



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan
BOARD OF EDUCATION RETREAT MEETING
August 22, 2016

MINUTES

Call to Order

A Retreat Meeting, Open to the Public, of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, August 22, 2016 at Hart Middle School, 6500 Sheldon Road, Rochester Hills, MI. President Pat Piskulich called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Mike Zabat, with notice

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Elizabeth Davis, Dana Taylor, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Lori Grein, Cindy Lindner, Pete Muscio, Jamie Kendall-Dent, and 2 visitors.

District Climate and Culture / Strategic Plan

Dr. Shaner addressed the Board regarding the vision for a new district climate and culture for the 2016-2017 school year, and how it relates to the Strategic Plan.

Board discussion included how to include students in the culture change, and the plan to disseminate the changes to staff.

Board recessed from 1:45 p.m. – 1:56 p.m.

5 Year Budget Forecast and Discussion

Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dana Taylor presented the 5 year General Fund Budget Projections.

Board discussion included the stability of our long-term budget, the School Age Care program, and clarification of health care expenses and deficit spending projections.

Michelle Bueltel, parent, addressed the Board regarding district enrollment projections.

Elizabeth Witten, parent, addressed the Board regarding the availability of affordable housing within the Rochester Community School district boundaries.

Board recessed from 3:00 – 3:22 p.m.

Bond Update

Director of Capital Projects and Facilities Pete Muscio presented the Board with a Bond Update. Updates included the status of first year projects, RACE demolition, progress on secure entrances, Hamlin playground upgrades, and Hugger, Musson and Rochester construction updates.

The Board toured the new main office secure entrance at Hart Middle School.

Board discussion included safety and security procedures, and timeline of track renovations.

Elizabeth Witten, parent, addressed the Board regarding the Hamlin Elementary renovations.

Director of Technology and Strategic Initiatives Cindy Lindner presented the Board with a Technology Update. Updates included network infrastructure, new construction and renovations, school bus technology, device purchasing, base classroom technology pilot, and planned technology upgrades scheduled for 2016-2017 school year.

Board discussion included clarification of mobile lab devices, infrastructure updates, and time clock upgrades.

Superintendent Merit Goals

Dr. Shaner presented a draft of his Superintendent Merit Goal concepts.

A presentation on RCS: World Class Literacy Instruction was given, including theoretical framework, benchmarking other districts/systems, organizational structure, literacy instructional practices, resources, professional learning, and outcomes.

Additional discussion included Strategic Plan, and Culture and Climate goals.

Board discussion included possible school visits for Board of Education members to see literacy learning in action.

Elizabeth Witten, parent, addressed the Board regarding literacy goals.

Michelle Bueltel, parent, addressed the Board regarding literacy goals.

Dr. Shaner noted that a new Superintendent Evaluation will need to be chosen by January, 2017.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the Retreat at 5:20 p.m.

Moved by: Kevin Beers

Supported by: Jennifer Berwick

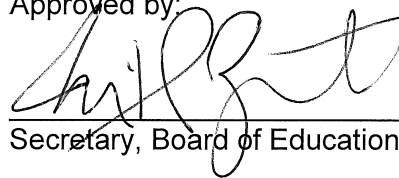
Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster

Recording Secretary

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Beers", is written over a horizontal line.

Secretary, Board of Education