

Richmond Community Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

7:00PM, FEBRUARY 22, 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 22 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.

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**.

Non-Discrimination Statement

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting call to order by D. Michon at 7pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance recited by the Board of Education.

3. MISSION STATEMENT

B. Shuboy read the Mission Statement *“At Richmond Community Schools, we provide a quality education that empowers students to be successful in a global community.”*

4. ROLL CALL

Roll call done by B. Shuboy.

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

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

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

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

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

M. Teltow, present attending virtual from Casco Township, St. Clair County, MI.

S. Zube, present attending virtual from Casco Township, St. Clair County, MI.

Quorum: 7-0

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion Carries: 7-0

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion for approval of Consent Agenda by K. Simmons; Supported by S. Zube.

B. Walmsley provided a personnel update regarding the resignations of Ternan, Kayley (Childcare) and Monica Lopiccolo (Bus Driver and Custodian). Both employees accepted positions outside of the School District.

B. Walmsley reported no questions on the meeting minutes.

Motion Carries: 7-0

7. BOND UPDATE

B. Walmsley reports on the bond progress, which included:

- Portables have arrived for the Board Office move.
- This weekend the Art Room will be moving.

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- Next weekend the Board Office and weight room will be moved.
- High School Site work has begun.
- Asbestos abatement to occur during spring break.
- Mid-July, the other side of the Elementary parking lot will be done.

8. PRESENTATION(S)

A. *Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan (Section 98a)* for the 2020-21 School Year (Update)

1. Review of Weekly 2-way Interaction Rates

B. Walmsley provided an update on the current 2-way communications and reviewed current averages.

2. Instructional Delivery Discussion

B. Walmsley reported that the District will continue providing in-person and virtual, live synchronous

M. Teltow inquired regarding parent's previous questions regarding the District using an app to screen students and questions regarding the administration of testing for wrestlers.

B. Walmsley provided feedback regarding both questions. We are currently exploring the option for possibly using an app. There are concerns with students giving their personal information to a third party. So far, most Districts who have been contacted are not using an app, but we are still following up with more to get feedback. An update will be provided at the next Board meeting. For wrestling testing, we are currently looking into the reliability of 1 test over another for the nasal swab and rapid tests. There is currently conflicting information between the two.

S. Zube inquired regarding other options explored for student screening and what other Districts are doing and what the District is doing for its screening of visitors.

B. Walmsley provided feedback regarding both questions. Most are following CDC guidelines for screening, but we are still getting feedback from other Districts. We are currently screening visitors through our self-screening sign-in procedures that asks visitors about symptoms. Visitors are also required to take their temperatures before entering buildings.

3. Public Comment on *Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan*

Dawn Ostaszewski, mother of sophomore at Richmond High School. Thanked Board for looking into previous concerns addressed. Inquiry regarding wrestlers not being required to be in quarantine until their second results come in.

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4. Reconfirm/Amend Instructional Delivery Method

B. Walmsley recommended to continue with the District in-person and virtual-live Synchronous

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

D. Michon acknowledged the REA raise concerns as well as the Board's efforts in addressing wage gaps, while ensuring the District is fiscally responsible.

State Representative Jeff Yaroch stopped in to see how things are going and if there were any questions.

10. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

B. Walmsley provide a District & legislative update, which included the appropriation hearing is being held for the governor's budget

B. Walmsley also stated that the CDC issued new guidance last Friday for students returning to school. B. Walmsley pointed out that Richmond is already doing most of these guidelines.

B. Walmsley also stated that flyers and mailers for the virtual preschool and kindergarten roundup have been mailed. B. Walmsley reminded the Board and listening audience that March 10th is preschool roundup and March 11th is kindergarten roundup

B. Walmsley reminded the Board and listen audience that Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on March 3 and 4, 2021.

11. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

D. Michon asked each Board member to provide feedback regarding one takeaway from the recent Board workshop and their commitment. Each Board member provided feedback regarding their one takeaway and what they are willing to commit to. B. Walmsley provided an update on the Aud. and also a walk-through that has been scheduled with the City of Richmond and Dominion Church.

B. Walmsley shared feedback regarding follow up questions from members of the Board that was provided regarding the FY2021 budget amendment.

12. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of 2021-22 Middle School and High School Course Catalog

Motion by A. Pacitto; Supported by S. Zube

Motion carries: 7-0

B. Approval of FY2021 Budget Amendment #2

Motion by K. Simmons; Supported by M. Teltow

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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), and D. Michon (Aye)

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carries: 7-0

C. Approval of amendment to/confirmation of *Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan*

Motion by K. Simmons; Supported by A. Pacitto

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carries: 7-0

D. Approval of Data Network Upgrade

Motion by D. Sutton; Supported by S. Zube

Roll Call Vote: A. Pacitto (Aye), B. Shuboy(Aye), K. Simmons (Aye), D. Sutton(Aye), M. Teltow(Aye), S. Zube (Aye), and D. Michon(Aye)

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carries: 7-0

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by D. Michon at 8:07pm.

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