

Richmond Community Schools

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of 06-12-2017

7:00 pm on June 12, 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, June 12, 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 Jr. First and First Lego League which is led by Mrs. Ann Durst, and by members of the First Robotics Club led by Jacob Caporuscio. Those in attendance to say the Pledge were: Mikey Condon, Aurelia Woodcock, Camryn Moore, Cooper Honold, Cadan Churchill, Mikey Daleo, Duncan Corneille, Aidan Durst, Olivia Durst Aidan Muller, John Muller, Megan Condon, Logan Northam, Andrew Caporuscio, Tom Dickerson, Nick Matthes, Lukasz Pociecha (Adult Volunteers Ernie Graves and Jerry Caporuscio)

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
R. Edberg, D. Wirth, K. Simmons

Members Absent: T. Bartell with notice

Non-Discrimination Statement

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Others Present: A.Birkmeier, D. Kochan, K. Bartels, D. Michon, V. Laseke,
C. Rinehart, H. Napier, S. Matuszewski, B. Borwick

5. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

7. TRUE BLUE MOMENT:

- 1.) First Lego League : Students Camryn Moore and Michael Daleo spoke about the First Lego League and some of their challenges and successes in the Robotics Scramble Competition. Mrs. Durst presented Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Shellie Daleo with an appreciation award for their volunteer time and generous donations to the league.
- 2.) First Robotics: Student Nick Matthes explained what happens at a First Robotics competition and a demonstration with the actual robot was performed.
- 3.) High School Newspaper: Haley Fortuna and Nick Matthes talked about the latest updates to the School Newspaper the “Blue Devils Advocate”. It can now be accessed on line and through Instagram and Twitter.

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8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Teachers, Teresa Ranger, Ann Durst and Kristine Nolan each spoke about why they love Richmond Schools and explained why it is a great place for students.

9. PRESENTATIONS

A. Middle School and High School Student Athlete Accomplishments:

Mr. Rinehart, High School Dean of Students, and Ms. Becky Borwick, Middle School Dean of Students, presented a PowerPoint which highlighted the Year in Athletics.

B. Student-Athlete Code of Conduct Handbook:

Some minor changes to the handbook were discussed. The language for the previous "Self-Disclosure" piece was revised so that consequences for bad choices can be looked at on a more case by case situation. It was pointed out that the penalties will be accumulative beginning with and throughout the student-athlete's participation in the athletic program from grade seven through twelve. The community service consequences assigned for offenses will be above and beyond the regularly required forty hours for all high school students.

C. Athletic Coaches Handbook:

It was requested that the paragraph which suggests invitations to banquets be sent to all board members be stricken from the handbook. Board members enjoy the events but do not feel it should be a requirement in the handbook as it makes it sound that inviting them is mandatory.

D. Grading Policy and Elementary Report Card Revisions

Anthony Birkmeier, Curriculum Director, reviewed the grading policy. The 80% Summative and the 20% formative for grades 5-12 remain the same with some tweaks to the retake process and considerations for student effort. The Kindergarten through 4th grade will use a standards based mastery learning grading system with standards only and third and fourth grade will no longer receive letter grades. Honor roll for third and fourth grade students will be based on the numbering system. They will receive an honor roll award if they achieve 1's (Exceeds Standard) and 2's (Consistently Met Standard).

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E. 2017-2018 School Improvement Plan – District

Anthony Birkmeier, Curriculum Director, presented for the District. He stated that the District Improvement Goals remain the same as last year. All Students at Richmond Community Schools will continue to improve their math proficiency, reading proficiency, writing proficiency, social studies proficiency and science proficiency. They will continue with the Multitiered System of Supports (MTSS), with Classroom Instruction that Works (CITW), and the implementation of DRA. There is currently not enough data from the State to monitor progress at this time.

F. 2017-2018 School Improvement Plan – Richmond High School

High School Principal, Deb Michon, also stated that the goals for Richmond High School will be that all students will improve their math proficiency, reading proficiency, writing proficiency, social studies proficiency and science proficiency. Changes that will be made to the 2017-18 School Improvement Plan will be addressing the SAT requirements for reading and writing as one goal. Staff will be trained on the five main writing areas of SAT which are direct evidence, statistics/data, facts/logic, appeal to emotion and imagery/sensory details.

G. 2017-2018 School Improvement Plan – Richmond Middle School

Middle School Principal, Keith Bartels, also stated that the goals for Richmond Middle School will also be that all students will improve their math proficiency, reading proficiency, writing proficiency, social studies proficiency and science proficiency. For the 2017-18 School Year the goals for proficiency in reading and writing will be combined and the Middle School will continue to communicate with parents, community members and all stakeholders through a variety of media opportunities.

H. 2017-2018 School Improvement Plan – Lee Elementary School

Mr. Kochan, Principal at Will L. Lee Elementary stated similar goals with proficiency in reading and writing, math, social studies and science. These goals will be continued for the 2017-18 school year.

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I. Budget Presentation #10

Superintendent, Brian Walmsley provided his last budget presentation as the budget hearing and approval meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2017. It is expected that Richmond will receive from the State an additional \$120.00 per pupil taking the amount from \$7,511.00 to \$7,631.00 per pupil. There should also be some additional “At Risk” funding. The Literacy Coach position would come from this “At Risk” money. The Board Members were provided with a memo that hi-lighted revenue assumptions and possible Administrative reductions. The memo stressed that the board should recognize that the FY2018 budget presented to them on this June 12, 2017 now has an overall fund balance of 4.46% and an Early Warning Fund Balance of 5.65% based on known revenue assumptions and projected expenses. Board Members decided not to go with any Administrative reductions and were in agreement with the budget presented to them. They had one request for additional information regarding the EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) class being offered in the next year. They wanted to know if cancelling a first year class next year would have a huge effect on those students who expressed interest in taking it.

J. First Reading of Board Policy – Neola Spring Updates

- i. 2221 – Mandatory Courses
- ii. 2461 – Recording of District Meeting Involving Students and/or Parents
- iii. 2623 – Student Assessment
- iv. 3120.04 – Employment of Substitutes
- v. 3121 – Criminal History Record Check
- vi. 4121 – Criminal History Record Check
- vii. 5517.01 – Bullying and Other Aggressive Behavior Toward Students
- viii. 5610 – Emergency Removal, Suspension, and Expulsion of Nondisabled Students
- ix. 5610.01 – Expulsion/Suspension – Required by Statute
- x. 5630.01 – Student Seclusion and Restraint
- xi. 7540.02 – Web Content, Services and Apps
- xii. 8330 – Student Records
- xiii. 8400 – School Safety Information
- xiv. 8500 – Food Services
- xv. 8510 - Wellness

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10. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Haley Fortuna said that it was a successful year for all school buildings which ended with nice award ceremonies. She thanked everyone for their support for her.

11. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Superintendent, Mr. Walmsley, was very pleased with the Memorial Celebrations that took place on the half day before Memorial Day. He said the buildings did a great job. He also complimented the Administrators and staff members involved in all of the award ceremonies. He acknowledged that it is hard work and they were done very well.

12. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kyle Simmons attended several award assemblies and said they were well organized. He thanked the local businesses for the roles that they play and the donations made for the scholarships. Member Ryan Edberg was pleased with the Pre-K graduation and thanked the staff for allowing him to be a part of it. Margaret Teltow shared a thank you note from student Rachel Rigole, who attended the DECA Conference recently. Margaret also thanked the teachers who spoke during public comment for their positive words.

13. 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 (6-0)

Returned to open session at 11:03 p.m.

20. ADJOURNMENT

President, Margaret Teltow concluded the meeting and adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

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