

Richmond Community Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

7:00PM, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued an order on December 18, 2020, that prohibits indoor gatherings of two or more people from more than one household, and the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity issued emergency rules on October 14, 2020 regarding remote work by employees when feasible. In addition, one or more of the municipalities served by the Richmond Community Schools has declared a local state of emergency, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

To ensure against violating the indoor gathering prohibition, and in the interest of achieving the goal expressed in the MDHHS order and the MDLEO rules to protect the public health, particularly during a local state of emergency, the Richmond Community Schools Board of Education will meet virtually on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021** in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act as amended. This notice is required to ensure that those wishing to observe and/or participate in the meeting can have the opportunity to do so.

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To address the Board during audience participation, or to provide input or ask questions on any business that will come before the Board at the meeting, please indicate so during the *Public Comment* portion of the agenda. If you wish to submit your statement in writing to Board members you may do so by sending your written statement to the Superintendent, bwalmsley@richmond.k12.mi.us, or drop the written statement off at the *Board of Education & Administrative Offices*, located at in the back of Richmond Middle School, Door #18 (35276 Division, Richmond Michigan 48062). The Superintendent will provide a copy of all written statements received to each Board member as well as read the written statement during the *Public Comment* portion of the agenda.

Anyone wishing to address the Board via electronic attendance at the meeting will be recognized by the Board President. Please note that delays are possible based on the number of individuals who express interest in addressing the Board. To contact members of the Board in order to provide input or ask questions on any business before the Board at the meeting, please use the contact information found on the district's website, under the Board of Education link on the left side of the webpage.

Non-Discrimination Statement

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This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in Agenda Item 9.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by D. Michon at 7pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Board of Education.

3. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by B. Shuboy.

"At Richmond Community Schools, we provide a quality education that empowers students to be successful in a global community."

4. ROLL CALL

Roll call was done by B. Shuboy.

D. Michon, present attending virtual from Columbus Township, St. Clair County, MI

A. Pacitto, present attending virtual from Richmond, MI, Macomb County.

B. Shuboy, present attending virtual from Casco Township, MI.

K. Simmons, present attending virtual from Richmond, Macomb County, MI.

D. Sutton, present attending virtual from Casco Township, St. Clair County.

M. Teltow, present attending virtual from Casco Township, MI.

S. Zube, present attending virtual from Casco Township, MI.

Quorum: 7-0

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion for approval of the Agenda by A. Pacitto; Supported by S. Zube.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion for approval of the Consent Agenda by A. Pacitto; Supported by S. Zube.

A. Personnel Report

B. Walmsley provided a report of resignations and new hires in the District.

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

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Chrostowski, Jeff (JV Boys Basketball)
High School

Effective Date: 2020-01-26

NEW HIRES

Grabow, Mark (Bus Driver)
Transportation

Effective Date: 2021-02-03

Kinsler, Anne (Bus Driver)
Transportation

Effective Date: 2021-02-08

Orlando, Frank (JV Boys Basketball Coach)
High School

Effective Date: 2021-02-08

Schafer, Nicole (Title I Paraprofessional)
Middle School

Effective Date: 2021-02-08

B. Claims and Accounts

C. Board Meeting Minutes

1. 01-25-2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

M. Teltow noted corrections to the Minutes that were communicated to the Board Office.

7. BOND UPDATE

B. Walmsley provided an update on current projects.

- Moving forward with summer projects.
- 2/15: There will be two portables moved to the concession area behind the Middle School.
- 3/5: Board Office will be closed.
- The Middle School Art Room and Title I Room will be moving to other locations in the Middle School.
- Asbestos abatement communication will be going out to the community school soon.

8. PRESENTATION(S)

A. Instructional Spotlight:

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Overview

Renee Ara presented on the CTE Program.

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- Overview of Program
- Introduced teachers: Mr. Wagner (Accounting, Business Management Technology and Marketing), Mr. Olsen (AIS Heavy Equipment), Mrs. Herd (Criminal Justice)
- CTE Teachers provided updates for their respective courses.
- Announcement of winners for the MCTEAA Awards (Nicholas Fistler and Emmanuel Garcia)

M. Teltow inquired about State Competitions this year. Mr. Wagner provided an update.

B. Walmsley announced that February is CTE month.

B. 2021-22 Middle School and High School Course Catalog

Renee Ara provided an update on changes in the Catalog.

Board member Teltow inquired about 7th and 8th grade Algebra I and II pre-requisites. K. Bartels provided feedback.

D. Sutton inquired about 7th graders who are in Algebra. K. Bartels provided additional clarification.

Ms. Teltow inquired about K-12 STEAM/Robotics Program. K. Bartels provided feedback regarding the K-12 program.

Ms. Ara discussed the elimination of fees for Photography I, II and AP Art to allow for all student to take any classes that they want without having to pay fees for the course.

M. Teltow inquired about the culinary courses. Mr. Kastl clarified. There were additional discussions with members of the Board regarding courses.

The Course Catalog will be brought back to the Board in two weeks for final approval.

C. FY2021 Budget Amendment #2

T. Schadd provided updates on Budget Amendments for FY21.

No questions from the Board of Education.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Teresa Ranger, 1st Grade Teacher and REA President provided further clarification in response to the Public Comment response provided by former Board President M. Teltow at the previous Board meeting. She further clarified that teachers did not receive a raise and her understanding of what the definition of a raise is.

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Timothy Couto, Executive Director, Michigan Education Association provided history of the REA members' raises and reductions since the 2009-10 School Year. Mr. Couto provided examples of compounded loss and a breakdown of the loss of steps for REA members during the period of 2009-10 through 2016-17. He also expressed hopes of having teacher raise concerns addressed by the Board.

Dawn Ostaszewski, mother of sophomore at Richmond High School spoke regarding quarantine concerns related to her daughter's recent exposure. Would like the Board to consider:

1. Reminding parents to screen their children for COVID symptoms and not send their kids to school if they have symptoms.
2. Implementing a self-declaring process requiring students, employees and visitors to answer COVID health screening questions, prior to entering the school.
3. Revising the Return to Learn Plan, revising the quarantining period to 7 day CDC option, rather than 10 Days and with COVID testing coming available, look at t the Return to Learning Plan and consider adding this to the Plan.

Ms. Ostaszewski also thanked the Board and teachers for all their hard work and efforts.

10. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

B. Walmsley provided a Legislative updates.

- MDHHS updated its current Pandemic Order, allowing winter sports to resume on February 8th, with specific guidelines.
- C. Rinehart provided updates regarding contact sports and an update on the other sports and when they can start playing games.
 - As of today, most of the winter sports participants will be wearing masks even while they are competing.
 - Wrestlers can take masks must go back on once they are done with their match. Negative antigen test will be required prior to each competition.
 - State tournament dates have been pushed back to March.
 - Spectators (two/participant) are allowed at games.
 - Date for spring sports has not yet been set.
 - Cameras will be live in the High School gym; with the subscription, you can watch as many games as you would like.

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- Board member Teltow asked for clarification on how games can be watched and if more information will be shared on the website. C. Rinehart will add links on the website and the District's social media pages.
 - Board member Teltow inquired about tests and other things such as who will administer tests, whose paying for it, etc. C. Rinehart provided additional feedback.
 - Pacitto asked if we are allowed to have Middle School sports. C. Rinehart provided feedback.
- B. Walmsley provided an update on the topic of School Boards being able to meet in-person. As of right now, no.
 - The House passed the Republican plan to appropriate the Federal funds (420k for Richmond).
 - There are Mental Health hearings being held to address how the shutdown has affected kids.

District Updates

- B. Walmsley thanked cooks, bus drivers, childcare workers, Mrs. Guiney and Mrs. Schadd for everything that they've done for the food program.
- The Communicator has been published so everyone should receive it soon.
- Kindergarten Virtual Roundup will be on March 11th.
- Preschool Virtual Roundup will be on March 10th.
- We are moving to 100% online registration.
- An update on meetings with City and Richmond Historical Society will be provided to the Board within the next couple days.

11. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

No interests from the Board.

12. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of School Bus Purchase

Motion for the purchase of a school bus from Midwest Transportation from K. Simmons;
Supported by S. Zube.

B. Walmsley provided an update that we are looking to purchase from Midwest, not Holland. Midwest isn't the lowest, but we have been purchasing from Midwest. The lowest bid was \$93,182 and Midwest \$93,708.

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Roll Call Vote

A. Pacitto: Aye

B. Shuboy: Aye

K. Simmons: Aye

D. Sutton: Aye

M. Teltow: Aye

S. Zube: Aye

D. Michon: Aye

Ayes: 7-0

Nays: 0

Motion Carries: 7-0

B. Approval of Resolution to Permit School Board to Meet In-person

Motion by D. Sutton; Supported by B. Shuboy.

Ayes: 6-1

Nays: 1

Motion Carries: 6-1

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:39pm.

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