



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

January 27, 2020, at 6:45 p.m. ~ McGregor Elementary School

MINUTES

Call to Order

A Special Meeting, open to the public, of the Board of Education for Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, January 27, 2020, at McGregor Elementary School. Vice President Kevin Beers called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Kristin Bull, with notice

Others Present: Dr. Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Elizabeth Davis, Dana Taylor, Lori Grein, Carrie Lawler, Cory Heitsch, Concetta Lewis, Matt McDaniel, Cindy Lindner, Karen Gelardi, Robin Carter, Dave Pontzious, Doug Hill and one visitor.

Dave Pontzious, Principal of McGregor Elementary, welcomed the Board and invited them to spend some time in classrooms to see all of the incredible things students are working on.

New Business

A. Approval of the 2020-21 School Calendar (Action Item) Elizabeth Davis

Beth Davis presented the final draft and agreement of the 2020-21 school calendar, which was reached with the Rochester Education Association (REA). The school calendar is a mandatory subject of bargaining and during negotiations with the REA earlier this school year, two calendars were created – one with a pre-Labor Day start and one a post-Labor Day start. It was the hope that the District would receive a pre-Labor Day start waiver from the Michigan Department of Education, which was granted in December 2019. The bargaining team re-reviewed the calendars, made a few changes based on recent changes in the law.

Board discussion included how this will affect the attendance incentive as well as whether or not Pre-K will follow the same calendar; reiterating that the calendar is a mandatory subject of bargaining and it is negotiated with the REA every year; echoing that any attendance issue should be discussed with building principal. Beth Davis also added that the Contract Maintenance Committee and the Councils on Teaching and Learning will carefully look at the impact of the changes to the calendar (pre-Labor Day start and moving first semester ending in December before winter break) to ensure positive results for our students.

Motion to approve the 2020-21 School Calendar, as presented.

Moved by: Mike Zabat

Supported by: Barb Anness

Vote: 6-0

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Moved by: Mike Zabat

Seconded by: Michelle Bueltel

Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christina Whitmore
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Andrea Walker Leidy
Acting Secretary, Board of Education