

Richmond Community Schools

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Superintendent

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of 02-27-2017

7:00 pm on February 27, 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, February 27, 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 students and teachers from the Richmond Early Childhood Learning Center: Students from Mrs. Evans and Ms. Girard's Three Year Old Class: Nora Murray, Mitchell Ottenbacher, Noah Rapier, Farrah Teltow, Jett Towner, Luke Towner
Students from from Mrs. Rapier and Mrs. Machowski's Three Year Old Class: John Birkmeier, Logan Gillies, Landon Lewis, and guest Emily Gillies.
Students from Mrs. Ottenbacher's and Ms. Reeve's GSRP full day class: Alyson Achatz, Jake Jozwiak, Baron Maxinoski.

3. MISSION STATEMENT

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

4. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

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

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5. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

6. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

7. TRUE BLUE MOMENT:

An introduction and brief presentation was provided by Ms. Heidi Napier, Dean of Students and Early Childhood Director at Lee Elementary. The preschool students of the Early Childhood Learning Center performed a cheer for the audience. Mrs. Debbie Michon, Principal of Richmond High School, and Sue Bevins, Food Service Director also presented some information to celebrate Career and Technical Education Month. They also spoke about the proposed Culinary Arts course at the high school level which would fulfil a Visual, Applied and Performing Arts Credit, Math-related Credit in Grade 12, and if a student completes the two-year Career and Technical Education (CTE) program will satisfy one year of a World Language credit as allowed by the State of Michigan.

8. PRESENTATIONS

A. FY2018 Budget – Presentation #4

Superintendent Walmsley reviewed and discussed the following budget codes:

- 111 – Elementary Instruction
- 112 – Middle School Instruction
- 113 – High School Instruction
- 122 – Special Education
- 127 - Career and Technical Education
- 231 – Board of Education – Reduction in supply accounts
- 232 – Executive Administration – Reduction in supply accounts

Mr. Walmsley also proposed four questions to the board members regarding the Middle School budget:

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- 1.) Do you want the Superintendent to operate a 6 or 7 Period Day in the Middle School? Board agreed, yes.
- 2.) Do you want the Superintendent to schedule 5th graders to have five (5) specials, which would include art, physical education, technology, Spanish, and vocal music? Board agreed, yes.
- 3.) Do you want the Superintendent to schedule 6th graders to have five (5) specials, which would include art, physical education, technology, Spanish, and vocal music? Board agreed, yes.
- 4.) At what grade do you want the Superintendent to allow for student choice in scheduling art, band, physical education, technology, Spanish, and vocal music? Board agreed sixth grade.

9. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Haley Fortuna

Lee Elementary:

- The talent show was a success on Friday. Tickets were sold out.
- The Book Fair is running all week and during Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- The Jump Rope for Heart Assembly will be held on March 6th.
- Science Night is March 15th.
- The March is Reading Month Assembly will be held this week.

Middle School:

- Band Festival is approaching March 9th for High School and Middle School.
- Choral Festival is the following week for High School and Middle School.
- Friday the annual National Junior Honor Society held a fundraiser and assembly for the Rainbow connection. This included a rap battle and raised over \$700.00 and a check was presented to the Rainbow Connection.
- This Friday is the Talent Extravaganza. There will be assemblies during the day to give the students a “sneak preview”.
- The musical *School House Rock* will be coming soon on March 17th and 18th.

High School:

- Congratulations to the Wrestling team on winning the State Championship this weekend!
- Congratulations to our Varsity Competitive Cheer Team for winning the regional champs and will be competing at the Delta Plex this Saturday for the State title.
- The Boys Bowling team are also the Regional Champs and they will be competing in Battle Creek this Friday for the State title.
- C.J. Wagner won first place at the individual bowling regionals so he will advance to States. Also, Jessica Niebauer and Amy Thueme will advance to the State level for individual bowling.

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- The Forensics team has an invitational this Saturday.
- The Mock Trial team is competing this Saturday in Mt. Clemens at the Courthouse.

Question: Why are there no longer Shop classes provided?

Answer: Superintendent Walmsley responded that over the past few years there have been new State requirements which caused classes like Shop to become smaller. The infrastructure and the equipment is not there any longer and the schools are making efforts to provide more Career Technical Courses and offerings.

10. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

School Update:

- On Tuesday, February 21, 2017, the District announced this year's 2017 Teachers of the Year. The nomination committee selected Yvonne Wirth from Lee Elementary, Jacqueline Davidson from the Middle School and Veronica Belf from the High School as Teacher of the Year.
- On Wednesday evening, February 22, 2017, Richmond Community Schools held Preschool and Kindergarten Round-up. It was a great success, with the largest number of students and families that have attended since this format was begun two years ago. Mr. Walmsley thanked everyone for their involvement.
- Mr. Walmsley also congratulated all the teams and individuals for their successful wins over the weekend.
- Wednesday, March 1, Thursday, March 2, and Friday, March 3rd are half days of school. Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon as well as Thursday evening from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- March is Reading Month is approaching. Mr. Walmsley asked Mr. Kochan and Ms. Munro from Lee Elementary School and Mr. Bartels and Mrs. Graham from Richmond Middle School to tell the audience a little bit about what will be happening in each building to celebrate March is Reading Month. Ms. Munro and Mrs. Graham gave a brief overview of the "reading" activities that will be taking place in March.

Legislative Update:

- Last week, Governor Snyder's office released a press statement that said more time and work is needed to resolve questions on school closure or restructuring of the 38 schools on the state's potential closure list.
- Late last week, House Republicans released their 2017-2018 House Republican Action Plan. In it, they pledge to "support proposals to fund students instead of institutions.... Opportunities such as vouchers or education savings accounts to empower students and parents remain at the center of our discussion."

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- Hearings will continue on Senator Pavlov's 1280c repeal legislation. The committee will hear presentations about alternative school rankings and statewide accountability systems.

11. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ryan Edberg and Kyle Simmons attended the Kindergarten Round-up and thanked everyone involved. Margaret also said that she attended and received positive feedback.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Teresa Ranger, Teacher and REA President, highlighted all of the positives of the week such as Teacher of The Year and a successful Kindergarten Round up. She congratulated all of the teams and students on their successes over the weekend. She said that the next two REA mediation dates will be March 6, 2017 and March 14, 2017. There will also be an open meeting held on March 29, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.
- Mrs. Vohs, Teacher, spoke of her assignment change via e-mail over the summer, some curriculum changes, and her thoughts of not feeling valued.
- Mrs. Jahr, Teacher, thanked the Board members for choosing to keep the seven period day and for arranging to have a meeting to discuss a recent survey on March 13th.

13. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of FY2017 Budget – Amendment #1

Motion: Moved by member T. Bartell and supported by S. Gillies to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve FY2017 Budget Amendment #1 as presented at the February 13, 2017 Board of Education meeting and outlined in the attached resolution.

Roll Call: Ayes: K. Furtaw, K. Simmons, S. Gillies, T. Bartell, R. Edberg, D. Wirth
Nays: None
Motion Carries (7-0)

B. Approval of Advertising Signage Fundraiser – High School Softball

Motion: Moved by member K. Simmons and supported by K. Furtaw to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the request to sell advertisements for the Varsity Softball program to be semi-permanently installed on the softball field fences between the dates March 1, 2017 and September 30, 2017, as presented at the February 13, 2017 Board of

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Education meeting and outlined in the attached documentation. Furthermore, the Board of Education delegates the review and approval of advertisement content to the Superintendent or his designee, so long as all advertisements are consistent with the overall philosophy and mission of the District.

Voice Vote: Ayes: K. Furtaw, K. Simmons, S. Gillies, T. Bartell, R. Edberg, D. Wirth
Nays: None
Motion Carries (7-0)

C. Approval of Advertising Signage Fundraiser – High School Baseball

Motion: Moved by member T. Bartell and supported by S. Gillies to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the request to sell advertisements for the Varsity Baseball program to be semi-permanently installed on the softball field fences between the dates March 1, 2017 and September 30, 2017, as presented at the February 13, 2017 Board of Education meeting and outlined in the attached documentation. Furthermore, the Board of Education delegates the review and approval of advertisement content to the Superintendent or his designee, so long as all advertisements are consistent with the overall philosophy and mission of the District.

Voice Vote: Ayes: K. Furtaw, K. Simmons, S. Gillies, T. Bartell, R. Edberg, D. Wirth
Nays: None
Motion Carries (7-0)

D. Approval of Sound System for High School Gymnasium

Motion: Moved by member K. Furtaw and supported by K. Simmons to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the high school gymnasium sound system by I.COMM for an amount not to exceed \$14,991 plus a 10% contingency for field conditions, for which funding from the 2013 Bond is authorized as indicated on the attached documentation.

Roll Call: Ayes: K. Furtaw, K. Simmons, S. Gillies, T. Bartell, R. Edberg, D. Wirth
Nays: None
Motion Carries (7-0)

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E. Approval of Culinary Arts Program

Motion: Moved by member T. Bartell and supported by K. Furtaw to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Culinary Arts Career and Technical Education (CTE) program to begin in the 2017-18 school year, based on student enrollment.

Voice Vote: Ayes: K. Furtaw, K. Simmons, S. Gillies, T. Bartell, R. Edberg, D. Wirth
Nays: None
Motion Carries (7-0)

14. CLOSED SESSION – ATTORNEY/CLIENT COMMUNICATION

Motion: Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by K. Simmons to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and move to closed session at 8:50 p.m. for the purpose of attorney/client communication.

Voice Vote: Ayes: K. Furtaw, K. Simmons, S. Gillies, T. Bartell, R. Edberg, D. Wirth
Nays: None
Motion Carries (7-0)

Returned to open session at 9:31 p.m.

15. CLOSED SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS

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

Voice Vote: Ayes: K. Furtaw, K. Simmons, S. Gillies, T. Bartell, R. Edberg, D. Wirth
Nays: None
Motion Carries (7-0)

Returned to open session at 10:27 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

President, Margaret Teltow concluded the meeting and adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

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