



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION

February 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM ~ Hampton Elementary

MINUTES

Call to Order

A Work Session, open to the public, of the Board of Education for Rochester Community Schools, was held on Monday, February 24, 2020, at Hampton Elementary School. 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, Mike Zabat, Barb Anness, Andrea Walker-Leidy and Scott Muska

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Lori Grein, Carrie Lawler, Cory Heitsch, Concetta Lewis, Matt McDaniel, Cindy Lindner, Karen Gelardi, Robin Carter, Ryan Kunzelman, Doug Hill, and approximately 20 visitors.

Ryan Starr welcomed the Board to Hampton, provided an update on some of the latest events and introduced some of the music students who entertained everyone with two incredible songs around the RCS theme of "you can count on me."

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Michelle Bueltel shared one communication had been received from Mireia Jimenez-Pinilla regarding high school transcripts.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda

None at this time.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Kristin distributed gratitude cards from Delta Kelly to each of the Board members,

Andrea shared that she spoke with a parent from Musson and directed her concern to Dr. Shaner.

Work Session

A. SEL: Trauma Informed Leadership with Guest Speaker Shenandoah Chefalo

Dr. Shaner introduced Shenandoah Chefalo. Items of discussion included: understanding the outcomes of early trauma; building trauma-informed organizations; Adverse Childhood Experiences; trauma science; resilience; organizational chronic stress; secondary trauma/wellness; trauma care stages; and meaningful connections.

Key takeaway: a leader's ability to be true and vulnerable encourages others to be true and vulnerable.

Shen briefly explained what a community meeting is:

- 1) How are you feeling today (this must be answered with a feeling, never with "ok" or "fine")?
 - a. This could also be asked in the form of weather or a strength.
- 2) What do you want to accomplish in this meeting today?
- 3) Who can support you?

The answer to the last question is followed by "we got you" and the person who was answering asks the next individual the series of questions and so on. Prior to asking questions, music is played to ensure the mind has arrived along with the body. The meeting is also ended by sharing a feeling word.

Board discussion included length of time SEL work has been happening, including community meetings and making meaningful connections. Dr. Shaner responded to the board.

B. Budget Amendments

Ryan Kunzelman, Director of Financial Services, presented the 2019-2020 budget amendments. Items of discussion included: budget planning objective; budget calendar; changes to revenue assumptions; general fund (revenue, expenditures, fund balance); changes to expenditure assumptions; bookstore fund and the student activity fund. Matt McDaniel presented data on the Caring Steps Fund.

Board discussion included clarification to the increase in revenue for school age care, therapy dog expense, instruction expenditures, state budget, MPSERS, the student activity fund and amount of staff members at Caring Steps. Ryan, Matt and Dr. Shaner responded to the board to answer their questions.

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

None

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner thanked the board members, staff and community members who attended this morning's Community Outlook Breakfast. He also thanked Shenandoah Chefalo and Dennis Liegghio for being in attendance and for their partnership, as well as to Ryan Starr and the Hampton 3rd graders for their hospitality and entertainment.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Kristin thanked the entire RCS team, PTA and the Wellness Warriors for their hard work and commitment at the Outlook Breakfast. Kristin also shared that the Board would like to sponsor the Hometown Hustle again this year.

Barb shared it is Public Schools Week.

Andrea attended kindergarten information night last week.

Announcements

Upcoming RCS Events:

March 9 - Board of Education Regular Meeting, Administration Center, 7p.m.

March 10 - No School K-12 & Post High

March 23 - Board of Education Work Session, Hugger Elementary, 7p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 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