

**ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

**BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION**  
September 28, 2015

**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, September 28, 2015 at Hart Middle School, 6500 Sheldon, Rochester Hills, MI 48306. President Jennifer Berwick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dana Taylor, Elizabeth Davis, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Lori Grein, Allison Roberts, Mike Bennion, Robert Lusk, and 5 visitors.

Hart Principal Allison Roberts and Hart Assistant Principal Mike Bennion welcomed all Board and community members to Hart Middle School. Allison shared a video highlighting their 6<sup>th</sup> Grade *Where Everyone Belongs* (W.E.B.) program.

**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: Kerry Christopher sent two e-mails regarding transportation concerns.

**B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda - None**

**C. Members of the Board of Education**

Kevin Beers received an e-mail from Kristi McLaren inviting him to the next Stoney Creek High School Parent Teacher Student Association Meeting (PTSA).

### **Work Session**

#### **A. Policy Review**

Chief Human Resource Officer Elizabeth Davis gave an overview of the Curriculum (2000 series) Policy review process to date. Bob Lusk from Lusk & Albertson, PLC, was contracted by the district to assist with the policy revisions. Mr. Lusk explained the reasoning behind his proposed changes to the Curriculum Policies.

Beth presented the following documents to the Board of Education members:

- (1) Current Curriculum 2000 Series table of contents. The proposed suggestion is to delete entire series with the exception of 2122.2 (Student Section 504 Compliance), 2280 (Nondiscrimination), and 2364 (Acceptable Use for Technology Resources). These three policies would move to a section titled General Policies.
- (2) Proposed New 2000 Series Policies
- (3) Considerations for Regulations/Guidelines to Accompany the Proposed 2000 Series Policies
- (4) Proposed New Fund Balance Policy

Board discussion included a request for review dates and law references at the bottom of the policies, and a clarification of when the Curriculum 2000 series would be reviewed, where the regulations would be posted on the district website, and the process for approving the policies. A question was also made regarding the specific wording of the Learning and Achievement Policy and the Extracurricular Activities Policy. Michelle Bueltel, parent, addressed the Board regarding student clubs.

Director of Special Education Anne Evans addressed the Board regarding Special Education policies.

Joshua Raymond, parent, addressed the Board regarding the topics of Administrative Guidelines.

Interim Assistant Superintendent Dana Taylor presented the proposed Fund Balance Policy.

The Curriculum 2000 Series Policies and the Fund Balance Policy will be presented at the next Board of Education Regular meeting as first readings under New Business.

Lisa Kowalski, parent, addressed the Board regarding the purpose and clarity of the Board Policies and Administrative Guidelines.

#### **B. Bond Update**

Community Relations Director Lori Grein gave a brief update on the current bond timeline.

Board discussion included plans to reach non-district parents with bond updates, and a suggestion to have a bond update at the beginning of the October Board meeting. It was also noted that the Frequently Asked Questions on our district website are updated with new questions and responses on a regular basis.

Jeff Lauth, parent, expressed his thanks to the Citizens Committee for Rochester Schools for their unending commitment and dedication to the bond campaign.

Joshua Raymond, parent, addressed the Board regarding a security concern, and clarification of the wording of the "no tax increase" statement in reference to our bond.

### **Additional Business**

#### **A. Citizens Present at the Meeting**

Lisa Kowalski, parent, thanked administrators and Board members for their support of the Citizens Committee for Rochester Schools.

#### **B. Members of the Administration - None**

#### **C. Members of the Board of Education**

Beth Talbert attended the PTA Council Meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at North Hill Elementary. She provided all Board of Education members with a copy of the important PTA dates for the 2015-2016 school year.

### **Announcements**

#### **Upcoming RCS Events:**

October 12	No Students (K-12 and Post High), Professional Development
October 12	Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Administration Building
October 14	Evening Conferences for Grades 6-8
October 15	Evening Conferences for Grades 9-12
October 21	Evening Conferences for Grades 9-12
October 22	Evening Conferences for Grades 6-8
October 26	Board of Education Work Session, 7:00 p.m., University Hills Elementary
November 3	Election Day – No Students (K-12 and Post High), Professional Development

### **Adjournment**

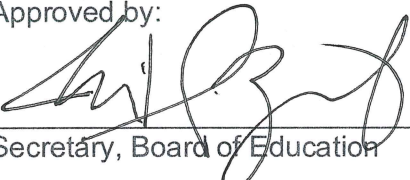
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Moved by: Mike Zabat  
Supported by: Sandy Fiaschetti  
Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster  
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Recording Secretary

Approved by:

  
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Secretary, Board of Education