

Richmond Community Schools

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of 05-08-2017

7:00 pm on May 8, 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, May 8, 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 K-12 Theatre Program which is led by Eleanor Schmidt:

Joseph Pacitto, Jacob Pacitto, Cora Hall, Isabella Cracchiolo, Katelynn Holden, Noah Schroeder, Rachael Tavano, 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 Sarah Gillies, Secretary

4. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

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

Non-Discrimination Statement

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5. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

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 (7-0)

7. TRUE BLUE MOMENT:

1.) School Lunch Hero :

Food Service Director, Sue Bevins, gave a presentation/update on the School Meals Program. Certificates were distributed to the Food Service Staff in recognition of School Lunch Hero Week that took place the previous week. The recipients were: Michelle Girard, Tammy Calomeni, Kathy Guiney, Norma Buero, Debbie Osterland, Sandra Richards, Jacklyn Waszkiewicz, Dana Trombley, Dawn Scheer, Judy Murphy, and Pam Materazzi.

2.) K-12 Theatre:

Eleanor Schmidt, Richmond Theatre Coach, presented an overview of the various plays and programs that were provided throughout the year. She said that the programs were a great success this year. Several students spoke about their role in each production and how it impacted them in a positive way. The program consisted of the following:

- “American Symbols On Parade” at Lee with High School students working production.
- “School House Live Rock” at the Middle School with high school students directing and producing.
- “Play On” and “Thoroughly Modern Millie” at the High School level.
- A Forensics Team was also formed for the High School in which students were able to compete competitively in theatre related activities.

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8. PRESENTATIONS

A. Forensic Competition Overnight Trip to Mackinac Island:

Eleanor Schmidt, Theatre Coach, requested approval for herself, two other coaches and the Forensic students to attend the MSCI Forensic Conference in Mackinac Island at the Grand Hotel. The students will compete with new materials and will have opportunities to attend speech workshops. They will stay for three nights. There are a total of six students attending and aside from some fund raising money, they will be paying for their own trip.

B. K-12 Mathematics Curriculum and Materials Presentation:

Anthony Birkmeier, Curriculum Director, presented the curriculum for math for each grade level. He proposed some enhancements that will help to continue the program such as “Big Ideas Math” for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II, which includes professional development sessions for teachers. Also proposed is the “CPM Educational Program” for grades six through eight, which also includes embedded professional development and coaching.

C. High School Biology Curriculum and Materials Presentation:

Anthony Birkmeier, Curriculum Director, presented the curriculum for biology for each grade level. He proposed the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Science Dimensions as the enhancement resource to continue the curriculum for 2018-2019. It is a new program built specifically to address the Three Dimensions of Science Learning outlined in the framework for K-12 Science Education and the performance expectations of Next Generation Science Standards.

D. Budget Presentation #8

Mr. Walmsley, Superintendent, said that he is finalizing all new dollars pending the approval of the contract tonight and will have more information at the following meeting.

9. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Lee Elementary:

- Bikes for Books will take place on May 19th.
- Change Wars will take place on May 24th where change will be collected to support the parent club.
- Preschool Graduation will take place on May 25th.

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Middle School:

- National Junior Honor Society will have its induction ceremony on Wednesday, May 10th.
- Students are finishing M-Step Testing this week.
- There will be a band concert on Thursday, May 11th.
- Mornings for Moms will take place this Friday before Mother's Day.

High School:

- John Ilowski took first place in a recent AIS Rodeo
- Prom was last Friday and was a success.
- Rachel Rigole recently went to California to represent DECA
- Senior's last day will be May 17th
- The golf team is currently in second place in BWAC
- The Forensics Trial will take place this Thursday.
- Richmond Idol, supported by the Choir Boosters will have auditions on May 12th.
- The Richmond Idol Competition will take place on June 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Question: Have you considered having a high school billiard team?

Answer: Mr. Walmsley's response was that it had not ever been brought to his attention until now and he would check into it to see how much of an interest there is.

10. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Update:

- The House and Senate passed their respective budgets. There were no substantive changes made to the versions we've been reporting for the past few weeks.
- The budgets now switch chambers and the next step is the Consensus Revenue Estimating conference on May 17th. This will set the final revenue projections for the year and the target numbers on which to base the budget.
- Bills that address Substitute Shortages were passed: House Bill 4421 would allow a person with expertise and who holds a professional license or certification to substitute teach in Career and Technical Education Classes. House Bill 4422 would remove the requirement that districts pay into the retirement system if they hire back a retiree as a substitute teacher. House Bill 4069, would lower the threshold for substitute teaching from 90 to 60 hours of college credit or require an associate degree.

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Negotiation Update:

- On Wednesday, May 3, 2017, the District began negotiating with the Teamsters who represent the Secretarial Bargaining unit. We are scheduled to meet on Monday, May 22, 2017, prior to the Board of Education Meeting.
- On Thursday, May 18, 2017, the District is scheduled to begin negotiations with the Teamsters who represent the paraprofessionals. The paraprofessional bargaining membership comprises of Media Center paraprofessional, special education paraprofessionals and Title I paraprofessionals.

11. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Trustee, David Wirth asked Mr. Walmsley to explain the process of the various meetings he has been conducting regarding the budget. Mr. Walmsley explained that he is providing different opportunities such as District Wide meetings, meetings held at the individual buildings after school and an upcoming all day availability at each building in order to reach any staff member who has questions or concerns or would like to learn more about the budget.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Teresa Ranger, Teacher and REA President thanked the PTO for their generosity to staff members at Lee Elementary last week during Teacher Appreciation Week. They went above and beyond and it was appreciated.

Teresa also explained that the REA does provide scholarships to seniors and those will be awarded at the upcoming awards ceremony. She did present Haley Fortuna, the Student Representative to the Board, a scholarship award to attend a Summer Leadership Program for Political Science at the University of Chicago this summer.

13. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Master Agreement Between Richmond board of Education and MEA – NEW Local 1, Richmond Education Association

Motion: Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by K. Simmons to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Master Agreement between the Richmond Board of Education and MEA-NEW Local 1, Richmond Education Association for the term September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2019 as presented in the attached documentation.

Roll Call: Ayes: K. Furtaw, T. Bartell, S. Gillies, K. Simmons, R. Edberg
Motion Carries (5-0)
Members Margaret Teltow and David Wirth excused themselves from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

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B. Approval of Overnight Trip For Forensic Competition

Motion: Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by D. Wirth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the overnight trip to MSCI Forensic Convention in Mackinac Island as presented during the Board of Education meeting and in the attached documentation.

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

14. CLOSED SESSION-Student Discipline Hearing for Student 050817-A

Motion: Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by K. Furtaw to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and move to closed session for the purpose of a student discipline hearing at 8:50 p.m.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carries (7-0)

Returned to open session at 10:00 a.m.

15. CLOSED SESSION- Student Discipline Hearing for Student 050817-B

Motion: Moved by member K. Furtaw and supported by S. Gillies to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and move to closed session for the purpose of a student discipline hearing.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carries (7-0)

Returned to open session at 10:52 p.m.

16. CLOSED SESSION-Student Discipline Hearing for Student 050817-C – did not take place and will be rescheduled at a later date.

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17. CLOSED SESSION-Student Discipline Hearing for Student 050817-D

Motion: Moved by member T. Bartell and supported by S. Gillies to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and move to closed session for the purpose of a student discipline hearing.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carries (7-0)

Returned to open session at 11:44 p.m.

18. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Student Discipline - Student #050817- A

Motion: Moved by member K. Simmons and supported by K. Furtaw to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and suspend student 050817-A through the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year which ends May 16, 2017. Student 050817-A will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony on May 24, 2017, so long as student 050817-A completes all necessary graduation requirements.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carries (7-0)

B. Student Discipline - Student # 050817-B

Motion: Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by D. Wirth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and expel student 050817-B from Richmond Community Schools for a period of 180 days. Student 050817-B may petition the Board of Education for reinstatement at the end of the 180-day period.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carries (7-0)

C. Student Discipline - Student # 050817-D

Motion: Moved by member K. Furtaw and supported by D. Wirth to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and suspend student 050817-D for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. The suspension will be an out-of-school suspension for a period of 10 days, which ends May 16, 2017. From May 17 through June 9, 2017, student 050817-D will serve an in-house suspension.

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carries (7-0)

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19. CLOSED SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS

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

Roll Call: All Ayes
Motion Carries (7-0)

Returned to open session at 11:56 p.m.

20. ADJOURNMENT

President, Margaret Teltow concluded the meeting and adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

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