



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION
March 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, March 27, 2017 at Reuther Middle School. President Sandy Fiaschetti called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led Board members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present: Sandy Fiaschetti, Michelle Bueltel, Kristin Bull, Pat Piskulich, Mike Zabat and Kevin Beers

Members Absent: Beth Talbert with notice

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Elizabeth Davis, Dana Taylor, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Anne Evans, Lori Grein, Jamie Kendall, Wendi Beitel, Leisa York-Walker, Debbie Corby, Matt McDaniel, Margy Wondolowski, Lydia Doka and one visitor

Principal Wendy Darga welcomed the Board of Education to Reuther Middle School. Principal Darga shared a video presentation with the Board showcasing how the students were incorporating the Harry Potter themes into a three day escape room exercise and a Quidditch game complete with homemade "flying brooms" in conjunction with March is Reading Month. Principal Darga presented Dr. Shaner with a coaster created by two seventh grade students on a three-D printer.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

In Secretary Talbert's absence, President Fiaschetti deferred the communications to the April 10, 2017 Board of Education meeting.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda - None

C. Members of the Board of Education

President Sandy Fiaschetti received an email from Rebecca Phalen expressing her concern with the new attendance policy.

Pat Piskulich and Kevin Beers received letters from former Student Board Representative Sophia Shafkalis.

Work Session

A. ESSA

Executive Director of Elementary Education Michael Behrmann along with Executive Director of Secondary Education Carrie Lawler presented an overview of the Michigan Every Student Succeeds Draft Plan. This act replaces the No Child Left Behind Act and the state has until April 3, 2017 to submit a final plan to the Department of Education. Michael Behrmann and Carrie Lawler summarized the major changes to school accountability and rankings, presented the new single dashboard system and reviewed proficiency targets.

Board discussion included questions regarding targeted support schools designations and the standards used for proficiency measures.

Dr. Shaner spoke on the need to stay focused on our strategic plan and continue to work toward our district accreditation goals.

President Fiaschetti thanked Michael Behrmann and Carrie Lawler for their presentation.

B. Internal Controls

Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dana Taylor and the Business Office Staff gave a detailed review of the five areas of internal controls currently in place. Business Office staff members shared with the Board how each position functions within these controls to insure uniform guidance of all policies and procedures to guarantee fiscal accountability and transparency.

Board discussion included questions regarding the amount of cash handled on a daily basis, the interface between the district, Oakland Schools and our banking partners, and a discussion on district purchasing cards.

C. Bond Updates

President Fiaschetti delayed the Bond Updates discussion to the next meeting in the interest of time and the need for the Board to move on to the Closed Session.

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting - None

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner thanked Principal Wendy Darga, Assistant Principal Eric Williams and the Reuther community for their hospitality. He also thanked Dana Taylor and her Business Office staff for their presentation on Internal Controls.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Kevin Beers reported on the Happy Birthday Rochester event he attended at Baldwin Elementary. Michael Zabat and Michelle Bueltel attended the Sparkle Awards Ceremony at Stoney Creek High School. President Fiaschetti attended the Literacy Summit at Van Hoosen Middle School and will be visiting Hamlin Elementary School on March 29th for a listening tour with Dr. Shaner and Doug Hill.

Announcements

Upcoming RCS Events:

March 31 - Spring Recess Begins at End of Full Day (K-12 and Post High)

April 10 - Classes Resume / 4th Quarter Begins

April 10 - Board of Education Meeting, Harrison Room, 7:00 p.m.

April 13 - End of 3rd Marking Period

April 14 - No school for students (K-12 and Post High)

April 25 - Board of Education Work Session, Delta Kelly Elementary, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Moved by: Kevin Beers

Supported by: Michelle Bueltel

Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Nakonek
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Beth Jaebert
Secretary, Board of Education