



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
November 21, 2016

MINUTES

Call to Order

A Regular Meeting, open to the public, of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, November 21, 2016 in the Harrison Room. President Pat Piskulich called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Sandy Fiaschetti, with notice

Others Present: Dr. Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dana Taylor, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Lori Grein, Jamie Kendall, Pat Calvin, Pete Muscio, and approximately 26 visitors.

Spotlight on Success

A. Authors in April Commendation

University Hills Information Literacy Specialist Lisa Kelley presented the Author in April Board with a Certificate of Commendation from the American Association of School Librarians.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mike Zabat shared the following communication received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Jorge Vazquez, regarding the canned food drive at Adams High School; and Colleen Paradowski, regarding an incident at Adams High School.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda - None

C. Student Representatives to the Board

Student representatives from Adams High School, Stoney Creek High School, Rochester High School, and ACE shared information about activities that took place in the school since the last meeting.

D. PTA Council Update

PTA Council President Barb Rill addressed the Board regarding current PTA events.

E. 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 October 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016 in the amount of \$28,018,554.27
- B. Approval for Board of Education member elect Michelle Bueltel to attend a MASB Board Member Certification Class on December 9, 2016 in Lansing, MI in the amount of \$180.00. Source of funding: General Fund
- C. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, October 10, 2016

Moved by: Jennifer Berwick
Supported by: Mike Zabat

Vote: 6-0

Reports

A. Superintendent's Committee Reports (Informational Item) Dana Taylor

Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dana Taylor reported on her Superintendent Business and Operations Committee Meetings held on October 17 and November 14. Topics discussed at the October meeting included a proposal for an additional cell phone tower, and the organizational structure of the Operations Department. Topics discussed at the November meeting were the audit management letter, and the June 30, 2016 fiscal year-end results.

New Business

A. 2015-2016 District Audit (Action Item) Dana Taylor

Kim Lindsay, Principal Auditor from Lewis & Knopf CPA's, PC reviewed the unmodified audit opinion.

Dana Taylor presented an overview of the 2015-2016 Financial Statement including information on fall state aid membership, foundation allowance, general fund, capital projects fund, and food service fund. Also reviewed was the district retirement rate, MPSERS membership, and GASB 68 Reporting.

Board discussion included clarification of the decline in MPSERS membership, the unfunded MPSERS liability, and the forecast projections.

A motion was made to approve the 2015-2016 District Audit, as presented.

Moved by: Kevin Beers
Supported by: Beth Talbert

Vote: 6-0

B. November Budget Amendment (Action Item) Dana Taylor

A motion was made to approve the November Budget Amendment, as presented.

Moved by: Kristin Bull
Supported by: Mike Zabat

Vote: 6-0

C. City of Rochester Hills Water Distribution Pumping Station (Action Item) Dana Taylor

A motion was made to approve the City of Rochester Hills Water Distribution Pumping Station, as presented.

Board discussion included clarification of pumping station location, timing of build, traffic to and from building, and removal of old station.

Mr. Allan Schneck from the City of Rochester Hills addressed the Board regarding their questions and concerns.

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Kevin Beers

Vote: 6-0

D. Bond Construction Project Bid Awards (Action Item) Dana Taylor

A motion was made to approve the Bond Construction Project Bid Awards, as presented.

A recommendation was made to award the contracts and approval of future project costs for Adams High School and Stoney Creek High School – Synthetic Turf Replacement to Astro Turf in the amount of \$1,023,076.00, plus other project costs in the amount of \$70,490.00 for a total of future project costs for Adams High School and Stoney Creek High School, in the amount of \$1,093,566.00.

Board discussion included clarification of the expected life of the astro turf field, and a timeline of field installation.

Doug Hill, REA President, addressed the Board regarding the “locked-in” rate, and clarification of the size discrepancies at the fields.

A recommendation was made to award the contract and approval of current project costs for Rochester High School – Addition and Renovations of Metal Roofing and Siding to MW Morss Roofing in the amount of \$105,525.00 and Hard Tile and Base to Southeastern Tile LLC in the amount of \$89,540.00 for the contract sum of \$195,065.00, plus other project costs in the amount of \$13,440.00 and including previously awarded contracts in the amount of \$17,020,322.00, for a total current project costs in the amount of \$17,228,827.00.

Moved by: Jennifer Berwick
Supported by: Kristin Bull

Vote: 6-0

E. Recommendation for Custodial Equipment Purchase (Action Item) Dana Taylor

A motion was made to approve the purchase for custodial equipment, as presented.

Board discussion included percentage of fleet being replaced, and clarification of renting vs. owning custodial equipment.

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Kevin Beers

Vote: 6-0

F. Approval of Resolution for Medical Insurance Cost Sharing for 2017 Coverage Year (Action Item) Dana Taylor

A motion was made to approve the resolution for medical insurance cost sharing for the 2017 coverage year, as presented.

Moved by: Mike Zabat
Supported by: Beth Talbert

Vote: 6-0

G. Board of Education Work Session Minutes, October 24, 2016

Pat Piskulich and Mike Zabat were absent from the Work Session, and will need to abstain from the vote.

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Jennifer Berwick
Abstentions: Pat Piskulich and Mike Zabat

Vote: 4-0-2

H. Board of Education Special Meeting/Work Session Minutes, November 7, 2016

Kevin Beers was absent from the meeting and will need to abstain from the vote.

Moved by: Mike Zabat
Supported by: Kristin Bull
Abstentions: Kevin Beers

Vote: 5-0-1

I. Board of Education Closed Session Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2016

Kevin Beers was absent from the meeting and will need to abstain from the vote.

Moved by: Jennifer Berwick
Supported by: Beth Talbert

Abstentions: Kevin Beers

Vote: 5-0-1

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting - None

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner thanked Dana and her Business Office team for a job well done with the district audit and budget amendment.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Debi Fragomeni announced that Rochester High School will be hosting 20 Chinese exchange students in February, 2017. In April 2017, we will also be sending a delegation back to China for the 2nd annual exchange which will include Rochester students. In addition, we are currently enrolling students for the Costa Rica exchange trip which will be held in June.

On January 12, 2017 at 7 p.m., our district will host our annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration. This event will be held at Rochester High School.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Jennifer Berwick shared information regarding the Rochester Community School Foundation logo design contest for the Hometown Hustle.

Kristin Bull shared information about a MASB class on Labor & Negotiations that she attended at the annual convention. Mike Zabat, Kevin Beers and Sandy Fiaschetti also attended the convention.

Mike Zabat attended a clinic on the adequacy study, and also attended classes towards his Data Specialty Certificate.

Announcements

November 23-25 No School for Students (K-12 and Post High)
December 12 **Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Administration Center**

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Mike Zabat

Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted:

Amy Schuster
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education