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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of 4-11-2016

7:00 pm on April 11, 2016 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.

REGULAR Meeting Minutes of 4-11-2016

A Regular Meeting of the Richmond Board of Education was held on Monday, April 11, 2016, 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 the following students from the American Sign Language Class led by Mrs. Melanie Cochrill from the Middle School: Ashley Halligan, Kaylee Keilman, Ava Moskwa, Emma Shuboy, and Lauryn Ziza. Kinsey and Annabella Cochrill also assisted.

3. MISSION STATEMENT

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

4. ROLL CALL

Members Present: M. Teltow, D. Hill, T. Bartell, S. Gillies, K. Furtaw, K. Simmons, Jeff Theut

Members Absent: None

Others Present: A. Birkmeier, K. Bartels, D. Mangune, V. Laseke, D. Michon, S. Matuszewski, T. Till, N. Laratonda, K. Bruyneel, L. Ottenbacher, L. McCoy, S. Neumann, M. Schack

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5. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion: Moved by member K. Simmons and supported by S. Gillies to amend the agenda and move Item #12 Public Comment to #8 and approve the agenda as amended.

Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Carries (7-0)

6. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Claims and Accounts
- C. Minutes from Previous Meetings
 - 1. March 14, 2016 – Regular Meeting
 - 2. March 28, 2016 – Regular Meeting
 - 3. March 28, 2016 – Closed Session Minutes

Motion: Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by T. Bartell to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the consent agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: Ayes: T. Bartell, M. Teltow, S. Gillies, D. Hill,
K. Furtaw, K. Simmons, J. Theut
Nays: None
Motion Carries (7-0)

7. CLOSED SESSION – STUDENT DISCIPLINE REVIEW HEARING

Motion: Moved by member D. Hill and supported by S. Gillies to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and move to closed session for a student discipline review hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Voice Vote: Ayes: T. Bartell, M. Teltow, S. Gillies, D. Hill,
K. Furtaw, K. Simmons, J. Theut
Nays: None
Motion Carries (7-0)

Returned to open session at 7:44 p.m.

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8. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public comments were made by various middle school teachers and one student regarding their approval and request to continue the 7 period day at the middle school.

9. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Haley Fortuna
Elementary School Update: March is Reading Month has ended and the students logged 132,000 minutes. That means that Ms. Borwick will get pie in her face and Mr. Mangune will have eggs broken on his head.

Middle School Update: Last week the Final Four took place with students and their dads having breakfast together. On Wednesday, April 12, the 5th through 8th grade students will be taking the M-Step.

High School Update: On Tuesday, April 11, 2016, the juniors will be taking the SAT test. EnRichmond will take place this Friday night on April 15th. There will be art and music and food. It will be held at the high school from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Question from Students:

How should the student body choose a dress code?

Response from Mr. Walmsley was to begin with the principal or assistant principal. The code of conduct is reviewed in the Spring for board approval.

10. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

School Update:

- SAT testing takes place tomorrow for the Juniors
- The DTE planned power outages in Richmond last Monday and today have caused us some inconveniences.

Legislative Update:

- The Legislature is returning from its two week Spring Break. Budgets will be the priority over the next few weeks.
- Before the break the Senate passed their Detroit Public School Reform legislation. The bills head to the House for consideration but face an uncertain future as the House appropriations Committee continues to work on their version of DPS reform.
- The third grade reading bill 4822 was able to pass the Senate, but the House refused to concur with the Senate's changes. The bill will head to conference where both the House and Senate will work toward more compromising language.

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11. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Traci Bartels – Reminded everyone that EnRichmond will take place this Friday on April 15, 2016, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the high school. This is one of the major fund raisers for the Richmond Education Foundation which is now in its fourth year. The foundation helps to fund scholarships for senior students and grants for teachers. There will be plenty of art, music and food for all.

Margaret Teltow – Announced that it was Assistant Principal's week and thanked Ms. Borwick and Mr. Bourdeau for their dedication.

12. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Request for Overnight Trip to Florida – Stacy Neumann and Molly Schack requested approval for the 2016-17 trip to Florida to visit Disney and Epcot for band and choir workshops. The departure date is April 27, 2017 to April 30, 2017. It is open to band and choir students in grades 9-12. Action will take place at the next board meeting on April 25, 2016.
- B. Creative Curriculum Presentation - Mr. Birkmeier, Curriculum Director, Mr. Mangune, Lee Elementary Principal, Lindsey McCoy, GSRP Teacher, Laura Ottenbacher, GSRP Teacher and Katie Bruyneel, Early Childhood Center Director and Three year old Preschool Teacher, presented information on Creative Curriculum. Creative Curriculum is supported by the MISD, research based and brings consistency among all Preschool Programs. It is a balancing act of learning through play.
- C. MISD Budget Presentation – Member Kyle Simmons gave an overview of the MISD Budget Presentation that he attended at the MISD Keith Bovenschen School on March 31, 2016. He said that the MISD's funding comes from property taxes and they are currently at a deficit. Since they saved money from the past they are able to use money from the general fund and are able to maintain the same level of services.
- D. 2016 – 17 Budget Presentation
 - i. Middle School Student Achievement Data – Mr. Keith Bartels, Principal of the Richmond Middle School presented NWEA data for grades 5-8.
 - ii. Special Education Function Codes – Mr. Walmsley reviewed the function codes in the budget that represent special education and gave an update on enrollment projections.

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- iii. MESSA Insurance Rates for 2016-17 – Vicki Laseke, Business Manager, reviewed the new healthcare rates for 2016-17 with a presentation. She said that public employers must solicit from different carriers four or more bids when establishing a medical benefit plan every three years. This upcoming school year is the year to solicit those bids, so they will be looking at the options. The current MESSA rates have increased.

13. ACTION ITEMS

A. Student 102615 Discipline Hearing

Motion: Moved by member D. Hill and supported by S. Gillies to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and revise the Reinstatement of Student 102615, per the Discipline Review Hearing conducted on April 11, 2016, on a reduced schedule as determined by the Superintendent of Schools, effective immediately. The Board hereby grants the Superintendent the authority to increase Student 102615 instruction hours as the educational plan is implemented and achieved. The Superintendent of Schools shall also determine the appropriate on-site educational setting, including food service and transportation options, as well as course of study for Student 102615. Should the parent or guardian of Student 102615 not agree with the terms of the Discipline Review Hearing, the board's reinstatement shall revert back to the decision on October 26, 2015.

Voice Vote: Ayes: T. Bartell, M. Teltow, S. Gillies, D. Hill,
K. Furtaw, K. Simmons, J. Theut
Nays: None
Motion Carries (7-0)

14. CLOSED SESSION – CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Motion: Moved by member T. Bartell and supported by S. Gillies to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and move to closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations.

Voice Vote: Ayes: T. Bartell, M. Teltow, S. Gillies, D. Hill,
K. Furtaw, K. Simmons, J. Theut
Nays: None
Motion Carries (7-0)

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Returned to Open Session at 10:50 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President, Margaret Teltow concluded the meeting and adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

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