



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

May 6, 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, May 6, 2019, in the Harrison Room. 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. Robert Shaner, Dana Taylor, Elizabeth Davis, Lori Grein, Carrie Lawler, Anne Evans, Cindy Lindner, Sandy Turner, Jessica Thomas, Pete Muscio, Matt McDaniel, Jennifer Fickel, Doug Hill, Jeff Frankowiak, Laura Walsh, Todd Calcamuggio, Susan Demeniuk and approximately 40 visitors.

Spotlight in Success

A. Destination Imagination

Lori Grein introduced the background of Destination Imagination (DI), which is a creative problem-solving program that focuses on challenges using creativity, teamwork and problem-solving with students. The teams in grades 3rd and above choose from one of six challenges to include technical, engineering, improvisational, fine arts, scientific and service learning.

Maria Miceli led the Long Meadow teams and Janet Raymond led the teams from West – two upper level and two lower level. All teams advanced to the state competition and four teams advanced to the global competition in Kansas City. Absolutely amazing! These creative kids shared what DI means to them and some of their responses were that it gets them thinking differently, it's creative, it builds teamwork and they learned perseverance.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

One communication has been received by Sonia Litynskyj regarding the 4th grade reproductive health video.

B. Student Representatives to the Board

Student representatives from Adams High School, Rochester High School, and Stoney Creek High School shared information about activities that took place in the school since the last meeting. ACE did not have a student representative in attendance.

DJ introduced the 2019/2020 student rep, Isha Mendonza, who gave this month's update.

Dr. Shaner thanked all of our student reps for their dedication throughout the year and for reminding us of our compelling why. He and the board presented the student reps with a certificate of recognition.

C. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda

Meredith McCutcheon regarding attendance incentive.

D. PTA Council Update

PTA Council Secretary, Lisa Roscoe, updated the Board on recent and upcoming PTA district events.

Some of the events included:

- Anyone interested in Treasurer position, please contact Lisa
- Battle of the Books was a success and Rochester took home this big win
- Next PTA Council meeting is on 5/16

E. Members of the Board of Education

Kristin received an email from Julie Rogalski from West Middle School regarding West Honors Ceremony. Kevin and Kristin were at Chat with the Board and spoke with Barb Rill, Kate Bass and Debbie Jones regarding the attendance incentive.

Consent Agenda

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

A. Current Bills Payable for April 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019 in the amount of \$45,796,538.46

Moved by: Andrea Walker-Leidy

Supported by: Mike Zabat

Vote: 6-0

Reports

A. Superintendent's Committee

Dr. Shaner presented from the April 9, 2019, Superintendent Policy and Curriculum Committee meetings. Items of discussion included: legal updates, end of year budget, administration building assessment and sinking funds (what they are and how they work).

Dana Taylor presented from the April 15, 2019, Superintendent Business and Operations Committee. Items of discussion included: February financials, bus purchase, credit rating and Series II Bond sale, transportation RFQ, Chartwells contract renewal and maintenance vehicle purchase.

Beth Davis presented from the April 15, 2019, Superintendent Policy & Curriculum Committee. Item of discussion included a presentation on Transitional Kindergarten.

B. Legislative Updates

Dr. Shaner gave a legislative update that included an update on the Governor's budget as well as a thank you to Governor Whitmer for the multiple interactions Dr. Shaner has had with her to discuss educational matters.

Dr. Shaner also thanked Rep. Webber for his graciousness and collaboration with their meetings. They discussed the state budget and outlook between the two houses.

Lastly, Dr. Shaner asked everyone to remain patient with the budget.

New Business

A. Human Resources Report

Chief Human Resources Officer Elizabeth Davis presented the following recommendations:

REA RESIGNATIONS

Krista Bamberger, 3rd Grade Teacher at Long Meadow Elementary School, submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Bamberger has been with the district since September, 2009.

Tarah Erickson, 4th Grade Teacher at Baldwin Elementary School, submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Erickson has been with the district since August, 2011.

Katie Woolsey, 1st Grade Teacher at North Hill Elementary School, submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Woolsey has been with the district since August, 2012.

REA RETIREMENTS

Cheryl Brandell, Psychologist at Hart Middle School and Brewster Elementary School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Brandell has been with the district since September, 1988.

Carol Goike, Resource Room Teacher at McGregor Elementary School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Goike has been with the district since August, 2002.

Peggy Masson, 3rd Grade teacher at Baldwin Elementary School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Masson has been with the district since October, 1989.

Cheryl Ogonowski, Music Teacher at Meadow Brook Elementary School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Ogonowski has been with the district since September, 1992.

Janice Richey, Speech Pathologist at Baldwin Elementary School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Richey has been with the district since September, 1984.

Lisa Standal, Counselor at Hart Middle School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Standal has been with the district since September, 1990.

Denise Wiltse, 4th grade teacher at Delta Kelly Elementary School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Wiltse has been with the district since August, 2000.

REA LEAVE OF ABSENCES

Beth Jones, Kindergarten Teacher at Baldwin Elementary School, has requested an unpaid leave of absence for the 2019-2020 school year pursuant to Article 14.01 of the REA contract.

ADMINISTRATION RETIREMENTS

Michael Dillon, Principal at West Middle School, submitted his letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Mr. Dillon has been with the district since August, 1995.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

IT Manager

We are recommending Glen Sedam be appointed to the position of IT Manager. Glen comes to RCS with over 3 years at General Motors as a Cybersecurity Manager. Prior to his work at General Motors he worked as a Senior Manager for a technology consulting firm, United States Air Force veteran, and has over 30 years of experience in technology. He is ITIL (Information Technology Infrastructure Library) and Project Management certified.

Motion to approve the Human Resources Report, as presented.

Moved by: Kevin Beers

Supported by: Barb Anness

Vote: 6-0

B. Chartwells Contract

Dana Taylor presented the Recommendation for Renewal of the Food Service Management Contract.

Rochester Community Schools is completing its ninth year with Chartwells. The current contract is a one year agreement that began in 2015-2016 that allowed up to four one-year renewals upon approval from the Michigan Department of Education. Rochester Community Schools is recommending the approval of a one year contract extension with Chartwells.

The Michigan Department of Education approved our request to renew with Chartwells with the following guidelines:

1. Change the current equivalent meal factor of \$3.4625 to \$3.5450, an increase of 2.38%.

2. The current management fee of \$0.0771 per meal will increase by 2% to the new management fee of \$0.0786 per meal.
3. The current administrative fee of \$19,699 per month will increase by 2% to the new administrative fee of \$20,092 per month for 10 months.
4. There is no advance payment for the 2019-2020 school year.
5. The current CPI-U for December 2018 is 2.8%.
6. There are no guarantees for the 2019-2020 school year.
7. There is no client investment planned for the 2019-2020 school year.

Board discussion included clarifying when a possible lunch increase will occur and confirming this is the fifth renewal of the contract.

Motion to approve the Recommendation for Renewal of the Food Service Management Contract, as presented.

Moved by: Michelle Bueltel

Supported by: Mike Zabat

Vote: 6-0

C. Oakland Schools 2019/2020 Budget Resolution

Dana Taylor presented the Oakland Schools 2019/2020 Budget Resolution.

Section 624 of the Revised School Code, as amended, requires the intermediate school board to annually submit its proposed general education fund budget to the Board of Education for review. The local school Board of Education is required to adopt a resolution by June 1 of each year expressing its support or disapproval of the proposed budget. On April 24, 2019, Oakland Schools held a meeting for delegates from local school district boards of education to present the proposed budgets. Representatives from Oakland Schools also presented the proposed budgets at the April 12, 2019, meeting of the Oakland County School Business Officials. These meetings provided an opportunity for local school officials and board members to review the proposed budgets prior to submitting to local school districts board of education for discussion and action.

Rochester Community Schools recommends the Board of Education adopts the resolution in support of the proposed 2019/2020 Oakland Schools Budget as presented.

Motion to approve the Oakland Schools 2019/2020 Budget Resolution, as presented.

Moved by: Kevin Beers

Supported by: Michelle Bueltel

Vote: 6-0

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

Richard Hall spoke in front of the Board regarding the transportation bidding process update.

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner shared that \$57M in bonds were sold in a competitive sale. Our finance team, with support of the Board of Education, hit a home run for the tax payers and kids of Rochester Community Schools. Our credit rating was upgraded to AA prior to the sale. With Dana's leadership, we were able to offer a competitive sale – the largest in the municipal bond market that day. The bonds sold for a very low interest rate and a very high premium.

It is Teacher Appreciation Week – thank you to all teachers, counselors and ancillary staff.

To reiterate what was shared during Dr. Shaner's legislative update, please be patient with the budget.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Kristin quoted Dr. Shaner when referring to the bond sale, "This is what happens when you keep the main thing the main thing." Kristin has learned a lot about bonds through this process and shared that we were likely the talk of the bond world that morning.

Kristin gave a speech at the Adams High School 50th Celebration and Honors Convocation and summarized that "as parents, we worry about our kids as soon as they are born and we worry about them every second since but I don't worry about them between 7:30 am – 2:30 pm and it's because of the staff at their schools and especially their teachers."

Michelle shared that over the last few weeks has been an exciting time, especially for literacy. She attended Battle of the Books and enjoyed to see all four high schools represented. The kids really enjoyed themselves and liked Skyping with some of the authors. Michelle not only attended the Authors in April banquet, she was fortunate enough to drive Erin Soderberg around the district for a day to visit buildings. It was an enjoyable experience all around, especially seeing how the students interacted with the authors. Michelle also attended the Diversity & Inclusion meeting and several ribbon cutting ceremonies. Finally, Michelle wanted to ensure everyone knew about Rochester Area Youth Assistance (RAYA), as they provide not only counseling services but financial assistance to students in our district.

Barb thoroughly enjoyed the Willy Wonka play at McGregor. She hopes the play inspired many kids and planted a seed for a love of theater and the arts. Barb also shared that the Adams High School voter registration drive was a phenomenal success! The district-wide art show held at Van Hoosen Farms was well done and she appreciated the location.

Andrea recognized how great the visit with Rep. Elissa Slotkin was at the Schultz Campus and appreciated that we were able to show her the equity we have in our district and what we are able to provide for all of our students. She and her husband were very impressed. One of the students at the Schultz Campus who was very excited to meet Rep. Slotkin and shared that she voted for her. Andrea was especially touched by this moment. Finally, Andrea gave a reminder that the Hometown Hustle is this Saturday and encouraged everyone to come support the Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year.

Happy Mother's Day to all of the moms out there!

Announcements

May 20 - Board of Work Session, 7 p.m. Baldwin Elementary

May 27 - No School for Students (K-12 and Post High); Memorial Day Holiday

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Moved by: Michelle

Seconded by: Mike

Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christina Whitmore
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Michael Deers
Acting Secretary, Board of Education