

Richmond Community Schools

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of 09-26-2016

7:00 pm on September 26, 2016 in the Richmond High School Media Center

MISSION STATEMENT

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REGULAR Meeting Minutes of 9-26-2016

A Regular Meeting of the Richmond Board of Education was held on Monday, September 26, 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 Members of S.A.D.D led by Mr. Ed Delore: Olivia Iskra, David Kaltz, Emily Kaltz, Autumn Warn, Jessica Weaver, Haley Fortuna

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, T. Bartell, S. Gillies, K.Simmons, K. Furtaw

Members Absent: J. Theut and D. Hill w/ notice

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

Non-Discrimination Statement

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5. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

7. TRUE BLUE MOMENT

A. High School S.A.D.D. Program - Members of S.A.D.D. (Students Against Drunk Driving) spoke about their program and how it is designed to create a positive environment and to encourage people to make smart choices. This year's attendance at the first meeting was up twenty more students than last year. The group will be having a bake sale at Parent/Teacher conferences on October 12th and 13th. The proceeds will go to "Sandy's Kids" which is a program that helps families in need during the holidays.

8. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Haley Fortuna Lee Elementary:

- The first student council meeting was held this past week.
- Code Blue tickets were awarded and the winners were able to eat ice cream with the principal.

Middle School:

- Students are preparing for student government elections.
- Seventh and eighth grade football and girls basketball are off to a good start.

High School:

- The soccer team is doing well.
- Football is also off to a great start. They beat Capac 35 – 0 last week.
- Manufacturing Day is next week on Friday. Thirty students will be attending.
- The *Young Americans* will be coming to Richmond to hold a workshop on October 13th, 14th and 15th.

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9. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

School Update:

- Mr. Walmsley gave a follow up on the parent comment from the previous meeting regarding Pay-to-Play payments. He spoke with the parent and came to a solution. He then spoke with his Dean of Students from the Middle School and High School to make sure that there are not any students who are not playing sports because of a hardship or because their parents are unable to make the payment on-line. They are monitoring the situation closely.
- Today was the second Professional Development Day held district wide.
- Congratulations to Mrs. VanSledright who recently earned funding at DonorsChoose.org for a classroom project called “Little Minds on the Move”. She was able to purchase bouncy bands for chairs, adjustable lap tray/desks, balance balls and stools for the students.
- A new initiative is being implemented at the High School. Beginning October 3rd, extra help will be offered for students during the school day to prepare for the SAT test and also to help build reading skills.
- This year’s Homecoming theme is “There’s No Place like Homecoming” and the homecoming game will be on Friday, October 7th, with the dance on Saturday, October 8th.

Legislative Update:

- During last week’s session, both chambers passed the long controversial Third Grade Reading legislation. We will continue to monitor the MDE’s role in the legislation and resources provided by the Legislature.
- The State House Election Committee took testimony on legislation that would amend election laws to change the May and August regular election dates to March and June. This change could have negative effects for local districts seeking ballot initiatives during these times as both weather and voter attention may be impacted.
- School Aid Supplemental 25e (pupil transfer process). The House amended language to return what was passed for the 2015/16 school year. This change will allow districts to count a portion of a pupil membership for a student that transfers from one district (or charter) to another between pupil membership count dates, but originally was limited to strict discipline academies for fiscal year 2016-17. This could potentially have a negative effect on school budgets.

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10. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- A. Superintendent's Evaluation Instrument- There was discussion regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation Tool which has changed its requirements. All board members are now required to have training before the end of the year. Attorney Gary Collins and Superintendent of the Macomb County Intermediate School District, Mike DeVault, have designed a new model and the MISD will be offering two free training sessions. The board members will need to decide whether they will adopt the new tool designed by the MISD or keep their current model. Mr. Walmsley and President Teltow will find out more about the costs for the training for each in order for the board members to make a decision on which training they will pursue.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

12. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Richmond Girls Fast Pitch Association (RGFA) Donation

Motion: Moved by member K. Furtaw and supported by S. Gillies to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the donation from the Richmond girls Fast-Pitch Association for fence repairs on the District's softball diamonds and batting cages as presented at the September 12, 2016 Board of Education meeting and in accordance with District Policy 7230.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

President, Margaret Teltow concluded the meeting and adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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