



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION (VIRTUAL) WORK SESSION

September 28, 2020 at 6:00 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, September 28, 2020 via Zoom Webinar and YouTube Live. President Kristin Bull called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present: Kristin Bull, Kevin Beers, Mike Zabat, Michelle Bueltel, 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, Cindy Lindner, Matt McDaniel, Pete Muscio, Dennis Markham, Michaiiah McCollum, Tracy Hizer, Tanya Regmont, Josh Wrinkle, Lisa Fosnaugh, Dave Pontzious, Marnie Barker, Pasquale Cusumano, Jeff Frankowiak, Bryan Lindstrom, Monica Wyrwicz, Sarah Davis, Bridget Cunningham and over 680 visitors.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Michelle Bueltel shared the 27 email communications received: District parents Eric Engblom, Justyna Maslowski, Jessica Druzinski, Danuta Kukulka, Elena Dinverno, and Kristina Hermiz addressed the board regarding feedback on remote learning. District parent Sarah Pogasic addressed the board regarding student assessments. District parents/students Matthew Mollan, Jill Kitka-Leonard, Rosemary Hannan, Aaron Arnaiz, Lia Barnett, Sarah Romain, Jennifer Mohl, Allie Miller, Anel Ledesma, Hany Salman, Scott Struzik, Julia Hieser, and Martin Nica addressed the board regarding return to school. District parents Erica Thomas, Traci Vrana, Aaron Arnaiz, Laura Cassar, and Douglas & Threasa Walser addressed the board regarding long-term rentals. District parent Jennifer Fredenberg addressed the board regarding Wellness Wednesdays. District community member Mary Purcell addressed the board regarding curriculum content.

Additional emails that were received, though not through the RCS website: District parents Nicole Goldstein, Janice Sulhan, Clark Skinner, Jason Strobel and Julie Stalker addressed the board regarding return to school. District parent Meredith McCutcheon addressed the board regarding communications

from the district. Teacher Sara Rosell addressed the board thanking them for their work. District parent Jessica Pitelka Opfer sent two emails regarding remote learning feedback.

Andrea Walker-Leidy and Kristin Bull both received many emails, all of which were contacted in return.

Barb Anness received two emails: Jennifer Enekes and Morgan King.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda

Lori Baggot (though she didn't end up speaking).

C. Members of the Board of Education

Michelle Bueltel received four email communications: Ray Summer, Sheila Thompson, Barb Sobczak and Jennifer Hinkle regarding feedback on returning to school and thanking the Board (Thompson).

Work Session

A. Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Update

Dr. Shaner reviewed the timeline since February 27 through present day.

Health and Mitigation

Tanya Regmont reviewed the following health and mitigation data and information: current Weekly COVID-19 Report for Oakland County; MDHHS Risk Mitigation matrix; OCHD guidance for in-person instruction; interim local health department and school district guidance; OCHD guidance on reporting a COVID-19 case at school; OCHD guidance on what schools do when symptoms occur at school; OCHD close contact quarantine guidelines; OCHD and RCS health screening processes; face covering requirements (Executive Order 2020-185); expanded medical professional services within the district; isolation room assessment and protocols; food allergy management and medical action plans.

Elizabeth Davis reviewed the staff screening process.

Board discussion included clarification on reading the categories on the weekly COVID-19 report from the OCHD; mask wearing protocols and breaks; current test turnaround time; the school nurse initiative; clarification on where numbers need to be in order to return fully in-person; medical provider note scenarios and protocols; nurse on-call for families who need access to a physician; contact tracing procedures and the importance of cohorting; face mask mandate and enforcement; temperature screening ineffectiveness; clarification on why we are looking at county data versus local, city-only data; infection and death rates; and accommodations for families and employees who have risk factors.

Operations and Facilities

Michaiah McCollum reviewed Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); cleaning protocols; and cleaning model.

Pete Muscio reviewed the routine preventative maintenance system and ongoing actions including HVAC and air handling equipment and an update to signage for buildings.

Dennis Markham reviewed transportation protocols and bus loading procedures.

Tracy Hizer reviewed the USDA waiver program and the cafeteria model.

Josh Wrinkle, Lisa Fosnaugh, Dave Pontzious reviewed the building principal checklist which includes on-going protocols, action steps and goals.

Board discussion included: clarification on the principal checklist and if parents will have to opportunity to view; classroom setup; Clorox 360 machine; facility rental reopening; additional cost associated with PPE, cleaning and Virtual Campus; cleaning of buses; loading/unloading of buses and how students are grouped; bus driver staffing; and legal guidance and requirements regarding transportation.

Curriculum and Instruction

Carrie Lawler reviewed the two learning environments (in-person/temporary remote and the RCS Virtual Campus); various accomplishments since the start of school; hybrid learning at the secondary level.

Cory Heitsch reviewed the in-person learning vision; scaling up of various groups/grades; and hybrid learning at the elementary level.

Marnie Barker and Dave Pontzious reviewed the elementary hybrid learning model schedule and the cohorting process.

Sarah Davis and Bridget Cunningham offered an overview from the elementary lens as it relates to lessons, synchronous/asynchronous learning, and the continuation of student services.

Pasquale Cusumano reviewed the secondary hybrid learning model and cohorting.

Monica Wyrwicz offered an overview from the secondary lens as it relates to hybrid and in-person lessons, synchronous/asynchronous learning, and the continuation of student services.

Concetta Lewis reviewed the in-person plan for special education programs and services and the hybrid learning model.

Jeff Frankowiak and Bryan Lindstrom updated the community on the RCS Virtual Campus current enrollment, staffing and courses, surveys to enhance continuous improvement and anticipated future activities.

Cindy Lindner reviewed student 1:1 device initiative, technology in our schools, operations, standardization, training and support.

Board discussion included: clarification on the hybrid learning model, asynchronous learning and instructional time; synchronous versus asynchronous learning teacher workload; expectations of student workload on asynchronous learning days; livestreaming; options for families who cannot return to in-person learning and the Virtual Campus is not viable; how will district evaluate hybrid or remote should we not be able to return to in-person learning; instructional plan for students in quarantine; the instructional content for the year; specials for elementary students.

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

Leslie Brown addressed the board regarding instructional time.

Nina Ignaczak addressed the board regarding the option of continuing with remote learning.

Lianara Garcia addressed the board regarding taking the PSAT.

Jessica Opfer addressed the board regarding the option of continuing with remote learning.

Jill Wills addressed the board regarding cohorting and asynchronous learning.
Caren Stajninger addressed the board regarding the possibility of using student teachers or subs guide students during asynchronous learning.
Grace Varghese addressed the board regarding option of continuing with remote learning.
Andrew Weaver addressed the board regarding returning to full in-person learning.
Christine Habib addressed the board regarding option of continuing with remote learning.
Zach Tippin addressed the board regarding option of continuing with remote learning.
Silvanna Abro addressed the board regarding option of continuing with remote learning.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 p.m.

Moved by: Andrea Walker-Leidy

Seconded by: Michelle Bueltel

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christina Whitmore
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education