

Richmond Community Schools

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of 01-23-2017

7:00 pm on January 23, 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 23, 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 Richmond Middle School Builder's Club: Payton Campbell, Megan Condon, and Brianna Albers under the leadership of Mrs. Bercel, Mrs. Nolan, and Mrs. Pitcel

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, V. Laseke

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5. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion: Moved by member K. Furtaw and supported by S. Gillies 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:

- Richmond Middle School Builder's Club – Student Brianna Albers spoke on behalf of the Builder's Club. She said that some of the things that they have done and will be doing are: Packing lunches for McRest, filling Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt, making blankets for Children's Hospital, participating in the shoe drive, trick or treating at Leisure Manor, holding bake sales at conferences. Mrs. Nolan added that the club consists of twenty five students and the group meets after school.
- Board of Education Appreciation – Superintendent, Mr. Walmsley, presented each board member with a certificate and a gift card for lunch to show appreciation during Board of Education Appreciation month.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Moved by member K. Simmons and supported by S. Gillies to move to closed session for the purpose of negotiations at 7:09 p.m.

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

Returned to open session at 7:46 p.m.

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9. PRESENTATIONS

- A. **Bond Update** – The “Wish List” was shared in which the remaining bond money could be spent, however, Mr. Walmsley stated that there is currently no lighting in the high school auditorium and he hoped that spending could be held up in case some of the money is needed for costly repairs or replacement of the lighting system.
- B. **FY 2018 Budget Presentation #2** – Superintendent, Mr. Walmsley, presented an overview of the budget and projected enrollment. He discussed function codes: 118 (preschool), 119 (summer school), and 351 (Childcare). He expressed that he would like to make no adjustments to these line items and would like to move forward with the advertising for early childhood and preschool and kindergarten roundups in the month of February.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were made by Teresa Ranger, teacher and REA President and John Schleder, teacher and REA Vice President, regarding their contract. A former teacher, Tom Brown, expressed concerns about morale. A student, Lauren Nicolopoulos spoke about her disappointment in the decision to change the graduation ceremony venue from McMorran Center to the Macomb Performing Arts Center.

11. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – H. Fortuna

Haley Fortuna was not in attendance this evening and Mr. Walmsley shared some news on her behalf.

12. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

School Update:

Update on last meeting Public Comment: At the last meeting public comment, Cheryl Jahr, a middle school teacher, expressed some concerns. Mr. Walmsley reached out to her and they are scheduled to meet on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

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Other School News:

- James Wagner, Richmond High School Marketing Teacher, reported that on Saturday, January 14, 2017, eighteen Richmond High School students competed among six hundred students from the area in the DECA Regional Competition. DECA, Distributive Education Clubs of America, is an international association of high school and college students and teachers of marketing, management and entrepreneurship in business, finance, and other business areas. The following students scored in the top percentage of their group: Eric Donato, Matt Graves, Brandon Saikowski, Rachel Rigole and Carissa Wilcox. Emily Cmarik, Allison Ingman, Rachel Rigole and Jackie Wilson placed in the top of their event and will advance to the State competition in March.
- The following Middle School students will be recognized for their outstanding artwork:
Caden Caperton - Honorable Mention – Drawing
Katerina Lindsay – Gold Key – Sculpture
Emma Millbrand – Silver Key – Sculpture
Emmelia Rhein – Honorable Mention – Drawing
Katerina Wilkie – Honorable Mention - Drawing
- Veronica Belf, Richmond High School Art Teacher, reported that forty two pieces of art were accepted into the Scholastic art and writing competition: There were four Gold Key winners: Mikala Evans, Madi McEwan and Lauren Nicolopoulos (Lauren won two Gold Keys). There were fourteen Silver Key winners: Angelica Barrows, Johnnie Chesney, Mikala Evans (2), Amanda Gorr, Madelyn Green, Brianna Maloney, Anna Maxwell, Nastassia Olko, Noah Schroeder, Jenna Stafford, Autumn Terpenning, Jessica Weaver, and Taylor Xerri.
- The Scholastic awards ceremony will be on Monday, January 30, 2017 at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts at 7:00 pm. After the ceremony, the show is opened to all and you can see their work on display as well as the high school winners.
- Eleonor Schmidt, Richmond Community Schools Theater Director, reported that on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor, the Forensic team attended and competed in their first invitational. The following awards were presented: Ashley Anderson won the best dressed award; Anna Maxwell made it to the Semi-finals in the Prose Event and was in the top 12; Olivia Wofford and Emily Nichter made in into Semi-Finals for the Duo Event and were in the top 8; Rachel Tavano made it to the Finals for the Poetry Event and placed in 6th.
- Congratulations to Women's Chorale Junior, Haley Fortuna. Haley performed a solo at MSVMA District Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday, January 14, 2017 and received a Division 1 rating. Haley qualifies for MSVMA State Competition in March.

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Legislative Update:

- Today, Superintendents from Armada, New Haven, and Richmond met with Representative Jeff Yaroeh to discuss the issues facing each school district, individually and collectively, as well as how potential legislation will impact the Districts he represents.
- Late last week the School Reform Office released their new Bottom 5% list. Seventy-nine schools were released from the Priority Schools list, but 38 schools are now at risk of closure.
- Days ahead of the SRO announcement, Senator Pavlov introduced Senate Bill 27, legislation that would repeal the 'failing schools' law, Section 1280c. TCA looks forward to working with the Senator's office on a more rational law that uses research-based, rather than experimental approaches to school improvement and allows parents and communities to continue being involved in their schools.
- President Teltow asked Superintendent Walmsley for an additional update on the REA negotiations and Mr. Walmsley shared some of the following:
 - The District's proposal was a multi-year contract which was rejected by the REA and Local 1.
 - At the conclusion of the last negotiation session, it was indicated that mediation would be requested.
 - Mr. Walmsley shared the projected fte (full time equivalency) enrollment, the fiscal year budget history and projection overview, assumptions of expense reductions equal to loss of student revenue, and charts.

13. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Traci Bartell asked the community to contact their legislature and pay attention to the nominee for the next secretary of education. Sara Gillies thanked the elementary staff for working at McDonalds that evening.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President, Margaret Teltow concluded the meeting and adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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