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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of 2-8-2016

7:00 pm on FEBRUARY 8, 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.

REGULAR Meeting Minutes of 2-8-2016

A Regular Meeting of the Richmond Board of Education was held on Monday, February 8, 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 students from the Richmond Early Childhood Learning Center supervised by Katie Bruyneel, Director of Richmond Early Childhood Learning Center And 3-Year Old Preschool Teacher. Also assisting were Kate English, Jessica Girard, Catherine Veres, and Kathi Miller from the Preschool and Childcare Departments.

Students:

Daniel Merritt, Lucy Teltow, Beckett Cramton, Olivia Hill, Kassidy Clark, Brayden Rix, Brooke Marschke, Madelyn Birkmeier

3. MISSION STATEMENT

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

Non-Discrimination Statement

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4. ROLL CALL

Members Present: M. Teltow, D. Hill, J. Theut, T. Bartell, S. Gillies, K. Furtaw, K. Simmons

Members Absent: None

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

5. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

6. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Claims and Accounts
- C. Minutes from Previous Meetings
 1. January 4, 2016 – Organizational Meeting
 2. January 4, 2016 – Regular Meeting
 3. January 25, 2016 – Regular Meeting
 4. January 25, 2016 – Closed Meeting
 5. February 2, 2016 – Special Meeting

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

Voice Vote: Ayes: T. Bartell, M. Teltow, S. Gillies, J. Theut, D. Hill, K. Furtaw, K. Simmons
Nays: None
Motion Carries (7-0)

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7. TRUE BLUE

- A. A presentation was made by Elementary Principal, Dave Mangune, and Early Childhood Coordinator, Katie Bruyneel showcasing Richmond's Lee Elementary Early Childhood Learning Center. The Center currently has eighty three preschool students enrolled, with forty five of them being tuition based. There are thirty one Great Start Readiness Program students and twelve Head Start students. The Child Care Program currently has sixty five students enrolled. All classes have grown since the previous year and these programs are being offered next year.

8. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Haley Fortuna

Elementary School Update: As presented tonight, the elementary school is planning their preschool and kindergarten round ups. A parent advisory committee was formed recently. Also, a positive behavior assembly was held for students last week.

Middle School Update: Winterfest was last weekend and in coordination with the community event, the middle school put on a mini movie theatre and held other activities after school. The fifth graders began learning recorders this semester. The volleyball and wrestling season has begun.

High School Update: The high school recently had a Super Bowl day with team gear dress-up. The varsity competitive cheer team won the BWAC championship and are heading to State. The boys bowling league is doing well and the Robotics team is preparing for its March competition. The AIS class is going to Lansing on February 22nd and tomorrow the high school newspaper students will be going to the middle school for a workshop.

9. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

School Update: Kelli Matthes has won BWAC's Coach of the Year, so congratulations to Kelli! Sixty three of Mrs. Belf's high school art students won Scholastic Awards recently. Their art is currently on display at the Albert L. Lorenzo Cultural Center at Macomb Community College. Preschool and Kindergarten round up is scheduled for March 16, 2016. Watch the papers and see the flyers and posters displayed in the community. As an action item update regarding Hendrick Construction and the current contract, a list of final completion items was reviewed with the board.

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Legislative Update: Regarding Public Act 269 “Gag Order Bill”, on Friday afternoon Judge John O’Meara issued an order granting a preliminary injunction on PA269. This lifts the gag order that was currently affecting the more than 100 local districts and communities that have March elections. Senate Bill 710 affects Detroit Public Schools and includes a provision to divide the district in two. The first would be the original School and would simply exist to pay off debt from the 18 mils it collects. Once paid off, the old DPS would be dissolved. The second would be the new Detroit Community Schools, which would take over the functions of the district and start out debt free. Senate Bill 711 would allow a financial review commission to have fiscal oversight of a qualified school district. The State Reform Office announced that they are taking over four of East Detroit’s schools. While only East Detroit High School qualifies for the SRO to take them over, there is a law that allows “feeder schools” to also be taken over. East Detroit Schools are the first to be taken over by the SRO since Governor Snyder signed an Executive Order moving the State Reform Office from the Michigan Department of Education to the Department of Treasury.

10. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Member Kristine Furtaw told the audience that an anonymous letter had been received by most members of the board, but they cannot respond if they do not know who wrote it.

Traci Bartell reminded the audience of our current seniors highest test scores in the county for their writing portion of the M-Step.

11. PRESENTATIONS

A. Fiscal Year 2016 Budget – Amendment #1

Vicki Laseke, Business Manager and Superintendent Walmsley presented the budget amendment. Richmond’s ending fund equity percentage is currently at 5.29% and the continued goal is to keep it above 5%.

B. Facility Use – A lengthy discussion was had regarding the facility usage charges for various groups. It was decided that Mr. Walmsley would come back in two weeks with re-defined groups based on the discussion.

C. Food Service – Sue Bevins, Food Service Director presented the School Meals Program Update

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- D. CTE Month – Past Present and Future – February is Career and Technical Education Month and High School Principal, Debbie Michon and Curriculum Director, Anthony Birkmeier presented the Career Technical Education piece. The student CTE award recipients this year are Makenzy Gaigalas and Lawrence Wofford. Our current CTE programs include Accounting, Business Management, Heavy Equipment Operator and Maintenance, Law Enforcement, and Marketing. In the future, Richmond High School would like to add Emergency Medical Technician and TV and Broadcast Media
- E. 2016-17 High School Course Offerings – Mrs. Michon and Mr. Birkmeier also talked about the latest high school course offerings. Beginning with the 2016-17 school year, the high school course catalog will be available on the website for students and parents to access.
- F. Proposed Graduation Requirements - The state has loosened its requirements for two credits of World Language. Beginning with the class of 2017, students may replace one credit of World Language with the completion of a CTE program. With the approval of the new Michigan Science Standards this past November, the Physical Science, Biology, and Chemistry sequence is advised to adequately prepare students for college and State required testing. Students must now also complete forty hours of community service before May 1st of their senior year.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were made by representatives from various organizations who were recently charged what they felt to be unexpected facility usage charges.

13. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the Master Agreement between the Secretaries/Teamsters State, County and Municipal Workers, Local 214 and Richmond Community Schools.

Motion: Moved by member K. Furtaw and supported by S. Gillies to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Master Agreement between the Richmond Community Schools Board of Education and the Teamsters State, County and Municipal Workers, Local 214, representing secretarial personnel, effective July, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Roll Call: Ayes: T. Bartell, M. Teltow, S. Gillies, J. Theut, K. Furtaw, D. Hill, K. Simmons
 Nays: None
 Motion Carries (7-0)

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B. Approval of Community Liaison/Public Relations Secretary Contract

Motion: Moved by member J. Theut and supported by S. Gillies to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the attached contract for the Community Liaison and Public Relations Secretary.

Roll Call: Ayes: T. Bartell, M. Teltow, S. Gillies, J. Theut, K. Furtaw, D. Hill,
K. Simmons
Nays: None
Motion Carries (7-0)

14. ADJOURNMENT

Margaret Teltow concluded the meeting and adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

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