

Richmond Community Schools

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of 12-11-2017

7:00 pm on December 11, 2017 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, December 11, 2017, 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 Girl Scout Troop #75076 and Students and Staff from the Early Learning Childhood Center. Members in attendance were:

Mrs. Rapier and the following students from her Three Year and Four Year Old Preschool: Sophia Booth, Jason Dupuis, Ashlyn Grabski, Alexandra Hawkins, Eli Neff, Chloe Schemansky, Easton Stier, Parker Sutherland, Ethan Teschler, Michael Turoski, Allison Mikolasik, Natalie Mikolasik, Lillia Nestell, Stella Paitz, Madelyn Sabens.

Ms. Kuku and the following students from her Three Year Old Preschool Class:

Ava Hill, Aubree Parks, Benjamin Rzeszutek

Ms. Spratke and the following students from her Four Year Old Preschool Class:

Logan Gillies, Katelyn Mordan, Mitchell Ottenbacher, Jett Towner, Mackenzie Wyckstandt.

Ms. LaGrois and the following students from her Four Year Old Preschool and Her Great Start Readiness Program:

John Birkmeier, Zerillius Eisler, Noah Rapier, Bryce Rush, Evalynn Schoof, Farrah Teltow, Mayella Manska, Aiden Paul, Noah Rapier.

Ms. Ottenbacher and the following students from her Great Start Readiness Program:

Emma Beauleax, Luke Beste, Liam Boettcher, Eric Ferszt, Hank Schafer.

Also in attendance were preschool aides, Kathi Miller and Jessica Girard.

Also in attendance were members from Girl Scout Troup #75076 led by Julie Jagoda:

Abigail Bergeon, Emily Gillies, Anna Jagoda, Ashlyn Kramer, Kylie Kramer, Skylar Marcial.

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3. MISSION STATEMENT

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4. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent:

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

5. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

7. TRUE BLUE MOMENT:

A. Richmond Early Learning Childhood Center:

Ms. Napier, Director of the Early Childhood Center and Preschool Teacher Trudy Rapiere, spoke on behalf of the Staff and gave a brief presentation on the positive things that are going on in the Center. The students then performed some holiday songs for the audience.

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8. PRESENTATIONS:

A. Girl Scout Troop #75076

Mrs. Jagoda and the students from Girl Scout Troup #75076 read a letter that they wrote to the School Board. In order to earn their badges for Leadership Skills, they were asked to identify a situation or problem and figure out a way to solve it. Their letter referred to the fact that last year there were many viruses going around in the schools. Their suggestions to solve the problem were to have the desks and doorknobs wiped off daily and to have hand sanitizer in every room. They even offered to volunteer to help clean classrooms.

B. Richmond Education Foundation Mini-Grant Recipients

President of the Richmond Education Foundation, Mr. Rich Michaels, presented certificates to the following teachers who received Mini-Grants:

Jacqueline Davidson – Collograph Printing Mini-Grant

Ronda LaGrois – Fine Motor Activities for Preschoolers Mini-Grant

Tamera Wilson – Preschool Educational Game Centers Mini-Grant

C. Freshman Sports Update

The District General Fund does not fund freshman athletics so a report is periodically reviewed to make sure there are enough funds. Mr. Walmsley presented the 2017 Freshman Sports Update. According to the Freshman Sports Balance sheet there will be enough money to continue to fund the current 2017-18 school year.

9. CLOSED SESSION (A): Attorney Client Communication

Motion: Moved by member K. Simmons and supported by T. Bartell to move to closed session for an attorney client communication at 7:37 p.m.

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

Returned to open session at 7:50 p.m.

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10. PRESENTATION:

A. City of Richmond Public Utility Easement Request:

City Manager, Jon Moore, and Department of Public Works Director, Jim Goetzinger, were in attendance to present their request for a City of Richmond Public Utility Easement. Two options were presented. Option A was as presented in the Spring of 2017 for an easement along the school's western property line, but stopping at the lift station next to the middle school. Option B includes the easement going out to Division Road.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

12. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT-Haley Fortuna

Lee School:

- A Santa Shop will take place during library time which gives students an opportunity to shop for their families.
- On December 19th, there will be a PBIS assembly.
- On December 21st there will be a school wide sing along at 10:30 a.m.

Middle School:

- The Spelling Bee will take place on December 18th.
- The Geography Bee will take place on December 20th.
- A PBIS Student Government reward pep assembly will be held on December 21st.

High School:

- Students are gearing up for Christmas.
- There will be a door decorating contest next week.
- DECA students are working hard for their competition next month.

13. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Mr. Walmsley reported that today the students and staff attended the strategic planning forum. Tonight was the parent/community forum held at the Middle School.
- Members of the Key Club were present at the breakfast with Santa and there were many positive comments on their conduct and the Lion's Club expressed their gratitude.

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14. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Member Traci Bartell commented that she saw Mr. Walmsley selling Good Fellow papers and thanked him for his support with the Backpack Blessings.
- Member Kyle Simmons attended the tree lighting ceremony and thought that the Richmond Choir was great and it made it festive.

15. CLOSED SESSION (B): Attorney Client Communication

Motion: Moved by member K. Simmons and supported by K. Furtaw to move to closed session for an attorney client communication at 8:05 p.m.

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

Returned to open session at 9:10 p.m.

16. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Regional Youth Initiative

Motion: Moved by member K. Furtaw and supported by K. Simmons to direct Administration to terminate the Building use agreement with the Regional Youth Initiative effective January 31, 2018, pursuant to Paragraph 8 of the agreement.

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

B. Approval of Elective Credits For Robotics

Motion: Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by K. Furtaw to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve Robotics as an elective credits as indicated in the attached documentation.

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

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C. Approval of Annual Summer Tax Resolution

- Motion: Moved by member T. Bartell and supported by S. Gillies to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Summer Tax Resolution as presented in the attached documentation.
- Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Carries (7-0)

D. Approval of Separation Agreement and Release

- Motion: Moved by member D. Wirth and supported by K. Furtaw to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Separation Agreement and Release as presented in the attached documentation.
- Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Carries (7-0)

E. Approval of City of Richmond Public Utility Easement Request

- Motion: Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by K. Simmons to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the City of Richmond Public Utility Easement request, Option B, as presented in the attached documentation.
- Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Carries (7-0)

17. CLOSED SESSION (C) Negotiations

- Motion: Moved by member K. Simmons and supported by S. Gillies to move to closed session for the purpose of negotiations at 9:19 p.m.
- Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Carries (7-0)

Returned to open session at 9:23 p.m.

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18. ACTION ITEM:

A. Approval of Secretarial Contract

Motion: Moved by member D. Wirth and supported by S. Gillies to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve an extension of the Master Agreement between Richmond Community Schools Board of Education and Secretarial Unit, Teamsters State, County and Municipal Workers, Local 214 through June 30, 2019, as well as the compensation outlined in the attached documentation.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carries (7-0)

19. CLOSED SESSION: Attorney-Client Communication

Motion: Moved by member K. Simmons and supported by K. Furtaw to move to closed session for the purpose of an attorney client communication.

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

Returned to open session at 9:50 p.m.

Motion: Moved by member K. Furtaw and supported by K. Simmons to change the agenda to add an additional closed session based on the Open Meetings Act Section 8A at 9:53 p.m.

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

Motion: Moved by member K. Simmons and supported by T. Bartell to move to closed session for the purpose of the Superintendent's evaluation.

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

Returned to open session at 10:18 p.m.

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20. ACTION ITEM:

A. Approval of Superintendent's Evaluation

Motion: Moved by member T. Bartell and supported by K. Furtaw to approve the Superintendent's evaluation which reflects Highly Effective as presented in the attached documentation.

Voice Vote: Ayes: K. Furtaw, K. Simmons, S. Gillies, T. Bartell, R. Edberg, M. Teltow
Nays: D. Wirth
Motion Carries (6-1)

B. Approval of Amendment to the Superintendent's Contract

Motion: Moved by member K. Simmons and supported by D. Wirth to approve Amendment #4 to the Superintendent's Contract as presented in the attached documentation.

Voice Vote: Ayes: K. Furtaw, K. Simmons, T. Bartell, D. Wirth, M. Teltow
Nays: S. Gillies, R. Edberg
Motion Carries (5-2)

21. ADJOURNMENT

President, Margaret Teltow concluded the meeting and adjourned at 11:11 p.m.

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