

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
May 3, 2021 ~ Administration Building

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 and in person on Monday, May 3, 2021. President Kristin Bull called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Mike Zabat and Scott Muska, with notice

Others Present: Dr. Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Elizabeth Davis, Carrie Lawler, Cory Heitsch, Lori Grein, Concetta Lewis, Cindy Lindner, Matt McDaniel, Doug Hill, and approximately 130 visitors.

Spotlight on Success

A. Teacher Appreciation

Bryan Lindstrom, Dave Pontzious, Amy Grande expressed their gratitude for our teachers and Lori Grein shared a video from RCS students who shared what they would like to give to their teachers and why.

On behalf of the Board, Kevin Beers shared their collective gratitude and appreciation for all that our teachers do.

Dr. Shaner shared that earlier in the day he held a town hall to express his sincere gratitude and pride in our teachers'. He also shared his appreciation for Ascension Providence in their assistance with vaccinating our staff as well as our bargaining units and entire staff.

B. Student Representatives to the Board

On behalf of the entire Board, President Kristin Bull recognized the student representatives and shared the Board's collective appreciation.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Michelle Bueltel shared that three email communications have been received through the RCS website: District parent Maria Miceli emailed the Board to thank them for their service; community member Nancy Salvia emailed the Board to express her appreciation for all of their hard work; and district parent Michelle Chittick emailed the Board regarding RCS Board of Education committees.

Additional emails that were received, though not through the RCS website: five (5) emails from Andrew Weaver regarding 1) time set aside for community comment during the April 26 work session; 2) appreciation for the media coverage by The Oakland Press; 3) mask wearing policies; 4) a FOIA request; and 5) the RCS logo.

B. Student Representatives to the Board

Student representatives from Adams High School, Rochester High School, and Stoney Creek High School shared information since the April 12th meeting. 2021-2022 student representatives were also introduced.

C. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda

Andrew Weaver and Stephanie Van Daele addressed the Board regarding a learning plan for quarantined students.

D. Members of the Board of Education

None

E. PTA Council Update

Emily Stowe, PTA Council secretary, provided an update which included: Blessings in a Backpack toiletry drive donations; May 5 is National Bike to School Day; May 6 is the virtual Reflections Ceremony; upcoming virtual health & wellness fair for all 4th graders; food drive to support the Lighthouse Food Bank; upcoming school supply drive; Authors in April (in May) and various related events to support this event; and shared the PTA Council's appreciation for the RCS teachers, REA, the Board of Education and RCS for their support and collaboration.

Consent Agenda

A. Current Bills Payable for April 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021 in the amount of \$46,004,359.51

B. Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2021

C. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2021

D. Board of Education Work Session Minutes, March 22, 2021

E. Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2021

F. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2021

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

Moved by: Barb Anness

Supported by: Kevin Beers

Vote: 5-0

New Business

A. Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Recertification

Dr. Shaner reiterated that this is the standard monthly procedure required by the state.

Matt McDaniel share the District's participation rates, which are as follows:

March 31 – April 6, 2021: 85.3% (this includes a portion of spring break, which has 0% participation)
April 7 - 13: 94%
April 14 - 20: 93%
April 21 - 27: 94.7%
April 28 - May 3: 93.7%
Overall participation rate for April is 92.1%

Board discussion included how much longer the Board will need to recertify the Plan.

Motion to approve the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Recertification, as presented.

Moved by: Kevin Beers

Supported by: Michelle Bueltel

Vote: 5-0

B. Human Resource Report

Elizabeth Davis presented the following recommendations:

REA RESIGNATIONS

Rita Markoz, ESL Teacher at Brooklands Elementary, submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Markoz has been with the district since November 2012.

James Stuef, Design Arts Teacher at Adams High School, submitted his letter of resignation effective at the end of the school year. Mr. Stuef has been with the district since August 2019.

REA RETIREMENTS

Lorna Adams, Special Education Program Consultant, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Adams has been with the district since August 2005.

Michael Jamieson, Counselor at Hart Middle School, submitted his letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Mr. Jamieson has been with the district since September 1988.

Deanna Knox, Language Arts Teacher at Reuther Middle School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Knox has been with the district since August 1996.

Renee Lane, Math Teacher at Hart Middle School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Lane has been with the district since September 1989.

Kristin Newer, Occupational Therapist, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Newer has been with the district since August 1999.

Denise Read, Kindergarten Teacher at Hamlin Elementary School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Read has been with the district since September 1987.

RAA RETIREMENTS

Teresa Simonetti, Principal at Brooklands Elementary School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Simonetti has been with the district since August 1998.

ADMINISTRATIVE RESIGNATIONS

Jason Steinbrink, Facilities Manager, submitted his letter of resignation effective May 12, 2021. Mr. Steinbrink has been with the district since September 2018.

Tingrui Sun, Accountant, submitted her letter of resignation effective May 4, 2021. Ms. Sun has been with the district since October 2017.

Motion to approve the Human Resource Report, as presented.

Moved by: Michelle Bueltel

Supported by: Barb Anness

Vote: 5-0

C. Oakland Schools Budget

Matt McDaniel presented the proposed 2021-2022 Oakland Schools Budget.

Board discussion included feedback that the budget review was an extensive overview and there are no items of concern or clarification. Dr. Shaner and Matt McDaniel agreed there were no concerns.

Motion to approve the Oakland Schools Budget, as presented.

Moved by: Barb Anness

Supported by: Andrea Walker-Leidy

Vote: 5-0

D. General Fund Bid Award

Matt McDaniel presented the General Fund Bid Award.

Recommendation for Approval of Musical Instrument Purchases

The amount of the purchase for musical instruments is not to exceed \$243,334.90. The source of funding is the fiscal year 2021-2022 General Fund.

Board discussion included clarification on whether or not instruments will be used at the middle schools, reasoning to the increase in anticipated cost, how that affects the budget, and explanation on the number of cases being purchased.

Motion to approve the General Fund Bid Award, as presented.

Moved by: Barb Anness

Supported by: Kevin Beers

Vote: 5-0

E. Construction Bid Award

Matt McDaniel presented the Construction Bid Award.

Recommendation for Award of Contracts for Facility Operations Center Compressed Air System

The amount for this project is \$70,300 with an additional amount of \$37,846 for allowances and construction management fees for a total of \$108,776.

Motion to approve the Construction Bid Award, as presented.

Moved by: Andrea Walker-Leidy

Supported by: Barb Anness

Vote: 5-0

F. Change Order

Matt McDaniel presented the Change Order.

Recommendation to Approve Change Orders for Facilities Projects in Progress

The increase in costs for the RHS Auxiliary Gym Flooring Project is a result of the District requesting a delay in the project start date. It was necessary to delay the start of the project in order to give the architect and engineers time to analyze the source of the continued water infiltration and the construction manager time to install additional drainage. The cost of flooring materials increased during the time of the delay, and the vendor agreed to split the additional cost with the District. The source of funding is the Sinking Fund.

The increase in costs for the Safety Netting Softball & Baseball Fields project is due to extending the netting further along the first base line at Rochester, Adams, and Stoney Creek High Schools to ensure there is adequate protection for spectators including the bleachers along the first base line at Stoney Creek. The source of funding is the 2015 Bond Capital Projects Fund.

The change order increases for Facilities Projects in Progress are \$8,282 from the Sinking Fund and \$16,377.08 from the 2015 Bond Capital Projects Fund for a total of \$24,659.08.

Board discussion included the increase in cost of safety netting as well as clarification on the cost of the auxiliary gym floor.

Motion to approve the Change Order, as presented.

Moved by: Barb Anness

Supported by: Michelle Bueltel

Vote: 5-0

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

Taara Donley addressed the Board regarding the Long Meadow roof.

Stephanie Van Daele addressed the Board regarding Caring Steps.

Deanna Harless addressed the Board regarding administrative decisions.

Laurie Madigan addressed the Board regarding a plan for quarantined students and funds spent on Caring Steps.

Stephanie Barnes addresses the Board regarding her reasoning for withdrawing her children, a plan for quarantined students and mask wearing.

Julie Stalker addressed the Board regarding the purchase of the new administration building, the location of Caring Steps and her desire for diverse opinions from the Board.

Kristen Kennedy read a news article.

Andrew Weaver addressed the Board regarding a survey.

Adjournment

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

Moved by: Barb Anness

Seconded by: Kevin Beers

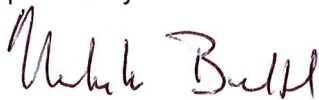
Opposed: Michelle Bueltel

Vote: 4-1

Respectfully submitted:

Christina Whitmore
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education