



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION
February 27, 2017

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, February 27, 2017 at Baldwin Elementary School. President Sandy Fiaschetti called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led Board members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present: Michelle Bueltel, Sandy Fiaschetti, Beth Talbert, and Kevin Beers

Members Absent: Kristin Bull, Pat Piskulich and Mike Zabat, with notice

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Elizabeth Davis, Dana Taylor, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Lori Grein, Cathy Kochanski, Karen Gelardi, Wendy Beitel, and 1 visitor

Principal Cathy Kochanski welcomed the Board of Education to Baldwin Elementary School. Ms. Kochanski shared examples of Cultures of Thinking student work with the Board.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Beth Talbert shared the following communication received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Robert Keely owner of RJK Music.com, regarding offering 40% of his profit back to schools that purchase from his website.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda - None

C. Members of the Board of Education - None

Work Session

A. General Fund Budget Amendment (Dana Taylor)

Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dana Taylor gave an overview of the budget amendment process. Director of Financial Services Jamie Kendall outlined the second General Fund Budget Amendment, including key revenue and expenditure changes.

Board discussion included an explanation of Act 18.

B. Capital Projects Fund

Jamie Kendall outlined the first Capital Projects Fund Budget Amendment of the fiscal year.

Board discussion included an explanation of the projected interest income.

C. District Achievement Goals

Dr. Shaner outlined the considerations taken to create the student achievement measures. The two goal areas that the district will be focusing on this year are literacy and numeracy.

Executive Director of Elementary Education Michael Behrmann spoke regarding the elementary literacy and numeracy initiatives.

Executive Director of Secondary Education Carrie Lawler spoke regarding the secondary literacy and numeracy initiatives.

Board discussion included an explanation of the district Literacy Summit, a request to offer SAT and AP course prep classes during the school year instead of just during the summer, and clarification of which schools have AdvancEd Accreditation.

D. AdvancEd Accreditation District-Wide

Director of School Improvement and Supplemental Programs Karen Gelardi outlined the plan to increase the AdvancEd Accreditation to district-wide, instead of just secondary schools. Karen explained what AdvancEd is, outlined the criteria for accreditation, and shared the standards.

Board discussion included a question about the AdvancEd application process, and the need to educate parents on what accreditation means to the district.

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting - None

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner thanked Cathy Kochanski and the Baldwin community for their hospitality.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Kevin Beers visited Baldwin Elementary last week and complimented Principal Cathy Kochanski and her staff on the great work happening in her building.

Michelle Bueltel attended the AdamsBots Open House last Saturday at Adams High School. Also, the district STEAM Fair is this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Rochester High School.

Sandy Fiaschetti visited McGregor Elementary last week and observed a meeting targeting literacy. She also attended PTA Council Founder's Day this past week.

Announcements

Upcoming RCS Events:

March 10 No School for Students (K-12 and Post High), Professional Dev.
March 13 **Board of Education Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Administration Center
March 27 **Board of Education Work Session**, 7:00 p.m.,

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Moved by: Kevin Beers
Supported by: Beth Talbert

Vote: 4-0

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Nakonek
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Beth Talbert
Secretary, Board of Education