



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
January 11, 2016

MINUTES

Call to Order

A Regular and Organizational Meeting, Open to the Public, of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, January 11, 2016 in the Harrison Room. 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, Pat Piskulich, Sandy Fiaschetti, Mike Zabat, Kristin Bull, Beth Talbert and Kevin Beers

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Beth Davis, Dana Taylor, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Lori Grein, Cindy Lindner, John Kelley, Teresa DiMaria, Doug Hill and approximately 25 visitors.

Election of Officer

A. Election of President of Board of Education

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

Moved by Mike Zabat and supported by Kristin Bull to close nominations for President.

Ayes: Kevin Beers, Kristin Bull, Sandy Fiaschetti, Beth Talbert, Mike Zabat and Jennifer Berwick

Nays: None

Abstentions: Pat Piskulich

Motion carried: 6-0-1

Pat Piskulich became President of the Board of Education.

B. Election of Vice President of Board of Education

Moved by Kevin Beers that Sandy Fiaschetti be elected Vice President of the Board of Education.

Moved by Kristin Bull and supported by Beth Talbert to close nominations for Vice President.

Ayes: Kevin Beers, Kristin Bull, Beth Talbert, Jennifer Berwick, Mike Zabat and Pat Piskulich

Nays: None

Abstentions: Sandy Fiaschetti

Motion carried 6-0 -1

Sandy Fiaschetti became Vice President of the Board of Education.

C. Election of Secretary of Board of Education

Moved by Jennifer Berwick that Mike Zabat be elected Secretary of the Board of Education.

Moved by Sandy Fiaschetti and supported by Kevin Beers to close nominations for Secretary.

Ayes: Kevin Beers, Kristin Bull, Sandy Fiaschetti, Beth Talbert, Jennifer Berwick and Pat Piskulich

Nays: None

Abstentions: Mike Zabat

Motion carried: 6-0-1

Mike Zabat became Secretary of the Board of Education.

D. Election of Treasurer of Board of Education

Moved by Sandy Fiaschetti that Kristin Bull be elected as Treasurer of the Board of Education.

Moved by Mike Zabat and supported by Jennifer Berwick to close nominations for Treasurer.

Ayes: Kevin Beers, Sandy Fiaschetti, Beth Talbert, Jennifer Berwick, Mike Zabat and Pat Piskulich

Nays: None

Abstentions: Kristin Bull

Motion carried: 6-0-1

Kristin Bull became Treasurer of the Board of Education.

Code of Cooperation

A. Code of Cooperation for Conduct Among Board Members and Code of Cooperation for Board Conduct with Administrators (Action Item)

Mr. Zabat read the Code of Cooperation for Conduct among Board Members and Code of Cooperation for Board Conduct with Administrators. Each Board member signed the agreement.

Spotlight on Success

A. School Board Recognition Month – January

On behalf of the Rochester Community School district, Dr. Shaner recognized the Board of Education and thanked them for their leadership and service.

John Kelley, RAA President, thanked the Board Members for their service.

Doug Hill, REA President, thanked the Board Members for their service.

B. Rochester Community Schools Foundation – MOD Pizza

Jake Schostak, Team Schostak Family Restaurant Brand Leader for MOD Pizza, and MOD Pizza Manager Erica Hewitt presented the Foundation with a donation check for \$7,939.00.

C. Rochester Community Schools Foundation – Mr. Allan Schneck

Foundation Director Lori Grein recognized Mr. Allan Schneck for his efforts in securing \$15,000 in grants for the Rochester High School and Reuther Middle School STEAM programs.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mike Zabat shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Ann Ehlerth thanking the Board of Education for their service to our district, Mila Murray regarding an article for the Stoney Creek High School newspaper, Elizabeth Witten regarding a product recommendation to use for bond refurbishing projects, and Janis Gamble regarding Stoney Creek High School participating in the Poetry Out Loud program.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None

C. Student Representatives to the Board

Student Representatives from Rochester, Stoney Creek, and Adams high schools shared information about activities taking place at their schools 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 December 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount of \$9,284,502.25
- B. Resolution Authorizing Summer Tax Levy for 2016
- C. Approval for Pat Piskulich to take three Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Classes on January 22-23, 2016 in the amount of \$360.00. Source of Funding: General Fund

D. Approval for Kristin Bull and Kevin Beers to attend the January 20, 2016 Oakland County School Board Dinner Meeting in the amount of \$60.00. Source of Funding: General Fund

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Mike Zabat

Vote: 7-0

Reports

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

Dr. Shaner thanked Mayor Bryan Barnett for nominating Rochester Community Schools for the 2015 Rochester Hills Mayor's Business Council Champion Award.

Interim Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dana Taylor reported on the Superintendent Business and Operations Committee meeting held on December 14, 2015. Topics of discussion were the upcoming bond sale and the preliminary schedule of construction projects.

Chief Human Resource Officer Elizabeth Davis reported on the Superintendent Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting held on December 14, 2015. Topics of discussion were the 5-year bond construction plan, the renewal of the Rochester Community Schools Wellness Policy 8460 for 2016, the status of the revised policies in the 2000 and 10000 sections, and revisions to the 3000 and 4000 series policies.

B. M-Step Update (Informational Item) Dr. Shaner

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Debi Fragomeni, Executive Director of Elementary Education Michael Behrmann, and Executive Director of Secondary Education Carrie Lawler presented the latest district-wide M-Step data.

Board discussion included questions regarding the timing of 2016 M-Step results, the high school English Language Arts scores, and Math district vs. state scores.

New Business

A. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, December 7, 2015 (Action Item)

Kevin Beers was absent from the December 7, 2015 Board of Education Meeting and will need to abstain from the vote.

A motion was made to approve the Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2015, as presented.

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Sandy Fiaschetti
Abstentions: Kevin Beers

Vote: 6-0-1

B. Human Resources Report (Action Item) Elizabeth Davis

Elizabeth Davis presented the following recommendations:

RETIREMENTS

Alan Jones, teacher at Brewster Elementary School, submitted his letter to retire on January 29, 2016.

RESIGNATIONS

Sarah Bann, teacher at Brooklands Elementary School, submitted her letter of resignation effective on January 7, 2016.

Whitney Cuson, psychologist at Reuther Middle School, submitted her letter of resignation effective on December 18, 2015.

Jenica Hale, teacher at Stoney Creek High School, submitted her letter of resignation effective on January 8, 2016.

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

Moved by: Mike Zabat

Supported by: Kevin Beers

Board comment included a question about replacement of staff.

Vote: 7-0

C. Resolution Regarding Reimbursement of Expenses for 2015 Bond Construction Project (Action Item) Dana Taylor

A motion was made to approve the Resolution Regarding Reimbursement of Expenses for 2015 Bond Construction Project, as presented.

Moved by: Jennifer Berwick

Supported by: Beth Talbert

Vote: 7-0

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting - None

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner discussed rationale for inclement weather decisions.

Debi Fragomeni shared that the district Martin Luther King ceremony will be held this Thursday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m. at Rochester High School. The banners that are hung in the Harrison Room tonight will be taken to the ceremony later this week.

Oakland Schools recently announced that 34 Rochester Community Schools Special Education and Instructional Teaching staff were awarded the Above and Beyond Award.

Sixteen students will be attending a Chinese exchange trip over Spring Break, 2016. Five district staff members will accompany the students as chaperones.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Beth Talbert and Pat Piskulich thanked Jennifer Berwick for her year of service as Board President.

Mike Zabat attended the School Law and Finance Seminar on Saturday, January 9, 2016.

Pat Piskulich announced future Board of Education meeting date changes:

- January 25, 2016 Board of Education Retreat will move to Saturday, February 6, 2016. The meeting will be held in the Harrison Room, Administration Building.
- May 24, 2016 Board of Education Work Session at West Middle School will move to Monday, May 23, 2016. The meeting will be held in the LGI Room.

Both dates will be updated on the district website and a revised meeting schedule will be posted at the front entrance of the Administration Building.

Announcements

Upcoming RCS Events:

January 18	No School for Students (K-12 and Post-High), Martin Luther King Holiday
January 28	Half Day for Students, (6-12 & Post High), A.M. Exams
January 29	Half Day for Students, (6-12 & Post High), A.M. Exams
January 29	No School for Students (K-5)
January 29	End of 2 nd Marking Period / 1 st Semester

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Moved by: Kristin Bull

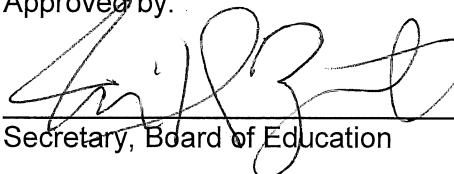
Seconded by: Beth Talbert

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education