



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

January 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM ~ Harrison Room

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, January 14, 2019, in the Harrison Room. President Sandy Fiaschetti called the meeting to order at 7:03 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. Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Elizabeth Davis, Dana Taylor, Lori Grein, Carrie Lawler, Anne Evans, Matt McDaniel, Doug Hill, Pete Muscio, Pasquale Cusumano, Jason Rapp, Cindy Lindner, Wendy Beitel, Karen Gelardi, Sandy Turner, Jennifer Fickel and approximately 75 visitors.

Oath of Office

Sandy Fiaschetti administered the Oath of Office to Barb Anness, Michelle Bueltel and Andrea Walker-Leidy. Barb, Michelle and Andrea recited the Oath of Office as follows: *I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of this State, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of the Rochester Community School District according to the best of my ability.*

Election of Officer

A. Election of President of Board of Education

Moved by Andrea Walker-Leidy and supported by Mike Zabat to open nominations for President.

Kevin Beers nominated Kristin Bull for the position of President of the Board of Education.

Moved by Barb Anness and supported by Michelle Bueltel to close nominations for President.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried: 7-0

Kristin Bull became President of the Board of Education.

B. Election of Vice President of Board of Education

Moved by Michelle Bueltel and supported by Mike Zabat to open nominations for Vice President.

Mike Zabat nominated Kevin Beers for the position of Vice President of the Board of Education.

Moved by Barb Anness and supported by Michelle Bueltel to close nominations for Vice President.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0

Kevin Beers became Vice President of the Board of Education.

C. Election of Secretary of Board of Education

Moved by Sandy Fiaschetti and supported by Kevin Beers to open nominations for Secretary.

Sandy Fiaschetti nominated Barb Anness for the position of Secretary of the Board of Education.

Moved by Andrea Walker-Leidy and supported by Michelle Bueltel to close nominations for Secretary.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried: 7-0

Barb Anness became Secretary of the Board of Education.

D. Election of Treasurer of Board of Education

Moved by Barb Anness and supported by Michelle Bueltel to open nominations for Treasurer.

Barb Anness nominated Mike Zabat for the position of Treasurer of the Board of Education.

Moved by Kevin Beers and supported by Michelle Bueltel to close nominations for Treasurer.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried: 7-0

Mike Zabat remained Treasurer of the Board of Education.

Code of Cooperation

A. Code of Cooperation for Conduct Among Board Members and Code of Cooperation for Board Conduct with Administrators

Board of Education Secretary Barb Anness read the Code of Cooperation for Conduct among Board Members and Code of Cooperation for Board Conduct with Administrators. Each Board member signed the agreements.

Spotlight on Success

A. School Board Recognition Month

On behalf of the Rochester Community School District, Community Relations Director Lori Grein recognized the Board of Education and thanked them for their leadership and service. Katie Allen and students from Hamlin Elementary thanked the Board of Education with their words of appreciation and presenting each Board member with a rose – and a BIG smile! Our students from Jitterz were happy to offer the Board a hot coffee or cocoa.

Deborah Piazza, Doug Hill and Don Maskill each thanked the Board of Education for their service and dedication.

Darlene Janulis addressed the Board on behalf of Frank Rewold and Son thanking them for their time, dedication and service to the children of our community.

B. Adams High School Girls Swim & Dive Team

Lori Grein introduced the Adams High School Girls Swim & Dive Team who earned the MHSAA State Championship title. Pasquale Cusumano addressed the Team and spoke of their character, hard work and dedication. Kristin Bull also congratulated the Team and coaches. Great job, girls!

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Barb Anness shared zero communications were received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting.

B. Student Representatives to the Board

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

C. PTA Council Update

PTA Council Secretary Ann Najera updated the Board on recent and upcoming PTA district events.

Some of the events included:

- Jan 10 – Vaping and Opioid presentation
- Robin Carter presented Implicit Bias at their President’s meeting
- Founders Day is Thursday, Feb 28, with a rain date of March 5 and plans are in full effect
- March 2 – Fifth Annual STEAM Career Exploration Fair

D. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda - None

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 December 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in the amount of \$10,884,350.42
- B.** Approval for Kevin Beers to take two Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) classes on February 9-10, 2019, in the amount of \$180.00. Source of Funding: General Fund

Moved by: Michelle Bueltel

Supported by: Sandy Fiaschetti

Vote: 7-0

Reports

Chief Human Resources Officer Elizabeth Davis reported on the December 17th Superintendent Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting. The topics of discussion were: Ashley Painter presented on a new course – True Stories; Robin Carter presented on a D&I Parent Network update.

Dr. Shaner welcomed Karen Gelardi along with Administrators and students from the Global Awareness Strategy 6 (G6) who presented on the latest trip to China. Strategy 6 is to expand partnerships and exchanges internationally.

Dr. Shaner along with the entire group addressed the Board to answer their questions.

New Business

A. Human Resources Report

Chief Human Resources Officer Elizabeth Davis presented the following recommendations:

REA TERMINATION

Kathryn Houghtaling, Special Education Teacher at Rochester High School was terminated effective January 8, 2019. Ms. Houghtaling had been with the district since August 2018.

REA NEW HIRES

Lesley Jones, Social Worker, Delta Kelly and Musson Elementary School
Glenda LaBruyere, Science Teacher, Adams High School
Ryan Porter, English Teacher, Adams High School

Heather Wist, English Teacher, Adams High School
Wenji Yuan, Chinese Teacher, Hart, Van Hoosen and West Middle Schools

Motion to approve the Human Resources Report, as presented.

Moved by: Barb Anness

Supported by: Kevin Beers

Vote: 7-0

B. Bond Construction Contracts

Dana Taylor presented the recommendation for award of contracts and approval of current project costs for Brewster Elementary Renovation. The recommendation was to award contracts in the contract sum of \$6,432,153 plus allowances and construction management fees in the amount of \$1,744,002, for a total of current projects in the amount of \$8,176,155.

Dana Taylor presented the recommendation for award of contracts and approval of current project costs for Delta Kelly Elementary Renovation. The recommendation was to award contracts in the contract sum of \$1,194,328 plus allowances and construction management fees in the amount of \$590,066, for a total of current projects in the amount of \$2,673,836.

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

Motion to approve the Bond Construction Contracts, as presented.

Moved by: Mike Zabat

Supported by: Michelle Bueltel

Vote: 7-0

C. Recommendation for Award of Contracts and Approval of Current Project Costs for RHS Dehumidification Air Handling Unit Replacement and RHS Media Center Water Repair Issue - Source of Funding: General Fund

Dana Taylor presented the recommendation for award of contracts and approval of current project costs for the RHS Media Center water repair issue. The recommendation was to award contracts in the contract sum of \$52,925 plus allowances and contract management fees in the amount of \$42,229, for a total of current projects in the amount of \$95,154.

Dana Taylor presented the recommendation for award of contracts and approval of current project costs for the RHS Dehumidification Air Handling Unit replacement. The recommendation was to award contracts in the contract sum of \$566,800 plus allowances in the amount of \$110,180, for a total of current projects in the amount of \$676,980.

Motion to approve the recommendation for Award of Contracts and Approval of Current Project Costs for RHS Air Handling Unit and Media Center Water Repairs at RHS, as presented.

Moved by: Andrea Walker-Leidy

Supported by: Kevin Beers

Pete Muscio and Mike Gagnon addressed the Board to answer their questions.

Vote: 7-0

D. Recommendation to Approve Bond Change Orders for Completed Projects in Progress

Dana Taylor presented the recommendation to approve the change orders for the Bond Projects in Progress in the amount of an increase of \$132,669.

Motion to approve the recommendation to approve the change orders for the Bond Projects in Progress.

Moved by: Barb Anness

Supported by: Kevin Beers

Mike Gagnon addressed the Board to answer their question.

Vote: 7-0

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting – None

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner thanked the Board for their service and dedication to the District. A seasoned colleague of Dr. Shaner's shared with him that he thinks RCS is one of the best schools districts in the entire Midwest.

Debi Fragomeni spoke about the Autism PD last week and there is an encore performance tomorrow morning. Debi invited everyone to the MLK, Jr. events next week on 1/21 and 1/23 and encouraged everyone to stop by to see the walking tour in the Harrison Room all next week.

Debi will be putting the Pathways for Global Awareness in her gratitude jar and congratulated the G6 group for their ongoing work. Finally, Debi also thanked the Board for their guidance, legacy, and partnership.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Barb Anness was at an Oakland Country School Board Association meeting recently and she shared what our MLK, Jr. programming is and the group was impressed with what the district is doing.

Michelle Bueltel attended the Reuther Cocoa and Concert event prior to the holidays.

Sandy attended a SCHS cheer competition.

Mike Zabat was at LOHS last weekend and judged the DECA competition.

Kevin thanked Michelle for her service as Secretary. He also thanked Sandy for her service the last two years as President.

Announcements

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January 24 - Half Day for Students, (6-12 & Post High) - A.M. Exams
January 25 - Half Day for Students (K-12 & Post High) - A.M. Exams & K-5 student instruction
January 25 - End of 2nd Marking Period / 1st Semester
February 2 - Board of Education Retreat, 8:30 a.m., Harrison Room

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Moved by: Mike Zabat

Seconded by: Andrea Walker-Leidy

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christina Whitmore
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education