



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION
October 26, 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, October 26, 2015 at University Hills Elementary School. 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, Sandy Fiaschetti, Kristin Bull and Kevin Beers

Members Absent: Pat Piskulich, with notice

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dana Taylor, Elizabeth Davis, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Amy Grande, Cindy Lindner, Doug Hill and approximately 8 visitors.

University Hills Principal Amy Grande welcomed the Board of Education and visitors to the building and invited all to take a brief tour of the facility.

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: Kristy Harrington regarding a neighborhood safety concern.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda - None

C. Members of the Board of Education - None

Work Session

Dr. Shaner requested a moment of silence for State Superintendent Brian Whiston's son Ryan who died in an automobile accident this morning.

A. Enrollment Update – Dana Taylor

The preliminary fall enrollment numbers have been received, and are now being adjusted to account for students that are not registered for a full schedule of classes. The enrollment department will complete the student verifications by early November.

Board discussion included clarification of how many students we are currently showing enrolled compared to last school year, and a clarification of why numbers have gone up in particular areas.

B. Superintendent's Student Achievement Goals

Executive Director of Elementary Education Michael Behrmann and Executive Director of Secondary Education Carrie Lawler presented the update of the Superintendent's Student Achievement Goals.

Emma Persson, student, addressed the Board regarding the conversion from the ACT to the SAT student testing.

C. Legislative Update – Dr. Shaner

Community Relations Director Lori Grein shared a legislative update with the Board.

House Bill 4822

House Bill 4822 mandates the retention of 3rd graders if they are not proficient in reading and provides for specific reading interventions. This bill was passed by the House this week. The bill will now likely head to the Senate Education Committee for further consideration. Governor Snyder has not yet indicated whether he supports the bill as passed by the House.

Senate Bill 103

The House passed Senate Bill 103, establishing new teacher/administrator evaluation requirements. The bill deletes the requirement in current law that 50% of teacher and administrator evaluations will be based on student growth and assessment data in favor of a more gradual, phased in approach, starting in the 2015-16 school year.

The bill was amended to include the following:

- Training requirements must be funded from the educator evaluation reserve fund in Section 95A of the School Aid budget.
- Language was established to include minimum requirements for the State Superintendent to issue or renew an advanced professional education certificate.

The bill passed overwhelmingly in the House and the Senate. The Governor is expected to sign it.

Senate Bill 442

Senate Bill 442 would allow an individual with a Concealed Pistol License to request a special endorsement with no additional training. This would allow them to carry a concealed firearm into no-carry zones, such

This bill is now before the full Senate for consideration.

Jeff Lauth, parent, addressed the Board regarding the Open Carry Bill.

Additional Business

- A. Citizens Present at the Meeting - None**
- B. Members of the Administration - None**
- C. Members of the Board of Education – None**

Announcements

Upcoming RCS Events:

November 3, 2015	Election Day - No Students (K-12 & Post High), Prof. Dev.
November 9, 2015	Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Admin Bldg.
November 13, 2015	No School for Students (K-12 & Post High), Prof. Dev.
November 17, 2015	Evening Conferences (K-5)
November 19, 2015	Evening Conferences (K-5)
November 23, 2015	Evening Conferences (K-5)
November 23, 2015	Board of Education Work Session, 7:00 p.m., Reuther MS
November 25-27, 2015	No School (K-12 & Post High) / Thanksgiving Recess
December 7, 2015	Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Admin Center

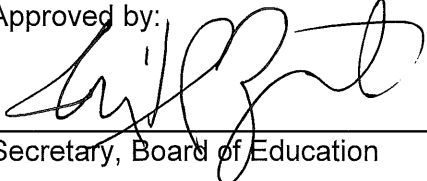
Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Moved by: Mike Zabat
Supported by: Kristin Bull
Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Secretary, Board of Education