

# **ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING / STUDY SESSION**

February 4, 2013

### **MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting, Open to the Public, of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, February 4, 2013, in the Rochester Community Schools Administration Center, 501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan. President Beth Talbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Beth Talbert, Lisa Nowak, Pat Piskulich, Jennifer Berwick, Chuck Coutteau, Jane Pierobon, Michael Zabat

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tresa Zumsteg, Dan Romzek, Beth Davis, Debbi Hartman, Lori Hartnell, Jeff Mozdierz, John Stoner, Mike Dillon, Michael Behrman, Dan Mooney, Doug Hill, Christine Keener and approximately 25 visitors.

#### **ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT** – West Middle School, Celebrating the Arts (School Play – Annie)

West Middle School students celebrated the arts by giving a small sampling of their performance of “Annie” that took place at Rochester High School.

#### **REPORTS**

##### **A. Superintendent’s Update**

Dr. Zumsteg introduced Owen Groesser and congratulated him on the exciting developments since his two three point shots at the Van Hoosen basketball game. Dr. Zumsteg and Mrs. Talbert presented him with an award for his achievement.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **B. Secretary of the Board of Education**

Dr. Piskulich shared the following communications that the Board of Education received since the prior meeting: Paul Rasmussen regarding the condition of the Rochester Adams Running Track; Antoneta Baftiu regarding concerns at her child’s school; Christine Deyo, Barb Anness and David Walsh regarding the Superintendent candidates; Laura Esshaki regarding half day kindergarten; Rob and Kathleen Roy recognized Dr. Zumsteg for her exceptional service during her short tenure as interim Superintendent of Rochester Community Schools. As well as their belief that arts education is important.; Dominic Galia, Rose Marie Polulak and Stephen Gabriel regarding communication and transportation concerns; and Megan Cebulski regarding dangerous conditions on Sheldon Road and giving recognition to the staff at Hugger Elementary.

##### **C. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None**

##### **D. Members of the Board of Education**

Mrs. Pierobon shared the following comments she received at the Board Chat this evening: Paul Rasmussen, Laura and Jamie Morrissey, Eric Lohr regarding the poor condition of the track at Adams High School.

Ms. Nowak shared communication she received from Andrew and Sarah Blockno about a concern with their son's education.

Mrs. Talbert shared communication she received from Erin Bates regarding transportation issues; a letter from PAC announcing the Sparkle Awards on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 from 7-9 p.m.; and she also acknowledged Rochester High School for the handmade wooden pens from the students.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Superintendent's Employment Agreement (Action Item) Mrs. Talbert**

A motion was made to approve the Superintendent's Employment Agreement with Dr. Robert Shaner from March 1, 2013 until June 30, 2016 as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau  
Supported by: Mr. Piskulich

Vote: 7-0

A copy of the Superintendent's Employment Agreement will be posted on the district website.

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

### **A. Citizens Present at the Meeting**

Paul Rasmussen, parent, addressed the Board of Education regarding the condition of the Adams High School running track.

Jamie Morrissey, student, addressed the Board of Education regarding the condition of the Adams High School running track.

Budd Ciccirelli, retired coach, addressed the Board of Education regarding the missing finishing coat of the Adams High School running track and how to make the track last longer.

### **B. Members of the Administration – None**

### **C. Members of the Board of Education**

Mrs. Nowak along with Mrs. Talbert and Mrs. Bueltel attended a meeting in Lansing that discussed the Center for Michigan "Conversations" with Michigan citizens regarding their views of education in Michigan.

Dr. Piskulich judged a forensic competition at the IA and expressed his hope that the district could start a forensics program.

Mrs. Talbert attended the RAYA spaghetti dinner, where Dr. Piskulich, as the RAYA liaison, assisted with the event.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Upcoming RCS Events**

February 11, 2013 7:00 P.M., Board of Education Regular Meeting, Harrison Room

February 25, 2013 7:00 P.M., Board of Education Regular Meeting & Study Session, Harrison Room

## **STUDY SESSION**

### **A. Future Trends for State and Local School Budgets (Informational Item) Mr. Romzek**

Mr. Romzek provided an overview of the general economic climate, then led the Board through a presentation of state and district finances, and he presented a budget calendar for the 2013-14 budget adoption.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Zabat

Supported by: Mrs. Berwick

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

  
Secretary, Board of Education