

Richmond Community Schools

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Superintendent

BOARD OF EDUCATION **REGULAR** MEETING MINUTES

**7:00PM ON MAY 23, 2022, IN THE MEDIA CENTER AT RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL
(35320 Division, Richmond, Michigan 48062)**

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in Agenda Item 10.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
Board member Michon called the regular meeting of the Board of Education called to order at 7:00PM.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Pledge of Allegiance recited by Board of Education, Superintendent, Central Office, and audience.
- 3. MISSION STATEMENT**
Mission statement read by Board member Zube.
- 4. ROLL CALL**
Board member Zube took roll call: Deborah Michon – Present, Angela Pacitto – Present, Kyle Simmons – Late with notice, James Surowiec – Present, Danielle Sutton – Present, Margaret Teltow – Present, and Sherri Zube – Present.
6 – 0 Quorum of the Board
- 5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion by Board member Teltow to approve the *Agenda* as presented. Support by Board member Surowiec.
Discussion: None
All in Favor: 6. Opposed: 0. Motion passed.
- 6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**
Motion by Board member Teltow to approve the *Consent Agenda* as presented. Support by Board member Surowiec.

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Discussion: Superintendent Walmsley recognized the following:

Personnel Report:

Resignations and Retirements:

- Norma Buero (MS Food Service) has resigned effective May 24, 2022. Ms. Buero will remain on as a substitute cook.

Termination: None.

Lay-off / Non-renewal of Contract: None.

New Hires: Khayyriyyah Abdalhakiim has been hired as a Special Education Paraprofessional.

Notice of Appointments (Previously Hired by the Board): None.

Superintendent Walmsley stated that was one correction brought to his attention for the 2022-05-09 Regular Meeting minutes by Board member Michon. The correction has been made and is reflected in the Board packet reflects the correction.

No discussion by Board members.

All in Favor: 6. Opposed: 0. Motion passed

7. CLOSED SESSION FOR 052322 STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(B) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and upon the request of the student's parent and/or guardian, Board member Pacitto moved that the Board of Education go into Closed Session for the purpose of conducting a hearing to consider the discipline of a student whose identity is known as Student 052322. Supported by Board member Surowiec

Board Member Simmons arrived at 8:10 pm

Closed Session Started: 7:03 pm

Closed Session Ended: 8:22 pm

Discussion: None

All in Favor: 6. Opposed: 0. Motion passed

8. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proposal for Overnight/Extended Student Trip: Football Camp

On behalf of Sean Misko, Varsity Football Coach, who is home sick, Chris Rinehart, Director of Athletics, Facilities, and School Safety, presented a request for the high school football program to attend an overnight/extended student trip to Olivet College for football camp.

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B. FY2023 General Fund Budget Assumptions and Discussion

Brian Walmsley, Superintendent, and Tammie Schadd, Director of Business and Management Services, will continue the discussion with the Board of Education regarding the FY2023 Budget and the assumptions that will be made. Items reviewed and discussed:

Enrollment Assumption Projections – No change from 2022-04-25

Per Pupil Allocation Assumptions - \$300 per pupil – No change from 2022-05-09

Additional Teacher Allocation

- FTE for additional 5th Grade Teacher – No change from 2022-04-25
- FTE for singleton courses at MS and HS – No change from 2022-04-25

Discussion and Determination:

Pay-to-Participate Revenue

- 2021-22 Report
- 2022-23 – Recommendation is no change to the budget

Trap Team Budget – Not yet completed

Art Budget – Not yet completed

Band Budget – Not yet completed

Choir Budget – Not yet completed

Robotics - Not yet completed

Non-union Contract Wages and Salaries for 2022-23

Non-union Group	1% Increase	2% Increase	3% Increase
Childcare	\$800.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,400.00
Preschool	\$800.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,400.00
GSRP	\$2,200.00	\$4,400.00	\$6,600.00
IT	\$1,600.00	\$3,200.00	\$4,800.00
Transportation	\$7,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$22,500.00
Central Office	\$6,400.00	\$12,800.00	\$19,200.00
Lunchroom/COVID-19 Aides	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Alt. Ed/Online Coordinator	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$900.00
Sub-total	\$20,600.00	\$41,200.00	\$61,800.00
FICA (7.65%)	\$1,575.90	\$3,151.80	\$4,727.70
Retirement (43.28%)	\$8,915.68	\$17,831.36	\$26,747.04
Total	\$31,091.58	\$62,183.16	\$93,274.74

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Copier Replacement Budget Set-aside

- \$30,000 per Year
- 4-5 Year Replacement Cycle

Individual Sports Athletic Budget

- \$58,000 – Supplies/Equipment
- \$49,000 – Uniforms

C. Student and Bus Tracking System

Tammie Schadd, Director of Business and Management Services, and Susanne Fulghum, Director of Transportation, presented the student and bus tracking system to be implemented in the 2022-23 school year.

Student and Bus Tracking System GPS Software Presentation Summary:

- I. Initially worked with Tyler Technologies to get pricing on their *Ride 360* Software.
 - A. Tyler Technologies provides our Traversa Routing Software.
 - B. Their *Ride 360* pricing was higher than bid/quote requirements.

- II. Contacted other GPS software companies to get pricing.
 - A. Geotab provided demo of their *School Bus Telematics* systems but did not submit pricing.
 - B. Chevin Fleet no longer provides software. They are reseller of Geotab devices but did not submit pricing.
 - C. *Forward Thinking* does not provide passenger tracking and declined to submit pricing.
 - D. Synovia Cal/Amp provided demo and pricing.

- III. Synovia Cal/Amp provided best pricing option.
 - A. Pricing and Proposal
 - B. Contacted Michigan school districts for references
 - C. Video of software - [Videos - Synovia \(synoviasolutions.com\)](https://www.synoviasolutions.com)
 - D. Software includes *Here Comes the Bus* app for parents.

9. BOND UPDATE

- Softball field drainage system is being installed and work continues on schedule.
- Parking lot behind the auditorium has been pulverized. New sidewalk cement work will be poured before installing new asphalt.

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- Series II Bond sale is Thursday, June 2, 2022. Just a reminder, the Board authorized me to accept the winning bid that day. There will be a conference call that day arranged by the district's attorney, Matt Hiser, to review the bids. The debt fund cash flow with the millage allocation will be prepared that day. It is used in preparing the L-4029, Tax Rate/Millage Request, for approval by the Board on June 13, 2022.
- Bus lane in front of the middle school is being moved ahead from the work in Summer 2023 to the work in Summer 2022.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public spoke:
None

11. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

B. Walmsley

House and Senate Pass \$2 Billion Tax Cut

Last week, the Senate brought up, amended and passed [House Bill 4568](#). The House then approved the Senate changes a few hours later and sent it to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. The bill creates a \$2 billion tax cut that grows to more than \$2.6 billion in two years. This proposal was put together by legislative leadership and did not include the Governor's office in the negotiations.

According to the Senate Fiscal Agency, HB 4568 would cut revenue to our state by more than \$2 billion in the 2022-2023 fiscal year and approximately \$2.6 billion the following year. The School Aid Fund would see a reduction in revenue of more than \$217 million in the first year, \$242.6 million in the second year and it will continue to grow in subsequent years. Overall, the negative fiscal impact to our state is expected to increase going forward.

While the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference showed significant budget surpluses for both the General and School Aid Funds, much of that is due to federal relief money and the economic activity it created. This is not a sustainable revenue source. This bill goes beyond what has been shown as actual state revenue increases and could leave a large hole in the budget once these federal funds run out.

Consensus Revenue Estimates Released Today

The Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference met last Friday to unveil its revenue estimates for this fiscal year and beyond. The conference is made up of the House and Senate Fiscal Agencies and the Department of Treasury to determine the numbers that next year's budget will be built upon.

Revenues for this year continue to be much higher than expected. This gives the state a large balance going forward for both the General and School Aid Funds and the ongoing revenue projections continue to look strong. This is the second year in a row that projected state revenues have significantly exceeded expectations. However, revenue growth is projected to slow over the next few years.

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Once again, revenues came in more than expectations and projections from the last CREC. The School Aid Fund is expected to have \$5 billion left on the balance sheet at the end of this fiscal year. Meaning, before 2022-2023 revenues are added, there is \$5 billion to spend. Adding in the revenue projections puts the SAF at approximately \$24.7 billion total, a more than \$2.5 billion increase over January's projections.

The General Fund also has a large surplus this year, a \$2.8 billion increase in 2022-2023 revenue projections from January.

These numbers will now be used to set the final budget for the state. Those negotiations should begin in earnest next week.

Senate Education Approves Multiple Bills

This week, the Senate Education Committee held votes on the nine bills it had testimony on last week. There was no further testimony before the votes were held.

- [HBs 4037-4038 and 4538](#) would remove the requirement for the ACT WorkKeys assessment and states that if a student would like to take it, the district shall give it. It also would require savings the state sees from not giving the test to be used to create the Student Postsecondary Preparedness Fund.
- [HB 5686](#) would require changes made to the Pupil Accounting and Auditing Manuals to be shared with the House and Senate Education Committees and says that changes could not take effect during the school year in which they are made unless made necessary by a new law.
- [HBs 4810-4811](#) would remove the essay portion of the SAT test and remove the requirement that Michigan Merit Examination scores be printed on a student's transcript. These bills were approved unanimously.
- [HB 5190](#) would require one-half credit of financial literacy to graduate. Changes made in committee would require the Michigan Department of Education to develop the curriculum for all students to take. This bill was also reported unanimously.
- [HBs 4375 and 5536](#) would adjust the time-period for retirees to be able to be hired to substitute from a year to nine months. It would also remove the requirement that districts pay the UAAL costs for that retiree. Finally, it requires the state to create a report of how many retirees are returning to substitute. These bills were reported unanimously.

All nine bills are now before the Senate for its consideration.

ESSER Fund Extension

Last week, the U.S. Department of Education [released a statement](#) regarding an extension on spending ESSER funds for states and local school districts. Districts may be given an additional 18 months to

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liquidate funding for ESSER dollars used for school infrastructure upgrades, including HVAC projects. Due to supply chain issues and labor shortages, many districts have experienced challenges when trying to spend these dollars to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. If these projects are signed by Sept. 30, 2024, the projects will not need to be liquidated and the ARP funds can be completely spent by April 2026. MDE will need to apply for the waiver, and it is in the process of putting together a memo with more details regarding the extension.

Food Service Department, as provided by Ms. Guiney, Director of Food Service

- The district has served 42,432 fresh Michigan grown fruits and vegetables this year.

Will L. Lee Elementary School, as provided by Ms. Mangune, Principal

- Third grade enjoyed partnering with the RPD for their third grade send off to the MS.
- May 27th will be the PBIS assembly surrounding COMPASSION
- NWEA testing is wrapping up this week. Teachers are beginning to look at their data to drive instruction
- 3-Year-Old Preschool Graduation Ceremony in on Thursday, June 9th at 9:30am (HS Auditorium)
- 4-Year-Old Preschool Graduation Ceremony in on Thursday, June 9th at 1:00pm (HS Auditorium)
- Grade K Awards & Promotion Ceremony in on June 8, 2022 at 1:30pm (ES Cafeteria)
- Grade 1 Awards & Promotion Ceremony in on June 13, 2022 at 10:30am (ES Cafeteria)
- Grade 2 Awards & Promotion Ceremony in on June 14, 2022 at 10:30am (ES Cafeteria)
- Grade 3 Awards & Promotion Ceremony in on June 15, 2022 at 8:30am (ES Cafeteria)

Richmond Middle School, as provided by Mr. Bartels, Principal

- Finishing NWEA
- Last week the middle school hosted the last track meet for the year.
- Finalizing 5k Run which will be held the Friday before Memorial Day.
- Middle School Spring Band concert was excellent. Great turn out.
- Grade 4 Awards & Promotion Ceremony in on Monday, June 13th at 8:00am (MS Gymnasium)
- Grade 5 Awards & Promotion Ceremony in on Monday, June 13th at 9:30am (MS Gymnasium)
- Grade 6 Awards & Promotion Ceremony in on Tuesday, June 14th at 8:00am (MS Gymnasium)
- Grade 7 Awards & Promotion Ceremony in on Tuesday, June 14th at 9:30am (MS Gymnasium)
- Grade 8 Awards & Promotion Ceremony in on Wednesday, June 15th at 10:00am (MS Gymnasium)

Richmond High School

- Senior awards night was a success. First time back in person for that in two years.
- Graduation rehearsal is on Tuesday, May 24th at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.
- Graduation Ceremony is Wednesday, May 25th at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts at 7:00pm. You will need tickets to attend.
- Grade 9 Awards & Promotion Ceremony in on Friday, June 10th at 9:50am (HS Auditorium)
- Grade 10 Awards & Promotion Ceremony in on Friday, June 10th at 12:35pm (HS Auditorium)

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- Grade 11 Awards & Promotion Ceremony in on Friday, June 10th at 1:40pm (HS Auditorium)

12. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board member Michon – Ms. Michon thanked Mr. Simmons for his service.

Board member Pacitto – Ms. Pacitto thanked Mr. Simmons for his service.

Board member Simmons– Mr. Simmons announced that tonight is his last meeting. He thanked the community for the opportunity to serve on the board.

Board member Surowiec – None.

Board member Sutton – Ms. Sutton helped all day at preschool field day today and looks forward to graduation.

Board member Teltow – Ms. Teltow thanked Mr. Simmons for his service on the board.

Board member Zube – None.

13. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of K-12 Science Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Board member Simmons motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the K-12 Science Curriculum and purchase of instructional materials from Amplify Science for grades K-8 and amount not to exceed \$205,013.00 and McGraw Hill Inspire Science for grades 9-12 amount not to exceed \$51,279.00 for which fund is from the district's ESSER II, ESSER III, and General Fund is allocated, as outlined in the attached documentation. Support by Board member Surowiec.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call Vote: Support: 7, Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

B. Approval of Custodian Handbook

Board member Simmons motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 2022-2023 Custodial Handbook, as outlined in the attached documentation. Support by Board member Teltow.

Discussion: None.

All in Favor: 7, Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

C. Approval of MHSAA 2022-23 Membership Resolution

Board member Simmons motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) membership resolution

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for the 2022-23 school year, as presented in the attached documentation. Support by Board member Teltow.

Discussion: None.

All in Favor: 7, Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

D. Approval of Board Resolution for Student 052322 Discipline Hearing

Board member Sutton motioned that following a Closed Session Student Discipline Hearing, the Board votes to expel, Student 052322, consistent with the attached resolution. Support by Board member Teltow.

Discussion: None.

All in Favor: 6, Opposed: 0. Abstain: 1 (Simmons) Motion passed.

E. Approval of Server Purchase

Board member Simmons motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the purchase of a network server from inaCOMP TSG for an amount not to exceed \$14,677.84. The purchase is part of the REMC Bid pricing and the FY2022 Final budget will reflect an increase in ASN to account for this purchase., as outlined in the attached documentation. Support by Board member Teltow.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call Vote

in Favor: 7, Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

F. Approval of 5-year Server Upgrade Lease Agreement

Board member Simmons motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve a 5-year server upgrade lease agreement from Hewlett Packard Enterprises Financial Services for an amount not to exceed \$30,960.00 for five (5) years. The FY2022 Final budget will reflect an increase in ASN to account for this lease agreement, as outlined in the attached documentation. Support by Board member Teltow.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call Vote

All in Favor: 7, Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

14. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSES OF NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(C) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Board member Simmons motioned that the Board of Education go into Closed Session for the purposes of negotiations. Support by Board member Teltow.

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Closed Session Started: 9:26 pm
Closed Session Ended: 10:11 pm
Discussion: None.
All in Favor: 7, Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Board member Michon adjourned the meeting at 10:11 pm.



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