

# Richmond Community Schools

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Superintendent

## Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of 11-14-2016

7:00 pm on November 14, 2016 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, November 14, 2016, 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 Lee Elementary Student Council: President Camryn Moore (Mrs. Walter's class), Vice President Claire Bloom (Mr. Hook's class) and Treasurer John Plonka (Mrs. Vohs' class) Secretary Faith Thomson (Mrs. Wirth's class) was not in attendance. The advisors, Mrs. VanSledright and Ms. Zvonek were not able to attend.

### 3. MISSION STATEMENT

At Richmond Community Schools, we provide a quality education that empowers students to be successful in a global community. Read by K. Furtaw, Secretary

### 4. ROLL CALL

Members Present: M. Teltow, D. Hill, S. Gillies, K. Simmons, K. Furtaw, T. Bartell

Members Absent: J. Theut resigned effective 11-4-2016 – President Teltow read his resignation letter.

Others Present: V. Laseke, 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 presented.

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

## 6. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION TREASURER

Motion: Moved by member K. Furtaw and supported by T. Bartell to appoint Sarah Gillies as Treasurer for Richmond Community Schools Board of Education, effective November 14, 2016.

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

## 7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

**8. TRUE BLUE MOMENT:** Student Council President, Camryn Moore gave a brief overview of some of the events held by the Student Council. They will be collecting items for “Sandy’s Kids” in December, making cards for Veterans in February and planning a craft at Medilodge in the Spring.

## 9. PRESENTATIONS

A. Technology Presentation – The Principals of each of the buildings spoke about how the one-to-one devices have been incorporated into the classrooms over the past two years. They were asked to explain how their communication and learning process has evolved with the latest technology. Each Administrator provided an overview and an extensive list of the programs they are using to communicate and to integrate curriculum with learning through the use of these devices.

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B. Bond Refinancing – Business Manager, Vicki Laseke, spoke about the recommendation to refund prior bonds for the purpose of refinancing the school districts outstanding 2008 School Building and Site Bonds.

C. Neola Policy Updates (0100 through 9700) – The latest fall policy updates from Neola were reviewed as a first reading.

**10. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Haley Fortuna – Haley was not in attendance.**

**11. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**School Update:**

- Mr. Walmsley congratulated those who performed in the play, called *Play On*, over the weekend. He also performed in the play which gave him a greater appreciation for their hard work.
- Mr. Walmsley also thanked all citizens who supported the Non-Homestead Millage and was happy that it passed.
- Mr. Walsmley read a statement from State Superintendent Brian Whiston that urged educators “to cultivate and develop a steadfast respect for all others, inclusive of race, religion, orientation, or social-economic standing. We must not let political rhetoric and actions diminish the positive learning environments we’ve worked so hard to nourish.”

**Legislative Update:**

- During the “Lame Duck” period, there are some issues to watch for:
  - MPSERS reform will see some action as Senator Pavlov has introduced three bills that deal with amortization of the unfunded liability.
  - Energy Choice is also expected to receive a vote in the House before the year end.
  - The Seclusion and Restraint, Zero Tolerance and DPS clean up could all see votes during Lame Duck.

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## **12. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Board members made positive comments regarding the play and the Halloween parade.

## **13. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

## **14. CLOSED SESSION – ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION**

Motion: Moved by member T. Bartell and supported by S. Gillies to move to closed session for attorney-client communication at 8:21 p.m.

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

**Returned to open session at 8:42 p.m.**

## **15. ACTION ITEMS:**

### **A. Approval of Snow Removal and Lawn Mowing Contract**

Motion: Moved by member T. Bartell and supported by K. Furtaw to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award a contract to Stafford Landscaping for lawn and snow removal services for one (1) year in an amount specified in the attached bid documents for which funding from the 2016-17 General Fund Budget is authorized and for which funding in the 2017-18 General Fund Budget will reflect said contract as presented in the attached documentation. The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to extend said contract for up to two (2) additional years if the contractor meets or exceeds District expectations as determined by the Superintendent.

Roll Call: Ayes: T. Bartell, D. Hill, M. Teltow, K. Furtaw, S. Gillies  
Nays: K. Simmons  
Motion Carries (5-1)

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### **B. Sale of Property Purchase Agreement Authorization**

Motion: Moved by member K. Furtaw and supported by T. Bartell to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to complete the sale of property at Division and Main Street.

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

### **C. Bond Refinance Authorization**

Motion: Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by T. Bartell to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the resolution as attached which authorizes Richmond Community Schools to refund Prior Bonds.

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

## **16. CLOSED SESSION: NEGOTIATIONS**

Motion: Moved by member K. Simmons and supported by K. Furtaw to move to closed session for the purpose of negotiations at 9:00 p.m.

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

**Returned to open session at 9:49 p.m.**

## **17. ADJOURNMENT**

President, Margaret Teltow concluded the meeting and adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

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