



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

March 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM ~ Harrison Room

MINUTES

Call to Order

A Regular Meeting, open to the public, of the Board of Education for Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, March 11, 2019, in the Harrison Room. President Kristin Bull called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present: Kristin Bull, Kevin Beers, Barb Anness, Mike Zabat, Sandy Fiaschetti, Michelle Buelstel and Andrea Walker-Leidy

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Debi Fragomeni, Elizabeth Davis, Dana Taylor, Lori Grein, Carrie Lawler, Anne Evans, Jessica Thomas, Pete Muscio, Matt McDaniel, Jennifer Fickel, Brian Shelton, Jennifer Arsenault, Wendy Beitel, Doug Hill and approximately 30 visitors.

Spotlight in Success

Aaron Mize, teacher at Stoney Creek High School, introduced Teen Court and the four appointed court members. Teen Court works with the Oakland County Prosecutor's office to operate a court system for juvenile offenders in order to reduce additional offenses. Teen Court is in its second year of operation and they currently have about 70 students in the club.

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Barb Anness shared one communication from Jerry Russo which was received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting.

B. Student Representatives to the Board

Student representatives from ACE, Adams High School, Rochester High School, and Stoney Creek High School shared information about activities that took place in the school since the last meeting.

C. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None

D. PTA Council Update

PTA Council Vice President Lisa Roscoe updated the Board on recent and upcoming PTA district events.

Some of the events included:

- Legislative Meeting with Senator Mallory McMorrow
- REA PTA Council Board Meeting
- Founder's Day Celebration
- STEAM Fair
- Reflections Ceremony
- Prescription Drug Collection (during high school and middle school conferences)
- Sparkle Awards
- Michigan PTA Advocacy Day
- Next PTA Meeting is March 28th

E. Members of the Board of Education

Keith Hayen contacted Michelle regarding snow days in the district.
Laura Walsh contacted Barb regarding a reading session at Musson.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

A. Current Bills Payable for February 1, 2019 through February 28, 2019 in the amount of \$17,403,623.70

B. Board of Education Retreat Minutes, February 2, 2019

Moved by: Sandy Fiaschetti

Supported by: Kevin Beers

Vote: 7-0

Reports

A. Superintendent's Committee

Debi Fragomeni reported on the five administrators that are in China. She presented from the February 19, 2019, Superintendent Policy and Curriculum Committee. Items of discussion included: overview of RCS Summer Academy, Narcan Policy and the instructional organizational chart.

Dana Taylor presented from the January 28, 2019, and February 19, 2019, Superintendent Business and Operations Committee. Items of discussion included: (Jan 28th) Second Quarter Financials; Preliminary Caring Steps Budget Amendment; Food Service Excess Fund Balance; Series II Bond Issue; and Transportation Temporary Depot Site. (Feb 19th) General Fund Budget; Internal Accounts; Transportation RFP; and Sinking Fund.

B. Martin Luther King, Jr. Events Update

Robin Carter, Director of Instructional Equity and 504 Coordinator, presented feedback from attendees on both of the MLK, Jr. events held in January.

Recommendations for next year: make it a full-day event, more youth/students in attendance, more events like this more often and more solution-focused.

Robin shared that next year she is planning a student from each of the four high schools will be asked to be part of planning committee and the event; the panels will be in each of the four high schools for one week each. Robin is considering a full-day event as well as break-out sessions and will explore this with her committee. Focus for 2020: poverty, which was a hallmark of Dr. King's fight against inequity.

New Business

A. Human Resources Report

Chief Human Resources Officer Elizabeth Davis presented the following recommendations:

REA RESIGNATIONS

John Boren, Orchestra Teacher at Hart Middle School, submitted his letter of resignation effective March 11, 2019. Mr. Boren had been with the district since August 2018.

REA RETIREMENTS

Cynthia Branoff, 5th grade teacher at University Hills Elementary School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Branoff has been with the district since August, 2002.

Terri Bugli, Speech and Language Pathologist at Hampton Elementary School, submitted her letter of retirement effective at the end of the school year. Ms. Bugli has been with the district since August, 2002.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Human Resource Support Staff Specialist

After careful consideration, we are recommending that Jennifer Arsenault be appointed to the position of Human Resource Support Staff Specialist. Jennifer is currently the HR Data and Reporting Coordinator and has been in that position since 2018.

Jennifer has been employed by Rochester Community Schools since 2013 and has worked as a Special Education Clerk, Human Resources Secretary and Sub Services Secretary prior to her promotion to her current position in 2018. Prior to joining RCS, Jennifer worked at Huntington Ford for 18 years serving as Customer Relations Manager and Leasing Manager.

Motion to approve the Human Resources Report, as presented.

Moved by: Barb Anness

Supported by: Mike Zabat

Vote: 7-0

B. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, February 12, 2019

Motion to approve the Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, February 12, 2019, as presented.

Moved by: Barb Anness

Supported by: Kevin Beers

Vote: 5-0-2

C. Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes, February 25, 2019

Motion to approve the Board of Education Closed Meeting Minutes, February 25, 2019, as presented.

Moved by: Michelle Bueltel

Supported by: Kevin Beers

Vote: 6-0-1

D. Board of Education Work Session Minutes, February 25, 2019

Motion to approve the Board of Education Work Session Minutes, February 25, 2019, as presented.

Moved by: Mike Zabat

Supported by: Andrea Walker-Leidy

Vote: 6-0-1

E. Approval of Revision to Policy 5708, Second Reading

Beth Davis presented the Recommended Revisions to Policy 5708, Second Reading.

Beth Davis addressed the Board to answer their questions.

Motion to approve the Approval of Revision to Policy 5708, Second Reading, as presented.

Moved by: Sandy Fiaschetti

Supported by: Barb Anness

Vote: 7-0

Motion to amend to be effective upon receipt of the Narcan:

Moved by: Michelle Bueltel

Supported by: Kevin Beers

F. Construction Project Bid Awards

Recommendation for Award of Contracts and Approval of Current Project Costs for Meadow Brook Elementary Renovations

Dana Taylor presented the Recommendation for Award of Contracts and Approval of Current Project Costs for Meadow Brook Elementary Renovation. The recommendation was to award the contracts in the contract sum of \$833,006 plus allowances and contract management fees in the amount of \$275,932 for a total of current projects in the amount of \$1,108,938.

Mike Gagnon from Frank Rewold & Son addressed the Board to answer their questions.

Recommendation for Award of Contracts and Approval of Current Project Costs for University Hills Elementary Renovations

Dana Taylor presented the Recommendation for Award of Contracts and Approval of Current Project Costs for University Hills Elementary Renovation. The recommendation was to award the contracts in the contract sum of \$7,895,320 plus allowances and contract management fees in the amount of \$1,579,247 for a total of current projects in the amount of \$9,474,747.

Mike Gagnon from Frank Rewold & Son addressed the Board to answer their questions.

Recommendation for Award of Contracts and Approval of Current Project Costs for Athletic Fields Improvements

Dana Taylor presented the Recommendation for Award of Contracts and Approval of Current Project Costs for Athletic Field Improvements. The recommendation was to award the contracts in the contract sum of \$267,655 plus allowances and contract management fees in the amount of \$205,653 for a total of current projects in the amount of \$473,308.

Mike Gagnon from Frank Rewold & Son addressed the Board to answer their questions.

Recommendation for Award of Contract and Approval of Current Project Costs for Temporary Bus Parking Lots

Dana Taylor presented the Recommendation for Award of Contract and Approval of Current Project Costs for Temporary Bus Parking Lots in the amount of \$42,450, plus allowances and contract management fees in the amount of \$24,043 for a total of current projects in the amount of \$66,493.

Pete Muscio and Mike Gagnon addressed the Board to answer their questions.

Motion to approve the Construction Project Bid Awards, as presented.

Moved by: Kevin Beers

Supported by: Barb Anness

Vote: 7-0

G. Recommendation to Approve Budget Amendment

Dana Taylor presented the recommendation to approve the Budget Amendment of the 2018-2019 General Fund and Early Learning Center Fund budgets. The General Fund budget contains an increase in revenue of \$1,806,442 related to retirement increases, changes in grant allocations, and special education

reimbursement. The General Fund budget contains an increase in expenditures of \$1,805,242 related to changes in grant allocations, staffing updates, operational cost increases, transportation increases, and a transfer to the Early Learning Center Fund. The Early Learning Center Fund budget contains a decrease in revenue of \$1,885,980 and a decrease in expenditures of \$1,841,933. These changes reflect projections made based on current enrollment. Each budget amendment was reviewed in detail during the February 25 Board of Education work session held at Stoney Creek High School.

Dana Taylor addressed the Board to answer their questions.

Motion to approve the Recommendation to Approve Budget Amendment, as presented.

Moved by: Andrea Walker-Leidy

Supported by: Mike Zabat

Vote: 7-0

H. Resolution Authorizing Issuance of 2019 School Building and Site Bonds

This resolution is required in order to issue Series II of the bonds approved by the community in the November 3, 2015 election. Series I was issued in the spring of 2016. We anticipate that the bonds will be priced in late April and anticipate the sale will close in early May 2019.

Dana Taylor addressed the Board to answer their question.

Moved by: Michelle Bueltel

Supported by: Kevin Beers

Vote: 7-0

I. Approval for Barb Anness to attend the NSBA Advocacy Institute Conference in Washington D.C. on January 26-30, in the amount of \$2,968.60. Source of funding: General Fund

Moved by: Sandy Fiaschetti

Supported by: Michelle Bueltel

Barb was awarded a \$500 scholarship that will offset some of this cost.

Vote: 6-0-1

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting – None

B. Members of the Administration

Debi Fragomeni talked about March is Reading Month and highlighted the various reading engagements she and Dr. Shaner have taken part in as well as some of the Board and community members.

Lori Grein reminded the Board about the Caring Steps Open House on Saturday, April 13 from 9am-2pm.

Lori also reminded the Board of the 14th annual Hometown Hustle on Saturday, May 11th.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Kristin shared that the Board will be making a donation to the Hometown Hustle again this year.

Barb attended the Musson PTA Meeting where the peer-to-peer conflict resolution program, Peacemakers, was highlighted. Michelle, Barb and Kristin attended the Founders Day ceremony. Barb also attended the Reflections Program and presented the literature participants. Eight students went on to the State level and from there they go to Nationals! Barb and Michelle attended the OCSBA Government Relations Committee where the highlights of the Governor's Proposed Education Budget. Finally, Barb will be going back to DC on March 12th for the National PTA Federal Legislative Conference where she is the Chair for the Michigan PTA. The purpose of this conference is to speak with legislators about providing equitable and continued investments in kids.

Michelle attended the Founders Day Celebration and shared that Barb was awarded for Super Advocacy.

Kevin went to the International Fair at Hamlin which was very well attended and a great event. He also attended the SCHS/Hugger Charity Event (students vs. staff basketball game) for the Smith family where \$8,000 was raised.

Kristin announced the MOD Pizza fundraising event on March 14th where 20% of each bill will be donated to ACE High School. She also mentioned Dr. Shaner's six year work anniversary with RCS. Kristin is looking forward to the safe return of the RCS Team who traveled to China and to learn about their adventures.

Announcements

March 20 - Sparkle Awards, Stoney Creek High School, 7:00 p.m.

March 25 - Board of Education Work Session, Adams High School, 7:00 p.m.

March 29 - End of 3rd Quarter

April 1 - 7 - Spring Break

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Moved by: Mike Zabat

Seconded by: Michelle Bueltel

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christina Whitmore
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Barbara Ames
Secretary, Board of Education