



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING / WORK SESSION
November 7, 2016

MINUTES

Call to Order

A Special Meeting and Work Session, open to the public, of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, November 7, 2016 in the Harrison Room. President Pat Piskulich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Kevin Beers, with notice

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dana Taylor, Elizabeth Davis, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Cindy Lindner, Jamie Kendall-Dent, Wendy Beitel, and 18 visitors

Spotlight on Success

Students from Brooklands Elementary presented a Pledge of Allegiance skit and poem in honor of Veteran's Day.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mike Zabat shared the following communication received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Melanie Kelley, student, regarding the district absence policy.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda

Liz Schroeck, Kathy Monaghan, Deborah Piazza and John Kelley addressed the Board to highlight that next week, November 14-18, 2016 is American Education Week.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Student Sophia Shafkalis contacted Pat Piskulich regarding college recommendations.

New Business

A. Approval of 2016-2018 Rochester Paraeducator Association – Collective Bargaining Agreement
(Elizabeth Davis)

The bargaining teams for the Rochester Community Schools and the Rochester Paraeducator Association MEA/NEA, reached a Tentative Agreement on October 27, 2016.

The former labor contract covered the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016. The new contract duration is for 2 years, covering July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018.

Board discussion included clarification of co-insurance rate, contract duration, and instructional vs. non-instructional pay.

Moved by: Sandy Fiaschetti
Supported by: Beth Talbert

Vote: 6-0

Work Session

A. 2016-2017 Amended Budget (Dana Taylor)

Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dana Taylor outlined the 2016-2017 Amended Budget, including a review of the budget calendar, revenues, and expenditures.

Board discussion included clarification of fund balance in amended budget, and clarification of instruction staff support on the expenditures page.

Dr. Shaner addressed the Board regarding maintaining a sustainable business model moving into the future.

B. Budget 5-Year Forecast (Dana Taylor)

Dana Taylor outlined the five-year budget forecast by reviewing revenue and expenditure assumptions, projected fall state aid membership, projected foundation allowance, and retirement rate. A committed fund balance schedule for buses and technology was also reviewed.

Board discussion included health care multiplier rate for assumptions, and clarification of committed fund money.

C. Superintendent Evaluation Model Discussion (Dr. Shaner)

Dr. Shaner outlined three superintendent evaluation tools – Macomb Model, MASB and School ADvance. A final decision of which model the district will adopt will need to be made by December, 2016.

Board discussion included clarification of research based evaluation, training commitment, Superintendent Steering Committee preference, and state approval of proposed evaluation tools. The Board would like to get more information on the cost of training for each model before making a decision or recommendation.

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting - None

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner would like to wish all fellow veterans a Happy Veteran's Day, and our district employees a happy American Education Week.

Rochester Community Schools Foundation is sponsoring "Sip, Savor and Shop" on Thursday, November 10, 2016.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Beth Talbert appreciated the invitation from building administrators to view classroom learning in action.

Mike Zabat, Sandy Fiaschetti, Kevin Beers and Kristin Bull will be attending the MASB Leadership Conference next week.

The Board challenged the Superintendent Cabinet to their Annual Charity Drive. This year they will be collecting adult socks and full-size toothpastes. The challenge will take place at the December 12, 2016 Board meeting.

Announcements

Upcoming RCS Events:

- November 8 Election Day – No School for Students (K-12 and Post High)
- November 9 Evening Conferences for Grades K-5
- November 15 Evening Conferences for Grades K-5
- November 17 Evening Conferences for Grades K-5
- November 21 **Board of Education Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Administration Center

Adjournment

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


Moved by: Mike Zabat
Supported by: Jennifer Berwick

Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster

Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education