

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING / STUDY SESSION

May 20, 2013

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting / Study Session of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, May 20, 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, Pat Piskulich, Jennifer Berwick, Chuck Coutteau, Jane Pierobon, Mike Zabat

Members Absent: Lisa Nowak with notice

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Dan Romzek, Beth Davis, Debbi Hartman, Irene Larson, Debi Fragomeni, Dave Harwell, Anne Evans, Betty Crowder, Sheila Scovic, Cheryl Gambaro, Doug Hill, Christine Keener and approximately 20 visitors.

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

A. GCA Scholarship Presentation

Mr. Romzek, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs, introduced Wulf Werner, Rob Carson and Todd Fleming from GCA Services who presented the Board of Education with a check in the amount of \$10,000 to be applied toward student scholarships.

B. RHS Chamber Choir

The RHS Chamber Choir members, directed by Jolene Plotzke, performed for the Board of Education. This Chamber Choir received the highest honor by the state of Michigan to participate in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival (MYAF) as the "Most Outstanding Choir" and was featured at the MYAF Gala concert on May 10, 2013 on the campus of Western Michigan University in the Miller Auditorium.

C. Excellence in Education Award Winners

Mrs. Hartman, Manager of RCS Foundation and Communications, and Mr. and Mrs. John Pino, MEEMIC Insurance, presented the Pino Agency Excellence in Education Awards to: Laura Duff, Jennifer Lamar, Irene Larson, Judy Pulte, and Erin Rodger.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mr. Piskulich shared the following communications that the Board of Education received since the prior meeting: Joshua Lee inviting school board members to attend the LGBT empowerment event on Thursday, June 6, 2013 from 7pm- 9pm at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church (1550 Walton Rd); Lois Davis regarding Stoney Creek HS Engineering and Architecture students' success at the Michigan Industrial Technology Education Society regional and state competition; and Noah Kusky regarding changes to school curriculum and teaching students "real world" skills.

Mr. Piskulich also shared the following comment that he and Mr. Zabat received at the Board Chat this evening: Rich Maikoski regarding his thoughts on the RACE program reconfiguration.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None

C. Members of the Board of Education – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2013-2014 Budget Recommendation to the Board of Education (Discussion Item) Mr. Romzek

Mr. Romzek presented the preliminary budget recommendation to the Board. The recommendation shows revenues of \$153 million, expenditures of \$154 million with a deficit of \$1.2 million, which falls within the budget variance. The fund balance is projected to be 11.4%. These figures would be adjusted if the information from Lansing should change before the adoption of the budget on June 17, 2013. The Board asked a number of questions relating to unanticipated expenditures and their impact on the proposal.

REPORTS

A. Human Resources Recommendations (Action Item) Ms. Davis

Ms. Davis, Chief Human Resource Officer, presented the following recommendations:

NEW HIRE

Mr. Timothy Novak, Enrichment and Athletics Supervisor

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Ms. Alice Anglin, Life Skills Teacher, Rochester High School

Ms. Aimee Greene, Science Teacher, Hart Middle School

RETIREMENTS

Ms. Janice Megerian, Business Teacher, Adams High School

Ms. Linda Davis, Resource Teacher, Hart Middle School

Ms. Deborah Campbell, Resource Teacher, Long Meadow Elementary School

Ms. Judy Brinker, Fifth Grade Teacher, Hamlin Elementary School

A motion was made to approve the Human Resources Recommendation as presented.

Moved by: Mrs. Berwick

Supported by: Mr. Piskulich

Vote: 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

A. Oakland Intermediate School District's 2013-14 Budgets (Action Item) Mr. Romzek

Mr. Romzek recommended that the Rochester Community School's Board of Education approve the resolution supporting the Oakland Intermediate School District's Proposed Budgets for the 2013-14. This resolution is in compliance with Section 380.624(2) of the Michigan School Code.

A motion was made to approve the Oakland Intermediate School District's 2013-14 Budgets as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Zabat
Supported by: Mr. Coutteau
Vote: 6-0

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting – None

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner commented on all the great things going on at the end of the school year including the A.C.E. Senior Celebration Ceremony and the Hometown Hustle.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Dr. Piskulich attended the 5th grade Student Specialty Projects event at Musson, and acknowledged the Brooklands Bear Den Dad's Club for receiving PTA state recognition for having the most male involvement. Mrs. Pierobon also attended the Hometown Hustle and the A.C.E. Senior Celebration Ceremony. Mrs. Talbert and other Board members attended the Stoney Creek Award of Excellence award ceremony.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming RCS Events

May 21, 2013	Community Scholarship Reception, 7:00 P.M., SCHS Auditorium
May 23, 2013	International Academy Graduation, 7:00 P.M., Detroit Opera House
May 27, 2013	Memorial Day Holiday - No School (K-12)
May 28, 2013	RACE Graduation, 7:00 P.M., RHS Auditorium
May 29, 2013	RHS Convocation, 7:00 P.M., RHS Auditorium
May 30, 2013	AHS Honors Convocation/Dedication, 12:30 P.M., AHS Auditorium
June 3, 2013	Board of Education Regular Mtg., 7:00 P.M., Administration Center
June 4, 2013	AHS Commencement, 7:30 P.M., Ultimate Soccer
June 5, 2013	RHS Commencement, 7:30 P.M., Ultimate Soccer
June 6, 2013	SCHS Commencement, 7:30 P.M., Ultimate Soccer
June 11, 2013	Half Day of School for Students (6-11); AM Exams
June 12, 2013	Half Day of School for Students (K-11); AM Exams Last Day for Elementary Students (K-5)
June 13, 2013	Half Day of School for Students (6-11); AM Exams Last Day of School for Grades 6-11 Fourth Marking Period/Second Semester/School Year Ends
June 17, 2013	Truth in Budget Hearing, 6:45 P.M., Administration Center
June 17, 2013	Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Administration Center

STUDY SESSION

A. 2012 MEAP Results Focusing on Science (Informational Item) Ms. Larson

Ms. Larson led the Board in a discussion of the MEAP scores, highlighting the upward trends, explaining the drop science scores and how the teaching of science has changed over the years. The Board participated in an exercise demonstrating this change.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Zabat

Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon

Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education