

# Richmond Community Schools

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Superintendent

## Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of 12-12-2016

7:00 pm on December 12, 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.

A Regular Meeting of the Richmond Board of Education was held on Monday, December 12, 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 teachers and preschool students from the Early Childhood Learning Center supervised by Ms. Heidi Napier, Dean of Students:

### 3. MISSION STATEMENT

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

### 4. ROLL CALL

Members Present: M. Teltow, S. Gillies, K.Simmons, K. Furtaw, T. Bartell

Members Absent: D. Hill w/notice

Others Present: V. Laseke, A.Birkmeier , D. Kochan, K. Bartels, D. Michon, H. Napier

#### Non-Discrimination Statement

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## 5. APPROVE AGENDA

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

Voice Vote: All Ayes  
Motion Carries (5-0)

## 6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Voice Vote: All Ayes  
Motion Carries (5-0)

## 7. TRUE BLUE MOMENT:

- A. A retirement bell was presented to Denise Paynter for her 18 years of service.
- B. Sixteen students were recognized for having their artwork displayed on the Richmond Community Schools Holiday cards.
- C. Richmond Early Childhood Learning Center – Heidi Napier, Dean of Students presented highlights of the Early Childhood Learning Center located at Lee Elementary.

## 8. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Richmond Education Foundation- The Richmond Education supports Richmond Community Schools with the Mini Grants for the teachers and Scholarships for students.
  - i. 2016 Grant Recipients  
Stacy Neumann and Molly Schack received the Sight Reading for Success Mini Grant  
Jacqueline Davidson received the Scholastics Mini Grant  
Kathy Campau received the Taking Flight With Hummingbird Robotics Mini Grant
  - ii. Annual Raffle Drawing – The Richmond Education Foundation Raffle Winners were drawn.

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## B. 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. Chris Rinehart, High School Dean of Students presented the 2016 Freshman Sports Update. According to the Freshman Sports Balance sheet there will be enough money to continue to fund the current 2016-17 school year. It was suggested that a fund raiser take place this spring to help with the funding of freshman sports for the next two years.

## C. First Reading of Amendment to Board Policy

Policy 2340 – Field Trips and Other District-Sponsored Trips and Policy 9700.01- Advertisement were reviewed as a first reading.

## 9. PUBLIC COMMENT

A public comment was made by a parent of a student attending a parochial school regarding enrollment in Richmond High School in order to attend International Academy of Macomb. His question was given to Mr. Walmsley who will have a conversation with the parent to explain the process.

## 10. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Haley Fortuna

Lee Elementary:

- The Christmas concerts went well
- A Sandy's Kids collection was taken
- Santa Shop will be open all week for the students to buy affordable gifts for their family members

Middle School:

- The seventh graders completed their boater safety course
- Student Government is hosting a Christmas Assembly
- Canned goods are being collected for the Lion's Club

High School:

- The Key Club has been accepting donations from the Giving Tree
- The Marketing Class will be delivering candy cane grams delivered by elves
- Winter sports have recently been kicked-off

Question: What is the reason behind the teachers wearing green ribbons?

Answer from Mr. Walmsley: Since the teacher contract has expired, it is a sign of solidarity to let people know that although they do not have a contract, they are still doing their job.

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## 11. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### School Update:

- Mr. Walmsley read a positive letter to a teacher from a parent in regard to one of the teachers at the school
- Mr. Walmsley recently attended the Macomb County Diversity Summit where five hundred students from the twenty-one school districts represented every middle and high school in the county
- He also attended the Elementary Play in November called *American Symbols*

### Legislative Update:

- The Michigan Department of Education announced that the release of Scorecards, the Top-to-Bottom List, and the Annual Education Report will be delayed until late January. No action will be taken by the SRO on so-called “priority schools” until after the Scorecards are released.
- The Governor and the Speaker of the House have decided not to pursue the plan to shift more than \$430 million from the School Aid Fund to the General Fund. The governor, however, still thinks it is the right thing to do so this conversation may come up again.
- Senate Bill 567 is being considered which would end the ban on starting school before Labor Day.
- The Senate also is hearing testimony on Senate Bill 553, which allows school districts to withdraw from their intermediate school district which would redirect the tax revenue.
- This week, the Senate Education Committee took up and passed House Bill 4136, a bill that originally stated a pupil could not be awarded credit for completing a high school civics course unless he or she passed a test that consisted of questions identical to some or all of those on the United States test for citizenship.
- The House Committee on Commerce and Trade passed Senate Bills 279 and 280, which would ban union leave time in public contracts, as well as any paid union release or leave time.
- The House Committee on Health Policy unanimously approved Senate Bills 805 and 806. These bills authorize the prescription and dispensation of an opioid antidote, such as naloxone, to the school board.
- The House bills 5409-5417 passed the House on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. These bills limit the use of seclusion and restraint in schools.

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## **12. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Members Kristine Furtaw and Margaret Teltow both expressed their support and praise for Richmond teachers. Kris Furtaw encouraged the public to write their legislators because it is hard to budget and stay within the government's budgeting guidelines. Margaret Teltow said that Saturday's fund raiser for "Sandy's Kids" raised \$1400.00.

## **13. ACTION ITEMS:**

### **A. Approval of second reading of Fall Neola Updates 0100 through 9700**

Motion: Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by K. Simmons to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the second reading of the Fall Neola Updates Bylaw 0100 and Policies 1619 through 9700 as presented in the attached documentation.

Voice Vote: Ayes: T. Bartell, M. Teltow, K. Furtaw, S. Gillies, K. Simmons  
Nays:  
Motion Carries (5-0)

### **B. Approval of K-1 Student Chairs**

Motion: Moved by member T. Bartell and supported by S. Gillies to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approved the purchase of student chairs from Holland Desk and Chair, LLC for the amount not to exceed \$10,990.40, plus 10% for other costs associated with the purchase, for which funding from the 2013 voter-approved Bond is authorized.

Roll Call: All Ayes: T. Bartell, M. Teltow, K. Furtaw, S. Gillies, K. Simmons  
Motion Carries (5-0)

### **C. Approval of Trailer Donation**

Motion: Moved by member K. Furtaw and supported by K. Simmons to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the acceptance of a trailer donated by Robert Potts as presented in the attached documentation.

Voice Vote: All Ayes  
Motion Carries (5-0)

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**D. Annual Summer Tax Resolution**

Motion: Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by T. Bartell to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Summer Tax Resolution as presented in the back-up documentation.

Voice Vote: All Ayes  
Motion Carries (5-0)

**E. Approval of Shared Time Agreement with New Haven Community Schools**

Motion: Moved by member K. Simmons and supported by S. Gillies to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and authorize the Superintendent to enter into a Shared Time Agreement for Transportation Director with New Haven Community Schools from January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017, as presented in the attached documentation.

Roll Call: All Ayes: T. Bartell, M. Teltow, K. Furtaw, S. Gillies, K. Simmons  
Motion Carries (5-0)

**F. Approval of Board Policy 2340 and Board Policy 9700.01**

Motion: Moved by member K. Furtaw and supported by K. Simmons to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve as the first and second reading the revisions to Board Policy 2340 and 9700.01 as presented in the attached documentation.

Voice Vote: All Ayes  
Motion Carries (5-0)

**14. CLOSED SESSION: NEGOTIATIONS**

Motion: Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by T. Bartell to move to closed session for the purpose of negotiations at 8:15 p.m.

Voice Vote: All Ayes  
Motion Carries (5-0)

**Returned to open session at 9:32 p.m.**

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## 15. CLOSED SESSION: SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

**Motion:** Moved by member T. Bartell and supported by K. Furtaw to move to closed session for the purpose of the Superintendent's evaluation at 9:33 p.m.

**Voice Vote:** All Ayes  
Motion Carries (5-0)

**Returned to open session at 11:21 p.m.**

## 16. ACTION ITEMS:

### A. Superintendent's Evaluation

**Motion:** Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by Member T. Bartell to approve the Superintendent's evaluation with a "highly effective" rating for the 2016-17 school year. The Superintendent's evaluations will now be held in December instead of June using the latest Macomb Model evaluation tool which was approved at the October 24, 2016 board meeting.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: T. Bartell, K. Furtaw, S. Gillies, M. Teltow, K. Simmons  
Nays: None  
Motion Carries ( 5-0 )

### B. Approval of Superintendent's Contract – Amendment #3

**Motion:** Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by K. Simmons to approve the Superintendent's contract, Amendment #3 as presented in the attached documentation..

**Voice Vote:** All Ayes  
Motion Carries (5-0)

## 17. ADJOURNMENT

President, Margaret Teltow concluded the meeting and adjourned at 11:23 p.m.

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