



## **ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING**

September 28, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. ~ Virtual

### **MINUTES**

#### **Call to Order**

A Special Meeting, open to the public, of the Board of Education for Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held virtually on Monday, September 28, 2020. President Kristin Bull called the meeting to order at 10:54 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 385 visitors.

#### **New Business**

##### **A. Approval of the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan (Action Item) Dr. Shaner**

Dr. Shaner restated that the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan is a state requirement that must be approved monthly by the Board.

Matt McDaniel shared the participation rates (two-way interaction, which includes live instruction or emails/phone calls between students and teachers): Week 1 = 82%; Week 2 = 95%; Week 3 = 95.4%; Week 4 = 94.7% (though this rate will go higher as the week "ends" on Tuesday).

Board discussion included: the request to reevaluate the Plan as we move forward; supply the community with data, information and clarification on who to speak with if a family has issues, concerns or questions; clarification on participation rates and what the state benchmark is; recertification of plan; clarification on how much input from the community we've taken into account; and the support of the RCS team and Plan.

Public comment received from: Rosalinda Pertuz (desire to stay remote).

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

Moved by: Kevin Beers

Supported by: Andrea Walker-Leidy

Vote: 7-0

**B. Approval of Construction Bid Awards (Action Item) Matt McDaniel**

Matt McDaniel presented the Recommendation for Award of Landscaping Improvements at Reuther and Van Hoosen Middle Schools. The recommendation is to approve the bid award in the amount of \$139,011. The source of funding is the 2015 Bond.

Motion to approve the Approval of Construction Bid Awards, as presented.

Moved by: Mike Zabat

Supported by: Michelle Bueltel

Vote: 7-0

**Additional Business**

**A. Citizens Present at the Meeting**

Beatrice Sarkozi addressed the Board regarding her feeling that students should be tested to compare to previous years and if the school year will be extended should kids need additional support. Jessica Opfer requested the dialogue remain open between RCS and the community and inquired about what options are being considered for those wanting to stay in remote. Sarah Meisch shared her concerns about students who are medically fragile and also have an IEP and what support is in place for them.

**B. Members of the Administration**

Dr. Shaner expressed his gratitude to the staff, Board and community who joined in tonight's meeting. He also shared that Board members visited Brewster and Stoney Creek last week to see bond work and construction updates.

**C. Members of the Board of Education**

**Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 p.m.

Moved by: Michelle Bueltel

Seconded by: Barb Anness

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christina Whitmore  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

  
Secretary, Board of Education