



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION
February 25, 2019

MINUTES

Call to Order

A Work Session, open to the public, of the Board of Education for Rochester Community Schools, was held on Monday, February 25, 2019, at Stoney Creek High School. President Kristin Bull called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Sandy Fiaschetti, with notice

Others Present: Dr. Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dana Taylor, Elizabeth Davis, Jessica Thomas, Carrie Lawler, Matt McDaniel, Robin Carter, Cathryn Skedel, Chuck May, Brian Shelson, Doug Hill, Wendy Beitel and 2 visitors

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Barb Anness shared four communications have been received.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda

None at this time.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Barb Anness and Michelle Bueltel shared the communications they personally received.

Work Session

Dr. Cathryn Skedel welcomed the Board of Education and presented some updates since the start of the second semester of school.

A. Martin Luther King, Jr. Events Update

Robin Carter, Director of Instructional Equity and 504 Coordinator, presented feedback from attendees on both of the MLK, Jr. events held last month.

Recommendations for next year: make it a full-day event, more youth/students in attendance, more events like this more often and more solution-focused.

Robin shared that next year she is planning a student from each of the four high schools will be asked to be part of planning committee and the event; the panels will be in each of the four high schools for one week each. Robin is considering a full-day event as well as break-out sessions and will explore this with her committee. Focus for 2020: poverty.

Barb Anness shared her takeaway from both events with other BOE members across the county and several saw how valuable this approach on these events were. Very well done.

B. Sinking Fund

Jessica Thomas presented on what a sinking fund is (an alternative method for funding capital projects), reviewed what funds can/cannot be used for and the differences between a sinking fund and a bond. Funds generated through a sinking fund can only be used for construction, renovations and repairs of buildings – not for operating expenses, salaries, benefits or routine maintenance. A 1 mill sinking fund would generate approximately \$5 million annually for up to ten years. A sinking fund is “pay-as-you-go” – there are no interest payments or borrowing costs.

Jessica and Dana addressed the Board to answer their questions. Jessica will verify the Board’s questions regarding technology equipment and follow-up with everyone.

C. Demographics Update

Dana Taylor presented the Enrollment Forecast Report from DecisionInsite. The report showed the following data: Enrollment History from 2014-2018, Student Enrollment Percentage Change, Summary of Historical Enrollment Trends, Future Enrollment Forecast and general observations.

Bob, Dana and Jessica addressed the Board to answer their questions.

D. Budget Amendment

Director of Financial Services, Matt McDaniel, presented the Draft Budget Amendment #2 including a review of budget planning objectives, the budget calendar, changes to assumptions in budget items, revenues and expenditures. Matt reviewed the general fund revenue and balance sheet, changes to expenditure assumptions, general fund amendment expenditures, future budget impacts and the Caring Steps fund amendment.

Dana and Matt addressed the Board to answer their questions.

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting – None

B. Members of the Administration – Dr. Shaner thanked the BOE and the Daniels’ family for being at the Community Outlook Breakfast. Debi highlighted Dr. Shaner’s interview on Street Beat regarding school safety.

C. Members of the Board of Education – Michelle spoke of the STEAM Fair and workshops at RHS. Kristin thanked Dr. Shaner for the press conference and launching of the SEL Task Force.

Announcements

Upcoming RCS Events:

March 8 - Half-Day K-12 & Post High

March 11 - Board of Education Regular Meeting, Administration Center, 7p.m.

March 25 - Board of Education Work Session, Adams High School Media Center, 7p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Moved by: Michelle Bueltel

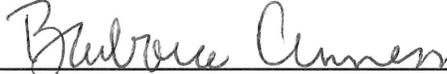
Seconded by: Andrea Walker-Leidy

Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

Christina Whitmore
Recording Secretary


Barbara Cunniff
Secretary, Board of Education