

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION (VIRTUAL) WORK SESSION

May 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order

A Work Session, open to the public, of the Board of Education for Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held virtually on Monday, May 18, 2020 via Zoom Webinar and YouTube Live. President Kristin Bull called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Mike Zabat, with notice

Others Present: Dr. Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Elizabeth Davis, Dana Taylor, Lori Grein, Carrie Lawler, Cory Heitsch, Concetta Lewis, Matt McDaniel, Doug Hill, Cindy Lindner, and approximately 45 visitors.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Michelle Bueltel shared four communications were received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting: Hanny Salman shared feedback regarding remote learning; Tisha Bhat contacted us regarding replacing Styrofoam lunch trays with compostable ones; Daniella Ghafari regarding online tutoring; and Laura Garden regarding a graduation idea.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda

None

C. Members of the Board of Education

Barb Anness received a response from Neil DeLuca, Josh Wrinkle and Casey Wescott after she thanked them for hosting the RHS Honors Convocation.

Kristin Bull received two emails regarding the leadership at Delta Kelly: one from Shannon Heskett and the other from Beth and Justin Newingham.

Work Session

A. Final Budget Amendment for 2019-20

Dana Taylor and Matt McDaniel reviewed the Final Budget Amendment for the 2019-2020 school year. Items reviewed included: the approach used for budget development and how COVID-19 has affected pricing; review of financial position of current fiscal year; budget considerations for 2020-21; preliminary forecast for 2020-21; how the economic forecast impacts the alignment of expenditures with revenues; review of other major and non-major funds budget amendments and forecasts.

Board discussion included: clarification on the net decrease in State Aid; receiving of and estimated reductions in state funding per pupil; pricing out and planning of various learning models (normal operations, hybrid and distance learning); COVID-19 task force; surveying parents; federal aid; budget; and sinking fund.

B. Draft Budget for 2020-21

Matt McDaniel presented the Draft Budget for 2020-21. While there is currently no state budget, and we do not know how much state aid we will receive, the district is making revenue assumptions and will remain conservative. The district will continue to analyze all major and non-major fund budgets as we continue to move through the planning process of this pandemic.

C. COVID-19 Medical Update

Dr. Shaner introduced Tanya Regmont, RCS school nurse, and thanked her for all of her work and continued guidance through this pandemic. Tanya introduced Dr. Jaime Hope, attending physician in Emergency Medicine at Beaumont Health, who gave an update on the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Board discussion included: next wave of COVID; Dr. Hope's input on what school should look like in the fall in order to send kids to school; herd immunity; precautionary measures for crowds; clarification on how COVID is spread; mental health impacts of the pandemic;

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

Marie Mack, Para educator, inquired about layoffs for employees.

Diane and Steve Glinksi, district parents, spoke about a 504 plan and an IEP for their child.

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner congratulated everyone who was part of Honors Convocation and expressed his appreciation for all of the staff who made it possible.

Dr. Shaner asked for continued patience and understanding relating to the planning of graduation.

Finally, Dr. Shaner thanked Tanya Regmont and Dr. Jaime Hope for their hard work and dedication.

Debi Fragomeni shared elementary students have the opportunity to take part of a virtual field day (www.rcsspecials.weebly.com).

Debi also shared that the final equity, inclusion and belonging seminars for the school year will take place on May 21.

Finally, Debi reminded families who are planning to register to enroll online.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Kristin Bull shared how impressed she was with the Honors Convocations and expressed her appreciation for everyone who made it successful.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Moved by: Michelle Bueltef


Seconded by: Barb Anness

Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christina Whitmore
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education