

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR (VIRTUAL) MEETING

June 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order

A Regular Meeting, open to the public, of the Board of Education for Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held virtually on Monday, June 8, 2020 via Zoom Webinar and YouTube Live. President Kristin Bull called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Elizabeth Davis, Dana Taylor, Lori Grein, Carrie Lawler, Cory Heitsch, Concetta Lewis, Matt McDaniel, Cindy Lindner, and approximately 30 visitors.

Spotlight on Success

A. Recognition of District Retirees

Beth Davis congratulated our 20 district retirees and thanked them for their years of service to Rochester Community Schools. On behalf of the Board, Scott Muska congratulated our retirees.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Michelle Bueltel shared four communications were received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Tonya White reached out to the board regarding the district purchasing PPE from the company she works for; Paul and Heidi Streetman addressed the board regarding the plan for fall learning; Diane and Steve Glinski asked where they could find the link to the last board meeting recording; and Brent Wither shared his opinions on the plan for return to school in the fall.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda

None

C. 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 May 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020 in the amount of \$4,766,865.55

B. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, May 4, 2020

C. Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes, May 18, 2020

D. Board of Education Work Session Minutes, May 18, 2020

E. Board of Education Meeting Schedule, 2020-21

Moved by: Andrea Walker-Leidy

Supported by: Barb Anness

Vote: 7-0

Reports

Dr. Shaner shared that we may not have a budget by July 1. Dr. Shaner has had conversations with Rep. Webber and Sen. McMorroo regarding the budget and what is happening in Lansing. Dr. Shaner also shared he was selected to be in Governor Whitmer's Return to School Advisory Council in addition to a work group with the Michigan Department of Education.

Dr. Shaner reported on the June 1 Superintendent Steering Committee meetings. Agenda items included: Class of 2020 Celebration; Return to School Roadmap; Task Force planning update; budget; planning for 2020-21; and market research.

Dana Taylor reported on the May 11, 2020, Superintendent Business, Operations and Support Advisory Committee meeting. Agenda item included: March 2020 financial information; General Fund budget amendment for 2019-2020; draft budget for 2020-21; and reopening of Caring Steps to essential workers.

Elizabeth Davis reported on the May 11 and June 2, 2020, Superintendent Policy and Curriculum Committee meetings. Agenda items included: Caring Steps reopening; budget projections; Return to School Roadmap; RCS COVID-19 Task Force; complexity of return to school options and next steps; and the market research survey.

New Business

A. Human Resources Report

Chief Human Resources Officer Elizabeth Davis presented the following recommendations:

REA RESIGNATION

Jacilyn Clark, Physical Education Teacher at University Hills Elementary, submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Clark has been with the district since August 2017.

REA RETIREMENTS

Cheryl Gleeson, Resource Room Teacher at Delta Kelly Elementary, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Gleeson has been with the district since January 1990.

Lorene Klaft, Resource Room Teacher at Hamlin Elementary, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Klaft has been with the district since September 1992.

RAA RETIREMENTS

Catherine Skedel, Principal at Stoney Creek High School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Skedel has been with the district since October 2014.

ADMINISTRATOR RESIGNATIONS

Robin Carter, Executive Director of Instructional Equity and 504 Coordinator, submitted her letter of resignation effective June 19, 2020. Ms. Carter has been with the district since January 2016.

Ryan Kunzelman, Director of Financial Services, submitted his letter of resignation effective May 27, 2020. Mr. Kunzelman has been with the district since October 2019.

Motion to approve the Human Resource Report, as presented.

Moved by: Mike Zabat

Supported by: Scott Muska

Vote: 7-0

B. Bid Awards

Dana Taylor presented the following recommendations:

Purchase of Maintenance/Grounds Vehicles

The recommendation was to purchase two (2) maintenance/grounds vehicles from Lafontaine Chevrolet for the bid amount of \$74,316.00 PER VEHICLE for a total purchase cost not to exceed \$148,632.00.

Award of Contract for Trash and Recycling Services

Our current waste removal contract expires on June 30th and the new contract will be effective July 1st. The scope of the program includes trash removal at all 25 district buildings as well as a comprehensive recycling program. The trash containers and dumpsters will be maintained by the supplier and will be lockable to prevent unauthorized use. The recycling program will be provided using a single-stream method so that all recyclable material can be collected in one large recycling container in lieu of several smaller containers, which will make the recycling program much easier to maintain. The cost of the proposed new contract with Republic Services is for \$108,604.71 annually, which is approximately \$8000 less than what we are paying for our current provider.

The recommendation was made to award the Trash and Recycling Services project to Republic Services of Southeast Michigan, for a one-year contract in the amount of \$108,604.71 beginning July 1, 2020 and is renewable up to three (3) years.

Board discussion included clarification on whether vehicle purchases are replacements; clarification on if we will be able to recycle water bottles; clarification on if there is a penalty if trash was placed in recycle bins.

Motion to approve the Bid Awards, as presented.

Moved by: Michelle Bueltel

Supported by: Andrea Walker-Leidy

Vote: 7-0

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

None

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner extended his gratitude and appreciation to all of the retirees. He also spoke about the letter that was sent to RCS families regarding the unrest across our country. He attended a peaceful demonstration with Mayor Barnett and approximately 500 community members. Finally, Dr. Shaner reminded everyone that we are looking at every aspect of returning to school safely and how extremely complex the planning is.

Debi Fragomeni thanked RCS colleagues and parents for their effort and partnership in making the end of the year a joyous occasion for our students. Debi also shared we are opening Caring Steps to all families, not just essential workers. Additionally, Debi disclosed RCS is offering a summer camp opportunity starting July 6. Finally, Debi reminded the community we are deeply invested in our students and staff will be working diligently over the summer to communicate updates.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Michelle Bueltel shared that while Rochester Area Youth Assistance (RAYA) wasn't able to have their annual banquet, over the past weekend teams went into the community to recognize 19 students who

made a difference throughout the school year. She reminded the community that financial assistance is available through RAYA. Lastly, Michelle attended the Reuther PTA meeting via Zoom and appreciates how groups are still able to meet, advocate and celebrate students.

Andrea Walker-Leidy commended students for their efforts with Black Lives Matters over the past couple of weeks. She also thanked the teachers for their end-of-the-year celebrations.

Scott Muska shared how proud he is of the RCS student body and how they go out of their way to educate themselves on important issues.

Barb Anness also commended the RCS student body and encouraged them to vote once they turn 18.

Kristin Bull congratulated Robin Carter for her new role with Oakland County, Cathryn Skedel on her retirement and to all administrators who have a hand in planning the Class of 2020 graduation coming up on June 20. She thanked the City of Rochester Hills for their collaboration on filming the Board's graduation speech. Finally, she recognized Dr. Shaner's acceptance to Governor Whitmer's Return to School Advisory Council.

Announcements

June 15 – Board of Education Truth in Budget Hearing, 6:45pm
June 15 – Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7pm
June 22 – Board of Education Work Session, 7pm

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Moved by: Andrea Walker-Leidy

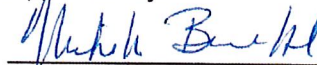
Seconded by: Michelle Bueltel

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christina Whitmore
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education