

BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1
September 26, 2023

A Board Workshop of the Redford Union Board of Education was held on September 26, 2023, at MacGowan (District Meeting Room)., Redford Twp., MI 48240.

Board Workshop
Meeting
9/26/2023

Call to Order:

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President Pridemore called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call

Roll Call

Present: Bailey, Dean, Miller, Moores, Osowski, and Pridemore

Absent: None.

Please note there is one (1) Board Vacancy, effective September 9/1/2023.

President Remarks:

President's Remarks

President Pridemore welcomed everyone and asked that everyone please place their cell phones on silent. She thanked the candidates for coming and thanked them for their interest.

President Pridemore explained the interview process and confirmed the qualifications. She asked that each candidate sign an affidavit attesting to being a resident of the Redford Union School district, a registered voter in the Redford Union School district, at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state of Michigan for at least 30 days. She stated if they did not meet all of those qualifications, they would not be eligible to sit on the board. She gave an affidavit to each candidate asking that they attest to it, and she reminded them that dishonesty is punishable under perjury.

President Pridemore announced that the Agenda would be amended due to Ms. Elizabeth Smith had withdrawn her interest in the open seat.

Call to the Audience for Public Participation Regarding Agenda Items:

None.

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Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Agenda as amended

It was moved by Member Osowski, seconded by Member Bailey, to adopt the Agenda of September 26, 2023, Board Workshop as amended.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Workshop:

Interview for Board Vacancy:

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- Elizabeth Smith – Interest in the open seat was withdrawn
- Kiana Schuster

Ms. Schuster was asked to tell the Board who she was and why she wanted to be on the board.

There were questions and answers. Each Board member had the opportunity to ask two-three questions and a follow up question(s).

The Board thanked Ms. Schuster.

- LaKeya Martin

Ms. Martin was asked to tell the Board who she was and why she wanted to serve.

Ms. Martin read her introduction letter to the Board.

There were questions and answers. Each Board member had the opportunity to ask two-three questions and a follow up question(s).

The Board thanked Ms. Martin.

President Pridemore explained that the Board would not make a nomination until their next meeting. The Board would complete the workshop work and then they would adjourn, reconvene, and make a nomination in the special meeting.

Board Policy Review – Section 2000 – Students

Board Policy
Review
Section 2000 –
Students

Superintendent Witt provided the Board with a draft copy of the revisions on Section 2007 Health and Safety – Programs and Activities, Wellness, and Naloxone (Narcan) Nasal Spray. This draft was a follow up to the feedback that the Board gave at the last meeting on the 2000 policies.

Superintendent Witt mentioned that Ms. Dillard, Executive Director of Student Services worked earlier this year in August and provided staff with the opportunity on the first professional development day to have training in the use of Narcan and as part of that training, they actually received one dosage or two dosages of naloxone. They were given background on both the reasons why the fentanyl crisis exists and how significant that crisis really is then some of our staff were able to partake in that training on that day just a couple of weeks ago now, we brought in those same individuals from an outside organization to do Narcan training for the entire administrative leadership team of the district.

Similarly, the administrative leadership team went through the same training. He explained the reason all staff were not trained at that time was because there were multiple professional development sessions that needed to take place that day. But as of now, our administrative leadership team has been trained, and they would be working with the District's Council on the policies. This entire policy book just developed some language regarding the fact of how and when Naloxone might be utilized in the school setting. Those were the two areas that were talked about potentially being brought back for future consideration by the board. If they were going to add these modifications and bring the recommendation forward to change this language. Our current process most often times is a first reading and a second reading process which would take place at the actual board meeting not a workshop. The workshops are for going through the policy book and getting feedback on things that might need to be added or revised.

Trustee Bailey asked about Section 2001 – Children of Non-Resident Employees.

Superintendent Witt explained the policy.

Superintendent Witt will work with the District's legal counsel to try to get a policy ready for first reading at the October Regular Meeting.

Board Policy – Section 3000 – Curriculum & Instruction

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Section 3000 was just being introduced to the Board. Superintendent Witt asked if anything stood out to them now, he welcomed those questions. This section would be on the Board workshop agenda for any further discussion and questions at our October Board workshop.

President Pridemore encouraged the Board to go through Section 3000 and if there are concerns questions, jot them down, send her an e-mail so that they could have a deeper dive in October.

Superintendent Witt iterated what President Pridemore said about Section 3000.

Trustee Bailey asked about Section 2000 – Child Find and if the District does actually locate every student residing in the school or church who may be a student with a disability.

Superintendent Witt responded that Child Find is a legal obligation and that the District does comply with it. He also mentioned that Ms. Dillard talked about it at the previous meeting.

Ms. Dillard was not present at tonight's meeting.

Trustee Bailey would like Ms. Dillard to provide an answer to his questions; does the District identify and locate every student residing in the school district? If yes, what range of disability?

Superintendent stated he would ask Ms. Dillard and get the information to Trustee Bailey.

Future Meeting Dates:

Future Meeting
Dates

Tuesday, September 26, 2023, Special Meeting – Immediately following the Board Workshop, MacGowan School (District Meeting Room), 18255 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI 48240

Monday, October 9, 2023, Regular Meeting – 5:00 PM
MacGowan School (District Meeting Room), 18255 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI 48240

Tuesday, October 24, 2023, Board Workshop – 5:30 PM
MacGowan School (District Meeting Room), 18255 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI 48240

Adjournment:

It was Moved by Member Osowski, Seconded by Member Moores, to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 PM.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted

Lorna Dean
Secretary
Redford Union Schools
Board of Education