series and Board Policy 10000 General Series Policies, as presented.

Moved by: Pat Piskulich

Supported by: Kristin Bull

Beth Talbert make a motion to table the second reading of this item until the Administrative Regulations can be created.

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by Mike Zabat
Vote: 7-0

C. Board of Education Work Session Minutes, October 26, 2015

Pat Piskulich was absent from the Work Session, and will need to abstain from the vote.

Moved by: Mike Zabat
Supported by: Sandy Fiaschetti
Abstentions: Pat Piskulich

Vote: 6-0-1

D. Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes, October 26, 2015

Pat Piskulich was absent from the Closed Meeting, and will need to abstain from the vote.

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Kristin Bull
Abstentions: Pat Piskulich

Vote: 6-0-1

E. Approval of Bond Project Service Providers (Action Item) Dana Taylor

On October 20, 2015, vendor request for proposals were reviewed and evaluated by a team consisting of Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dana Taylor, Director of Technology and Strategic Initiatives Cynthia Lindner, Purchasing Supervisor Patricia Calvin, Network Manager Timothy Fortin, Interim Facility Operations Center Manager Gary Dennis, and Attorney and district legal counsel from Thrun Law Firm Fredric Heidemann. The review team conducted interviews with representatives from the firms that submitted proposals, and clarification questions were sent in writing to each firm in response to the interview presentations.

Based on the information found, it is recommended that the Board of Education award the contracts to the below companies, and authorize the administration to finalize the contract terms and conditions, and execute the final agreement:

Appointment of Architectural Services: French Associates
Appointment of Construction Management Services: Frank Rewold and Son, Inc.
Appointment of Technology Design Services: Convergent Technology Partners, LLC

On September 22, 2015, vendor request for proposals for bond underwriter services were reviewed and evaluated by a team consisting of the Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Shaner, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dana Taylor, and Public Financial Management, Inc. Managing Director Paul Stauder.

Based on the information found, it is recommended that the Board of Education appoints Stifel, Nicolaus & Company the senior manager for Underwriting Services, J.P. Morgan and Fifth Third Securities co-managers, and authorize the administration to finalize the contract terms and conditions, and execute the final agreement

A motion was made to approve the Bond Project Service Providers, as presented.

Moved by: Sandy Fiaschetti
Approved by: Beth Talbert

Board discussion included procedures for checking references, and questions regarding the role and structure of the underwriters, and the timeline for the start of services.

Lisa Kowalski, parent, addressed the Board regarding the appointment of the bond project service providers.

Thomas Crowe, parent, addressed the Board regarding the bond project service providers.

Vote: 7-0

F. 2014-2015 District Audit (Action Item) Dana Taylor

Dana Taylor presented an overview of the 2015 District Audit.

Board discussion included a question regarding the collection of federal funds and athletic income.

Dana Taylor introduced Nathan Balderman from Rehmann Robson, the district's audit firm.

A motion was made to approve the 2014-2015 District Audit, as presented.

Moved by: Pat Piskulich
Supported by: Beth Talbert

Vote: 7-0

G. Approval of Resolution in Support of Stormwater Management Plan (Action Item) Dana Taylor

A motion was made to approve the Resolution in Support of Stormwater Management Plan, as presented.

Moved by: Sandy Fiaschetti
Supported by: Mike Zabat

Vote: 7-0

H. Approval of Resolution Replacing the Authorized Representative for the SAW Grant Agreement (Action Item) Dana Taylor

A motion was made to approve the Resolution Replacing the Authorized Representative for the SAW Grant Agreement, as presented.

Moved by: Mike Zabat

Supported by: Kevin Beers

Vote: 7-0

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

REA President Doug Hill addressed the Board regarding American Education Week (November 16-20, 2015).

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner shared his sincere thanks to the community for the overwhelming support of the bond. Dr. Shaner and Doug Hill are conducting a listening tour, engaging conversation with district staff members.

Debi Fragomeni challenged the Board of Education to a canned food drive at the December 7, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Beth Talbert shared that our absentee vote increased this year thanks to the special efforts of the Bond Citizens Committee.

PTA Council Update (Beth Talbert)

- At the October 15, 2015 Rochester PTA Council Meeting, they unanimously voted in support of releasing a statement in opposition to Senate Bills 442 and 561, which would allow concealed firearms to be carried on school grounds. The PTA also supports the passage of House Bill 4261, which will eliminate open carry.
- On October 22, 2015, Rochester PTA leaders attended the Michigan PTA Advocacy Day, in Lansing, MI.
- The Rochester Area Neighborhood House holiday program has begun throughout various buildings in the district, including the Administration Building.
- PTA Council Officers met with representatives from the City of Rochester Hills and the school district to discuss improvements that can be made to walking paths, traffic flow, etc.
- 18 district schools are conducting parent surveys as part of a National PTA Schools of Excellence Program.

Sandy Fiaschetti and Kevin Beers attended the MASB Fall Leadership Conference last month, and Sandy shared information received from the keynote speaker and breakout sessions.

District Events (Jennifer Berwick)

- Rochester Community Schools Foundation is sponsoring "Sip, Savor and Shop" on Thursday, November 12, 2015.
- Rochester Community Schools Foundation MOD Pizza Fundaiser – "Pay What you Want Day" on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at Mod Pizza (Rochester Rd & Auburn Rd). All proceeds will benefit the RCSF.

Board of Education Events (Jennifer Berwick)

- District Board members have been invited to a Public Officials Budget Summit hosted by Senator Marty Knollenberg on Thursday, November 19, 2015.

Announcements

November 13	No School for Students (K-12 and Post High), Professional Development
November 17	Evening Conferences (K-5)
November 19	Evening Conferences (K-5)
November 23	Evening Conferences (K-5)
November 23	Board of Education Work Session, Reuther Middle School, 7:00 p.m.
November 25	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: Mike Zabat

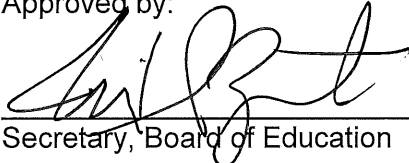
Supported by: Kristin Bull

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education