

Richmond Community Schools

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of 03-26-2018

7:00 pm on March 26, 2018 in the Richmond High School Media Center

MISSION STATEMENT

At Richmond Community Schools, we provide a quality education that empowers students to be successful in a global community.

A Regular Meeting of the Richmond Board of Education was held on Monday, March 26, 2018 in the Richmond High School Media Center, 35320 Division, Richmond, MI 48062

1. CALL TO ORDER

President, Margaret Teltow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE

The Pledge was led this evening by members of the High School Science Olympiad, instructed by Mr. Roodbeen. The following students were in attendance: Emily Cmarik, Allison Ingman, Megan McCallister, Danon Morton, Noah Rhein, Madeline Rigole, Breanna Sharpe, Nichalus Systemann, Cody Tomlingson, Jordan Valentine, Kendal Valentine

3. MISSION STATEMENT

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4. ROLL CALL

Members Present: M. Teltow, R. Edberg, D. Wirth, T. Bartell,
K. Furtaw, S. Gillies

Members Absent: Kyle Simmons with notice

Others Present: D. Michon, T. Schadd, D. Kochan, K. Bartels, A. Birkmeier

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5. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion: Moved by member R. Edberg and supported by S. Gillies to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Carries (6-0)

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Moved by member T. Bartell and supported by K. Furtaw to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Carries (6-0)

7. TRUE BLUE MOMENT:

A. Scholastic Art Competition/Anton Art Show:

Art Instructors Leah Kaganac, Reen Shannon, and Jackie Davidson gave a presentation on their Scholastic Art Award and Anton Art Show Winners.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT :

A public comment was made by a parent who thanked several high school staff members for their involvement in the extra-curricular programs at school and thanked the board members for their support.

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9. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT-Haley Fortuna

Elementary School:

- March is still reading month and several staff members and board members have been reading books to the students in various classrooms.
- Ms. Durst led a “Reading Leads to Careers” activity where alumni visited and answered questions.

Middle School:

- Spring sports have started.
- A Read-a-thon will be held on March 28th.
- The 6th grade band and choir performed recently for the fifth graders.

High School:

- The School Safety assembly was a success.
- At the assembly, thirty four seniors registered to vote, students pledged seventeen acts of kindness with the Key Club, and Mr. Rineer provided a sample letter to help students contact their State Representatives.
- The mock trial group placed 10th at the recent State competition. It was their first time making it to States.
- The Science Olympiad competed on March 17th and medaled in four events.
- Spring sports have begun which include Varsity Baseball, Track, and Varsity Girls Soccer.

10. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Legislative:

- The Legislature is preparing for the fall elections and will have more than 44 open seats this November.
- Senate Bills 103-106 are in regard to truancy and the amendments proposed by the state regard the following: The definition of “in attendance,” the definition of “unexcused absence”, and the definition of “excused absence”.
- House Bill 4106 allows students in grades 9-12 to participate in internships and work experiences for high school credit so long as certain criteria are met.
- The Senate Education Committee passed Senate Bills 795-796, which would ban union leave time in public contracts, as well as any paid union release or leave time on a party-line vote.

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- The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on School Aid released its budget proposal as Senate Bill 863. Overall, the budget is 96.6 million above Governor Rick Snyder's recommendation. It includes a per pupil foundation increase of \$115-230 distributed through the 2x formula.
- The Senate Committee on Oversight heard testimony and voted on Senate Bill 882 which would allow school boards to meet in a closed session to consider security planning to address existing threats or prevent potential threats to the safety of students and staff.
- Senate Bill 885 revises the waiver requirement to start school after Labor Day. The bill allows a waiver granted by the State Superintendent to remain valid until the school district notifies the MDE that the waiver is no longer needed.

School News:

- On Friday, April 20, 2018, the District has six tickets to the Elected Official Breakfast Forum, sponsored by the Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce. Speakers will be Mark Hackel (Macomb County Executive) and Jeff Bohm (St. Clair County Board of Commissioners), as well as elected local officials from the City and Townships.
- As an outgrowth of the student lead assembly on school safety and the political process on March 14, 2018, Superintendent Walmsley reached out to US Senator Debbie Stabenow, US Senator Gary Peters, US Representative Paul Mitchell, Governor Rick Snyder, Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley, MI Senator Phil Pavlov, MI Senator Jack Brandenburg, MI Representative Jeff Yaroch, and MI Representative Pamela Hornberger to participate in a forum about school safety with Richmond High School students.

11. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Since it is "March is Reading Month", each member at the board table shared a brief description of a book that they are reading or have recently read.
- Ryan Edberg said he had read to the students in class and enjoyed the experience.
- Margaret Teltow said she always enjoys reading to the students and also loved attending the "Mock Trial".

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12. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of Overnight Trip – States for Forensics (4-26 to 4-28)

Motion: Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by T. Bartell to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the overnight trip to the Forensic State Competition on April 26, 2018 through April 28, 2018 as presented in the attached documentation.

Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Carries (6-0)

B. Approval of Board Policy 7250 – Commemoration of School Building, Facilities and Objects

Motion: Moved by member T. Bartell and supported by K. Furtaw to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve Board Policy 7250 and the corresponding form as presented in the attached documentation.

Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Carries (6-0)

C. Approval of Series Three Bond Sale

Motion: Moved by member K. Furtaw and supported by S. Gillies to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Bond Sale resolution for the Third Series (Series C) as presented.

Roll Call: All Ayes: K. Furtaw, R. Edberg, T. Bartell, S. Gillies, D. Wirth,
M. Teltow
Nays: None
Motion Carries (6-0)

13. ADJOURNMENT

President, Margaret Teltow concluded the meeting and adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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