

Richmond Community Schools

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Superintendent

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of 03-13-2017

7:00 pm on March 13, 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, March 13, 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 members of the High School National Honor Society (advisor, Mr. Mike Rineer.) The following NHS members were in attendance: Clayton Maksymiuk, Chase Churchill, Haley Fortuna.

3. MISSION STATEMENT

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4. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: K.Simmons (will be late with notice) – Arrived at 8:45 p.m.

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

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5. APPROVE AGENDA

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

Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Carries (6-0)

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Carries (6-0)

7. TRUE BLUE MOMENT:

1.) The High School National Honor Society members (Clayton Maksymiuk) gave a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding the things that they do throughout the year. They must maintain a 3.5 or above grade point average and provide a letter of recommendation from one teacher and one outside source. They must also log 20 hours of community service. The officers for next year are as follows:

Clayton Maksymiuk, President
Haley Fortuna, Vice President
Jessica Weaver, Historian
Carley Barjaktarovich, Treasurer
Megan Reece, Secretary

The Induction Ceremony will be held on March 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

2.) Students were presented with awards for their outstanding sportsmanship and contributions to the Richmond High School Division 3 State Champion Wrestling Team. They recently won their 8th MHSAA Division 3 Team State Championship Title.

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8. PRESENTATIONS

- A. **Student Achievement Presentation and 2016-17 Testing Schedules** – An M-STEP overview was provided and NWEA data was shared by, Curriculum Director, Anthony Birkmeier. The Administrators of each building also provided their testing schedules for the months of April and May. They will be communicating those schedules to parents and students in newsletters, school messenger services and flyers and signs throughout the buildings and on the website.
- B. **Fiscal Year 2018 Budget – Presentation #4-** Superintendent, Mr. Walmsley, continued with his budget discussions and focused on the following function codes: FC212 – Guidance Services, FC214 – Psychological Services, FC215 – Speech/Audiology Services, FC216 – Social Work Services, FC218 – Teacher Consultant. He discussed the possibility of the need for a Literacy Coach and the chance that there may be a reduction of one middle school or high school counseling fte. A balanced budget is required to be approved by June 30, 2017. Mr. Walmsley expressed to the board members that these are options and ideas and that he would expect final decisions from them in May when they are closer to finalizing the budget.

9. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Haley Fortuna

Lee Elementary:

- March 15th is Science night from 5-7 p.m.
- March 17th is a True Blue assembly for PBIS from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
- Jump rope for heart continues this month
- March is reading month continues

Middle School:

- Choral Festival – 6th grade took Division 1 and 7th and 8th grade took Division 2
- Middle School Band to a Division 2 overall at Festival
- The Middle School Musical, *School House Rock Live Jr.* will be performed this Thursday and Friday, March 16th and 17th in the Middle School Cafeteria.

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High School:

- High School Band took a Division 1 in all categories at Festival.
- Congratulations to Emily Cmarik, Allison Ingman, Rachel Rigole and Jackie Wilson who competed at the Michigan state leadership conference this past weekend. Rachel Rigole placed as a state champion and is eligible to attend the International Conference in April in Anaheim California. Jackie Wilson was a state finalist and will serve as an alternate in this event. Thank you to Mr. James Wagner for leading the team.
- On March 11, 2017, the Richmond High School Forensic team went to Novi for the MSCI 2017 Novice States Tournament. Three of our students won trophies. Rachel Tavano received 3rd place in Poetry, Anna Maxwell received 3rd place in Prose and Haley Fortuna became the Novice State Champion by receiving 1st place in Story Telling.

10. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

School Update:

- As discussed last year, a committee of teachers and administrators, under the direction of the Curriculum Director, as met to discuss the 8/20 grading policy and possible adjustments to the policy. The direction is not to eliminate the 8/20 policy, but to improve it. Parent meetings will be hosted and students will also have an opportunity to discuss and provide input to their principal.
- Congratulations to the following twelve (12) students whose work was accepted and displayed into the Anton Art Show in Mt. Clemens:
- Madi McEwan, Sydney Christiansen, Katie Gerlach, Angelica Barrows, Alexis Henderson, Jessica Weaver, Lauren Nicolopoulos, Juliana Cieglo, Mikala Evans, Jaret Gil, Andrew Caporuscio, Bailey White.

Legislative Update:

- Last week, State Superintendent Brian Whiston gave the quarterly report on deficit districts. For the first time in many years, it was reported that there should be no new districts facing budget deficits. Twenty seven districts remain on the deficit list, down from 40 last year.
- The Michigan Department of Education's full draft plan for meeting the requirements of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is open for public comment. The proposed plan is said to have less student testing and more focus on student academic growth.

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- The 21st Century Education Commission release their report which acknowledges the need for increased funding for all levels of education. Some key points of the Commission's report are; Michigan needs to invest in its schools, Michigan should provide free schooling at opposite ends of the spectrum, the elected State Board of Education should be abolished and appointed by the governor, and funding should be provided for charter schools.
- The House Committee on Education Reform took testimony on House Bill 4163, a bill that would prohibit the school calendar and schedule from the topics subject to collective bargaining.

Negotiation Update:

- The second mediation date was held on Monday, March 6, 2017. The 3rd mediation dates, originally set for Tuesday, March 14th, has been cancelled. The mediator has requested that both sides do not discuss what has been proposed at the table. No future mediation dates have been set.
- Negotiation dates have been set with the Teamsters who represent the Educational Paraprofessionals. The Educational Paraprofessional's contract expires on June 30, 2019, however, there is a wage and benefit opener for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school year.
- Negotiation dates have been set with the Teamsters who represent the Secretaries. The Secretaries contract expires on June 30, 2018, however, there is a wage and benefit opener for the 2017-18 school year.

Board Member Kyle Simmons arrived at approximately 8:45 p.m.

11. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Sarah Gillies said that she was happy to have been invited to read at Lee Elementary as part of March is Reading month. She enjoyed the experience.

Traci reported that she and Margaret attended the mock trial last Saturday and enjoyed it. Traci also reminded the audience that The Richmond Education Foundation will be holding its annual fund raiser on March 24th at 6:00 pm in the high school.

Margaret said that she loves the mock trial.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

A public comment was made by Sheila Lepak, a guidance counselor from the high school.

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13. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Bond Refinance Award

Motion: Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by T. Bartell to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the bid bond from Robert W. Baird & Company, Inc., as outlined in the attached Bid Resolution – General Obligation Bonds, prepared by Thrun Law.

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

14. CLOSED SESSION: NEGOTIATIONS

Motion: Moved by member K. Furtaw and supported by T. Bartell to move to closed session for the purpose of negotiations at 9:15 p.m.

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

Returned to open session at 9:45 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President, Margaret Teltow concluded the meeting and adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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