



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
April 10, 2017

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, April 10, 2017 in the Harrison Room. President Sandy Fiaschetti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led Board members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Beth Davis, Dana Taylor, Carrie Lawler, Lori Grein, Wendy Beitel, Theresa DiMaria, Amy Gora, Jolene Plotzke, Dave Pontzious, Cheryl Ogonowski and approximately 66 visitors.

Spotlight on Success

A. McGregor Elementary School Choir

Lori Grein introduced Jolene Plotzke and the McGregor Elementary School Choir who provided a wonderful musical performance.

B. Cheryl Ogonowski, RCS K-12 Music Program Coordinator

Lori Grein introduced Cheryl Ogonowski and congratulated her on being the first educator to receive the Oakland University Music Department Matilda Award. Ms. Ogonowski thanked the Board and the Administration for their support of the music programs and informed them that the Rochester Community Schools have been recognized as one of the Best Communities for Music Education in 2017 from the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Beth Talbert shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Colleen Winkler, instructor at Adams High School, announcing her intent to retire at the end of the school year. Heidi Strabel, parent, shared her appreciation for the program her son is enrolled in at ACE High School. Oakland University, the Board received an invitation to the Oakland University School of Medicine Commencement on May 12, 2017.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None

C. Student Representatives to the Board

A student representative from Adams High School shared information about activities that had taken place in their building since the last meeting.

D. PTA Council Update

PTA Council Vice President Lisa Roscoe updated the Board on recent and upcoming PTA district events.

E. Members of the Board of Education

Michelle Bueltel reported on a Chat with the Board discussion that she had with Steve Goddard on the state of education.

Consent Agenda

A. Current Bills Payable for March 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017 in the amount of \$37,979,436.95

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Moved by: Kevin Beers

Supported by: Michael Zabat

Vote: 7-0

Reports

A. Superintendent's Committee Reports (Informational Item)

Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Dana Taylor reported on her Superintendent Business and Operations Committee meeting held on March 20, 2017. Topics of discussion included a review of January, 2017 financial information, a proposal for a cell phone tower, status of custodial services and initiating a standard for district assets such as furniture, fixtures and equipment. Finally, the committee reviewed the scope of the Baldwin and Hamlin Elementary capital projects

Chief Human Resource Officer Elizabeth Davis reported on her Superintendent Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting held on March 20, 2017. Topics of discussion included a presentation by Danielle Smith and Wendy Beitel on the upcoming Literacy Summit and a discussion of the status of the 2017-2018 calendar.

New Business

A. Board of Education Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2017

President Sandy Fiaschetti was absent from the meeting and will need to abstain from the vote.

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Kristin Bull
Abstentions: Sandy Fiaschetti

Vote: 6-0-1

B. Board of Education Work Session Meeting Minutes, March 27, 2017

Beth Talbert was absent from the Work Session, and will need to abstain from the vote.

Moved by: Michelle Bueltel
Supported by: Kristin Bull
Abstentions: Beth Talbert

Vote: 6-0-1

C. Board of Education Closed Session Meeting Minutes, March 27, 2017

Beth Talbert was absent from the Closed Session, and will need to abstain from the vote.

Moved by: Kevin Beers
Supported by: Pat Piskulich
Abstentions: Beth Talbert

Vote: 6-0-1

D. Human Resources Report (Action Item) Elizabeth Davis

Elizabeth Davis presented the following notices:

REA RETIREMENTS

Judith Arnold Joy, teacher at North Hill Elementary School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

Renee Azure, teacher at Meadow Brook Elementary School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

Karen Holdren, teacher at Musson Elementary School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

Paul Jakey, teacher at Van Hoosen Middle School, submitted his letter of retirement effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

Diana Moher, teacher at Hampton Elementary School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

Colleen Winkler, teacher at Adams High School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

ADMINISTRATIVE RETIREMENTS

Teresa DiMaria, principal at Brewster Elementary School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – Benefit/HR Coordinator

Elizabeth Davis, Sue DesJardins and Mary Beth LaChance conducted interviews for the Benefits/Human Resources Coordinator position. After careful consideration, we are recommending Amy Gora for this position. Ms. Gora has many years of experience in the human resource field and is currently employed with Peter Basso Associates where she has works coordinating benefits for employees, recruiting and on-boarding employees. Ms. Gora holds a Bachelor's degree from Oakland University

Board discussion: President Sandy Fiaschetti welcomed Amy Gora to the Rochester Community Schools and thanked Principal Teresa DiMaria for her years of service.

Motion to approve the Human Resource Recommendations, as presented.

Moved by: Michelle Bueltel
Supported by: Beth Talbert

Vote: 7-0

E. Approval of Construction Project Bid Award (Action Item) Dana Taylor

Dana Taylor reviewed the award recommendation for a VoIP phone system. Four bids were received for the district-wide voice communications system. The base bid included everything required to replace the existing old system with a new Voice over Internet Protocol system throughout all district buildings. Three mandatory alternates were also required. The bids were reviewed by District technology leadership and the technology design firm. Bids were analyzed based on vendor services, product history, technical solution, end-user experience, management, and features & functionality. The two finalists provided similar solutions; however, we believe that Suntel's implementation services, active directory expertise, and Mitel's features offered the best solution. We recommend that the contract be awarded to Suntel for a total project cost of \$806,187.76.

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

Board discussion: Questions on voice communication features, replacement of all handsets within the district, linking system to cell phones and when the equipment will be installed.

John Foster from Convergent Technology Partners, LLC addressed the Board to answer their questions.

Moved by: Kevin Beers
Supported by: Kristin Bull

Vote: 7-0

F. Approval of the Food Service Management Contract with Chartwells for 2017-2018 School Year
(Action Item) Dana Taylor

Dana Taylor reviewed the details of the contract reporting that the District is completing its seventh year with Chartwells School Dining for the operation and management of its food service program. The current contract is a one-year agreement beginning in 2015-16, with up to four one-year renewals upon approval of the Michigan Department of Education. MDE has approved the district's renewal application for the 2017-18 school year.

The District recommends the approval of a one-year contract extension with Chartwells School Dining.

A motion was made to approve the Food Service Management Contract with Chartwells for the 2017-2018 School Year, as presented.

Board discussion: Questions on whether the contract cost increase would impact student lunch costs and if this is the only district contract that requires MDE approval.

Dana Taylor addressed the Board to answer their questions.

Moved by: Beth Talbert
Supported by: Pat Piskulich

Vote: 7-0

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting - None

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner thanked the staff at Hugger & Musson Elementary Schools for all of their efforts on their move today into the new sections of their buildings. He congratulated Danielle Smith and Wendy Beitel on the Literacy Summit and welcomed back our travelers from China. Dr. Shaner extended his gratitude to the staff who took part in the trip, in particular Mr. Behrmann and Mr. Deluca.

Debi Fragomeni visited Hugger & Musson and complemented everyone on the move and preparation for the children. She attended the Literacy summit on March 22nd and stated that it was an incredible first step to the conversations that we want to expand with the community and both Wendy Beitel and Danielle Smith did an extraordinary job in showcasing our world class literacy instruction.

C. Members of the Board of Education

President Sandy Fiaschetti attended the Literacy Summit and congratulated Wendy and Danielle on a successful event.

Kristin Bull toured the construction at Musson with Dr. Shaner.

Kristin Bull congratulated President Sandy Fiaschetti on her accomplishment of achieving a Level One Certification as well as an Award of Merit from the Michigan Association of School Boards

Kevin Beers thanked Principal Teresa DiMaria for her genuine love and caring of the students at Brewster Elementary.

President Sandy Fiaschetti reported on a listening tour that she participated in with Dr. Shaner and Doug Hill at Hamlin Elementary.

Announcements

Upcoming RCS Events:

April 19 - Evening Conferences (K-5)

April 20 - Community Scholarship Reception, Adams HS, 7 p.m.

April 24 - Authors in April Benefit, Royal Park Hotel, 6 p.m.

April 24-28 - Authors in April Week

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

April 27 - Evening Conferences (K-5)

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Moved by: Michelle Bueltel

Seconded by: Kevin Beers

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Nakonek

Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Secretary, Board of Education