

Richmond Community Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

7:00PM, MARCH 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, MARCH 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.

To attend the Board meeting virtually, go to the website: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85826087192> and enter **Meeting ID: 858 2608 7192** and **Passcode: 893788**. Or **Dial by telephone, (213) 338 8477** and enter **Meeting ID: 858 2608 7192**.

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

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education amendments of 1972, Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title II of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, and Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1977, it is the policy of the Richmond Community School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, military status, national origin or ancestry, sex (including sexual orientation), disability, age (except as authorized by law,) height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination during any program, activity, service or employment. Inquiries related to any nondiscrimination policies should be directed to the Superintendent, 35276 Division Road, Richmond, MI 48062, (586) 727-3565.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by D. Michon at 7:04pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

D. Michon acknowledged the passing of John Kocher, Varsity Football Coach of 10 years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

3. MISSION STATEMENT

Mission Statement read by B. Shuboy.

4. ROLL CALL

Roll call by B. Shuboy.

D. Michon, present attending virtual from Columbus Township, St. Clair County, MI
A. Pacitto, present attending virtual from City of Richmond, Macomb County, MI
B. Shuboy, present attending virtual from Casco Township, St. Clair County, MI
K. Simmons, present attending virtual from City of Richmond, Macomb County, MI
D. Sutton, present attending virtual from Casco Township, St. Clair County, MI
M. Teltow, present attending virtual from City of Richmond, Macomb County, MI
S. Zube, present attending virtual from Casco Township, St. Clair County, MI

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by A. Pacitto; Supported by S. Zube.

Ayes: 7-0

Nays: 0

Motion carries: 7-0

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by D. Sutton; Supported by S. Zube.

A. Personnel Report

Resignations

Jeffrey Paxon (Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, High School)

New Hires

James Bergen (New 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach)

Brennen Dolan (7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach)

B. Claims and Accounts

No questions from members of the Board.

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C. Board Meeting Minutes

1. 02-22-2021 Regular Meeting Minute

No questions from members of the Board.

7. BOND UPDATE

B. Walmsley reported that:

- Board Office relocated this past weekend.
- Relocated weight room last weekend.
- Rooftop heating units were delivered to Lee Elementary School.
- Asbestos abatement is scheduled to occur over Spring Break at Richmond High School and Richmond Middle School
- Installing new cafeteria floor at Lee Elementary School. It has already been painted.
- The Auditorium stage is being refinished over Spring Break. The stage walls will also be painted.

8. PRESENTATION(S)

A. Instructional Spotlight:

Literacy Achievement and Reading Month Celebrations

Renee Ara, Executive Director of Curriculum and Educational Services, provided updates on:

- School Improvement Goals for English Language Arts.
- Showed growth for each school.
- Literacy supports currently in place at each school.
- March is national reading month & many activities are planned in each building.
- Congratulated Ronda LaGrois who was selected as Richmond Literacy Ambassador
- Announced the new virtual Library Card Program and the partnership with the Macomb County Libraries and the Lois Wagner Memorial Library.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

10. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

B. Walmsley provided District and Legislative updates:

District

- Kindergarten and preschool roundups are this week. There will be a virtual tour of Lee.
- The District has launched the new online registration process; To date, thirty (30) families have already started the pre-enrollment process.

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Legislative

- Legislatures passed a budget last week.
- If budget passes as is, this will be approximately \$700K of one-time money for Richmond Community Schools.

Other Items

- B. Walmsley clarified that the District does not intend to be a virtual District. The current REA agreement for virtual learning is for one year. B. Walmsley also spoke about a recent article in the newspaper and clarified his intent when speaking at the last meeting regarding COVID-19 testing for all students being tested in the Fall. Mr. Walmsley reiterated that he is not in support of this idea.

11. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- S. Zube informed the group that she read at Lee Elementary on Friday. She expressed thanks to Lee Elementary staff and informed the group that she really enjoyed herself.
- M. Teltow commented on a recent article in *The Voice* and provided feedback to the audience. Ms. Teltow encouraged the audience not to assume that everything read in the newspaper or seen on social media is true. She also encouraged everyone to pay attention to what is being said during Board meetings.
- D. Michon reiterated what Mr. Walmsley and Mrs. Teltow stated. She encouraged members of the audience to listen at meetings and feel free to call Mr. Walmsley or a member of the Board if there are questions at any time.

12. CLOSED SESSION FOR 030821 - A STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(B) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Motion by K. Simmons; Supported by B. Shuboy.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carries 7-0

Closed session began at 7:41pm and ended at 9:20pm.

13. CLOSED SESSION FOR 030821 - B STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(B) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Motion by K. Simmons; Supported by M. Teltow.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carries 7-0

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Closed session began at 9:26pm and ended at 10:05pm.

14. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSES OF NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(C) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Motion by A. Pacitto; Supported by D. Sutton.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carries 7-0

Closed session began at 10:09pm and ended at 11:35pm.

15. ACTION ITEM

A. Approval of Board Resolution for Student 030821 – A Discipline Hearing

Motion by A. Pacitto to expel student 030821-A; Supported by D. Sutton.

Ayes:7

Nays: 0

Motion Carries: 7-0

B. Approval of Board Resolution for Student 030821 – B Discipline Hearing

Motion by M. Teltow to expel student 030821-B; Supported by B. Shuboy.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carries: 7-0

16. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by D. Michon at 11:38pm.

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