



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
November 12, 2018

MINUTES

Call to Order

A Regular Meeting, open to the public, of the Board of Education for Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, November 12, 2018 in the Harrison Room. President Sandy Fiaschetti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present: Sandy Fiaschetti, Kristin Bull, Michelle Bueltel, Mike Zabat, Kevin Beers, Barb Anness and Andrea Walker-Leidy

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dana Taylor, Elizabeth Davis, Carrie Lawler, Pamela Jones, Anne Evans, Lori Grein, Jessica Thomas, Matt McDaniel, Jennifer Fickel, Pete Muscio, Todd Calcamuggio, Pasquale Cusumano, Cindy Lindner, Doug Hill and approximately 25 visitors.

Dr. Shaner requested a moment of silence for the Hart student who passed away suddenly over the weekend.

Spotlight on Success

A. Adams High School Lighted Logo

Seniors from Rochester Adams High School presented their service project to the Board. They raised money and managed the project that culminated with the installation of a lighted logo that hangs on the side of the Adams High School outside the Athletic entrance.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Michelle Bueltel shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Betsie Brodbeck wrote regarding demographics for RCS elementary schools, and Donald McLaughlin wrote regarding a request to make middle school cross country a sport.

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 President Maria Miceli reported on the following PTA events:

- Bikes and Lids for Kids Program was a success!
- Met with leadership at ACE High School to determine how PTA can support the student body.
- PTA Legislative Committee held a successful Candidate Forum.
- During all high school and middle school conferences, the Oakland County Sheriff Department and the Rochester Community Schools partnered to collect unused prescription drugs.
- PTA Presidents Meeting was recently held at Caring Steps Children's Center.
- The RCS Drug Task Force has begun planning for an opioid/drug abuse presentation on January 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Rochester High School.
- Building PTA's provided breakfast for the recent Professional Development Day for teachers.
- STEM + Families Event was again a huge success.
- Reflection deadline is coming up soon.
- 2018 Wellness Weekend will take place over Thanksgiving break in collaboration with the REA.
- Founders Day planning has begun. The revised date is Thursday, February 28, 2019 at RHS.
- The next PTA Council Meeting is this Thursday November 15 at the Dr. John Schultz Educational Campus.

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, 2018 through October 31, 2018 in the amount of \$28,398,899.79
- B.** Annual Summer Tax Resolution
- C.** Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, October 8, 2018
- D.** Board of Education Work Session Minutes, October 22, 2018
- E.** Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes, October 22, 2018

Moved by: Andrea Walker-Leidy
Supported by: Kristin Bull

Vote: 7-0

Reports

Dr. Shaner reported on the Superintendent's Steering Committee meeting held on October 8, 2018. Topics of discussion included enrollment and strategic planning facilitation.

New Business

A. Human Resources Report

Elizabeth Davis presented the following recommendations:

It is recommended that the following actions be approved by the Board of Education tonight:

REA RESIGNATIONS

Jing Bao, Chinese Teacher at Baldwin Elementary School and Van Hoosen Middle School, submitted her letter of resignation effective November 2, 2018.

Timothy Domanski, Chemistry Teacher at Adams High School, submitted his letter of resignation effective December 21, 2018.

NEW HIRES - REA – 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

Samantha Hess, Art Teacher, University Hills Elementary School
Yingming Wu, Chinese Teacher, Baldwin Elementary School and Van Hoosen Middle School

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Kristopher Rowe, Technology Operations Coordinator
Kimberly Thomas, CTE Coordinator

Motion to approve the Human Resource Report, as presented.

Moved by: Barb Anness
Supported by: Kevin Beers

Vote: 7-0

B. Audit Presentation

Dana Taylor and Jeffrey Sabolish of Lewis & Knopf Audit presented the 2017-2018 Audited Financial Statements. The overview included the auditor's opinion, fall state aid membership, foundation allowance, general fund revenue, general fund expenditures, fund balance, general fund, capital projects fund, food service fund, and economic considerations.

Board discussion included clarification of the Section 147C State Aid Fund, and further explanation of the 3% "other" funding category.

Dana Taylor and Jeffrey Sabolish responded to the Board.

Motion to approve the Audit Presentation, as presented.

Moved by: Barb Anness
Supported by: Mike Zabat

Vote: 7-0

C. Budget Amendment

Dana Taylor presented the Resolution for Amendment of the 2018-2019 General Fund and Food Service Fund budgets.

Motion to approve the resolutions for the General Fund and Food Service Fund budgets.

Moved by: Kristin Bull
Supported by: Michelle Bueltel

Vote: 7-0

D. Bond Construction Contracts

Dana Taylor presented the recommendation for award of contracts and approval of current project costs for North Hill Elementary renovation. The recommendation was to award contracts in the contract sum of \$2,562,976 plus allowances and construction management fees in the amount of \$817,288, for a total of current projects in the amount of \$4,480,264.

Board discussion included clarification of the playground equipment, the areas of North Hill affected by the bond improvements, the “no bid” quote, and where they will be moving the classrooms of children who are currently in portables.

Pete Muscio, Director of Capital Projects & Facilities, and Mike Gagnon from Frank Rewold & Son addressed the Board to answer their questions.

Moved by: Kevin Beers
Supported by: Mike Zabat

Vote: 7-0

E. Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes, November 6, 2018

Kevin Beers was absent with notice, and will need to abstain from the vote.

Moved by: Michelle Bueltel
Supported by: Barb Anness
Abstentions: Kevin Beers

Vote: 6-0-1

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting - None

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner wished everyone a Happy Veterans Day. Dr. Shaner also reported that the district was awarded a school safety grant from the Michigan State Police in the amount of \$828,000.

Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Debi Fragomeni shared the following updates:

- A Professional Development Day was held on November 5, 2018. Adams High School hosted all teaching staff and administrators for a day of learning, including our guest speaker presentation by George Couros. The story was shared through #RCSInnovate.
- Dr. Pam Jones and our Chinese Delegation have returned from the latest student trip.
- This week is National School Psychologist Week.
- On Wednesday the district will be celebrating para-educator day.
- We were recently awarded \$212,733 from Additional Instructional Time Grant from MDE, which will be creatively used for early literacy activities.
- Paint the Plow project took place this past week, in cooperation with the City of Rochester Hills Department of Public Services.
- Many Veterans Day celebrations were held throughout the district this past week.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Michelle Bueltel shared the following updates:

- Thanks to Debi Fragomeni, teachers and administrators for organizing the Professional Development Day featuring George Couros.
- Attended a Listening Tour at Meadow Brook Elementary School.
- Attended the Michigan Association of School Boards Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids along with Barb Anness and Andrea Walker-Leidy.

Kristin Bull also enjoyed attending the George Couros PD.

Barb Anness shared the following updates:

- Attended the Michigan Association of School Boards Conference and is grateful that the district invests in the board members to attend these conferences.
- Attended a Listening Tour with Dr. Shaner and Doug Hill. It was a great turn out, and the staff shared some good dialogue.
- Attended the screening of *The Hate U Give* with Michelle Bueltel. The talk back after the movie was very impactful.
- Will be attending the Sex Ed Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow.
- Attending the Oakland County School Board Legislative Committee meeting this week.

Andrea Walker-Leidy shared the following updates:

- Enjoyed the Michigan Association of School Boards Conference as well.
- Attending the Hugger Elementary Halloween Parade.
- Attended a Listening Tour at McGregor, and was given the opportunity to see how they are using their data wall in a very innovative way.
- Asked to sit on the City of Rochester Hills Diversity Inclusion Advisory Committee.

Kevin Beers stopped by Hart Middle School today to lend support to the Hart staff and community.

Sandy Fiaschetti shared the following updates:

- Followed #RCSInnovate and really enjoyed it!
- Attended Veterans celebration at SCHS.
- Announced the Holiday Challenge - Board vs. Cabinet. Hats, socks and gloves will be collected for Cass Community Services, and will be brought together at the December Board Meeting.

Announcements

Upcoming RCS Events:

November 21-23 – No School for Students (K-12 and Post High)

November 26 – Board of Education Work Session, 7:00 p.m., Dr. John M. Schultz Campus

December 10 – Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Administration Center

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Moved by: Mike Zabat

Seconded by: Michelle Buettel

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christina Whitmore
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Michelle Buettel
Secretary, Board of Education