

Richmond Community Schools

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of 01-09-2017

7:00 pm on January 9, 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, January 9, 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 National Junior Honor Society and their Advisor, Kyle Bartels. The participating students: Duncan Corneillie, Luke Evans, Sarah Gasko, Julie Rock, Paige Rands, and Brianna Hill

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. Simmons, K. Furtaw, T. Bartell, R. Edberg, D. Wirth

Members Absent:

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

Non-Discrimination Statement

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5. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion: Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by T. Bartell to approve the agenda as amended. (Item numbers 8A and 8C were eliminated from the agenda.)

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

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

7. TRUE BLUE MOMENT:

A. National Junior Honor Society – A member of the National Junior Honor Society spoke about the many events they are involved in throughout the year. They currently have forty three, eighth grade members. They must maintain their grade point average and continue with good behavior in order to remain in the National Junior Honor Society. The group is planning a district wide involved fund-raiser to provide donations to The Rainbow Connection, which is an organization that makes dreams come true for Michigan children with life threatening illnesses and provides support services to their families.

8. PRESENTATIONS

A. FY 2018 Budget – Enrollment Projections and Assumptions

- Superintendent Walmsley reviewed the function codes and a timeline for the 2018 fiscal year budget which is required to be approved by June 30, 2017.

B. Review of Board Workshop Materials

- Materials from a previous board workshop were included to bring new board members up to speed regarding their shared interests and goals.

C. Superintendent Evaluation

- Materials were also provided to review the new Superintendent evaluation tool which will be used for the 2017 year (January to December). Members T. Bartell, K. Furtaw, and M. Teltow were trained and are able to train the others on the use of this new tool.

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9. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A public comment was made by a teacher of the district, Cheryl Jahr. She expressed concerns that aside from the budget constraints, teacher morale is low and there has been a growing culture of fear in recent years. She suggested an anonymous survey to reach out to employees of the district so they could be heard.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Haley Fortuna

Lee Elementary:

- A True Blue Assembly was held before the holiday break.
- McDonald's night is January 23, 2017 from 4-7 where staff members will be serving the public.
- The talent show will be held on February 24th.

Middle School:

- The PTA held a dodgeball tournament before the break.
- The cheer team took 2nd place in their recent competition.
- Auditions were held today for the *School House Rock Live* Musical that will be held in the spring.

High School:

- Auditions for the high school musical will be held next week.
- Forensics first competition will be held this Saturday in Ann Arbor.
- We The People will be in Lansing this Friday.
- The first DECA competitive will be held this Saturday.
- District Solo and Ensemble will also be held this Saturday.
- The Varsity Cheer Team took first place in this past weekend's cheer competition.

Question: Why are tickets needed for graduation this year?

Answer: Mr. Walmsley responded that this year the graduation ceremony will take place at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts and seating is limited. They are currently working to identify the families that may require more tickets and will be working with them accordingly.

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11. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

School Update:

Update on last meeting Public Comment: Mr. Walmsley commented that at the last Board meeting a parent of a child who attends St. Augustine School indicated that our office did not get back to him with information about the International Academy of Macomb. He felt that his child should be considered as a candidate for IAM like all current 8th grade Richmond Middle School Students.

Our office did respond in e-mail to that parent's questions promptly and on several occasions. Mr. Walmsley went on to document the dates and content of the communications. In short, the International Academy of Macomb is a consortium agreement between the Macomb County Public Schools and students attending these public schools are eligible, if they meet the entrance criteria to attend. Each district in the consortium agreement is allocated "spots" based on the district enrollment. Richmond Community Schools is allocated two spots each school year. If the number of slots allocated are not filled by current Richmond 8th grade students, then the district will consider students that will be 9th graders at Richmond High School the following school year, but are not currently 8th graders at Richmond Middle School.

Other School News:

Richmond Community Schools is partnering with the Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce and sponsoring some of the events for the upcoming Winter Fest on February 3rd through 5th, 2017.

Friday, February 3, 2017 – Spaghetti Dinner from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. with Fireworks Show by Pyro Joes around 8:00 p.m. in the Athletic Complex.

Saturday, February 4, 2017 – "Drive-in" movie in the Lee Elementary School Cafeteria. From 2:00 to 3:00 the students will be able to design a car on a box and then sit in the box car to watch the movie, *Zootopia*, at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 5, 2017 – Arts and Scraps will be at Lee Elementary Schools in the Cafeteria from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and an Exotic Zoo Animal presentation will be held from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Legislative Update:

- The new legislative session year begins this Wednesday. Forty-three representatives will take office in the House but the Senate membership will not change for another two years. This week will be mostly ceremonial.
- One hot topic is the expected introduction of a Senate bill that eliminates the income tax. According to a Detroit News article, "Michigan collected more than \$9.3 billion in personal income taxes in the 2016 fiscal year. It was the largest single source of revenue for the state. Most income tax revenue goes toward the state's general fund, which is used to pay for various government functions. Roughly 30 percent goes to the School Aid Fund for K-12 education."

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- Governor Snyder's State of the State address is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17th. Infrastructure, Healthy Michigan/Medicaid and municipal pension reform are the rumored priorities for Governor Snyder going forward in 2017.

12. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

President Teltow thanked the Board Members who assisted Santa on Thursday, December 22nd with his visits to staff members.

13. CLOSED SESSION: ATTORNEY/CLIENT COMMUNICATION

Motion: Moved by member K. Furtaw and supported by S. Gillies to move to closed session for the purpose of an attorney/client communication at 8:05 p.m.

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

Returned to open session at 8:43 p.m.

14. CLOSED SESSION: NEGOTIATIONS

Motion: Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by K. Furtaw to move to closed session for the purpose of negotiations at 8:47 p.m.

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

Returned to open session at 10:23 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President, Margaret Teltow concluded the meeting and adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

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