

Richmond Community Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

7:00PM, MARCH 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, MARCH 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.

To attend the Board meeting virtually, go to the website: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86826601237> and enter **Meeting ID: 868 2660 1237** and **Passcode: 594465**. Or **Dial by telephone, (213) 338 8477** and enter **Meeting ID: 868 2660 1237**.

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 called to order by A. Pacitto at 7:00pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. MISSION STATEMENT

Mission Statement read by B. Shuboy.

4. ROLL CALL

Roll call by B. Shuboy.

D. Michon, absent with notice.

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 Casco Township, St. Clair County, MI.

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

Absent: 1

Quorum: 6-1

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by S. Zube; Supported by K. Simmons

Ayes: 6-0

Nays: 0

Motion carries: 6-0

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by S. Zube; Supported by B. Shuboy.

A. Personnel Report

Resignations

Don Roda (Assistant Varsity Football Coach)

John Schleder (JV Assistant Football Coach)

New Hires

Lance Whitney (Girls Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach)

Cameron Land (Childcare Assistant)

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B. Board Meeting Minutes

1. 03-08-2021 Regular Meeting Minute

No questions from members of the Board.

7. BOND UPDATE

B. Walmsley reported that:

- Siding went up at Lee Elementary School.
- The asbestos abatement was completed at the Board Office and Art Room in the Middle School.
- High School Robotics-Holes have been cut in the walls for the new entrance canopies.
- Boxes were delivered to staff this weekend for move preparation.
- On 4/30, all non-spring sports storage rooms will be boxed and read to be moved out.
- On Wednesday the fence will be going up where the parking lot will be a Lee Elementary.

8. PRESENTATION(S)

B. Walmsley reported that he spoke with the parent who spoke at the previous Board of Education meeting. Based on his follow up, Rochester Community Schools only uses the online check in for athletics. They follow the same student screening procedures as Richmond Community Schools.

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 a summary of 2-way interaction averages. Monthly submissions have been sent to the State as required.

2. Instructional Delivery Discussion

Recommendation to continue in-person/virtual for Pre-K through 12.

Questions from Board

D. Sutton inquired regarding how everything is going with our District in comparison to others. B. Walmsley provided feedback that we do watch this. Other Districts have been able to identify the contact within the school, but we are not seeing this in our District. We have not had the significant number of positive cases that other Districts are reporting.

M. Teltow inquired regarding the number of virtual students we still have and when students who want to come back face-to-face can come back. B. Walmsley provided feedback that we have approximately 10% of our population (or 140-150) virtual students and approximately 100 students in quarantine district-wide right now. Students can start face-to-face again April 12 when we return from Spring break.

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M. Teltow inquired regarding virtual students being able to come in to get help from a teacher. B. Walmsley provided feedback that this is still an option for virtual students if they are not in quarantine.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** on *Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan*
No public comments.

4. Reconfirm/Amend Instructional Delivery Method
Continue in-person/virtual for Pre-K through 12.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
No public comments.

10. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative

- On last Thursday, a group of senators introduced several bills in the Michigan Senate. It is called the Grand Education Package. The package includes a number of topics such as:
 - Third grade retention
 - Evaluations
 - Assessments
 - New requirements for MSTEP
- House Bill 56
 - Changes to teacher evaluations rating scales, from 4 to 3 categories
 - Student growth changes from 40% to 25%
 - Alters formula for student growth
 - Allows use of benchmark assessment in how we report student data
- Senate Bill 57
 - Administrator evaluation changes from 4 to 3 categories
 - Student growth changes from 40% to 25%
 - Allows use of benchmarking
- Senate Bill 260
 - Changes to teacher evaluations
- Senate Bill 261
 - Waive MME and offering SAT
- Senate Bill 263
 - CEPI benchmarking assessments
- Senate Bill 264
 - Establishes an assessment committee as a permanent entity to replace the functions of the MDE.
- Senate Bill 265
 - Delay implementation of 3rd grade reading retention law

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- Senate Bill 266
 - Individual Academic Assessment and Recovery Plan
- Senate Bill 267
 - An attempt to address the substitute teacher shortage.
 - Employees can substitute teach if they have been working in the District for 3 or more years, you can substitute in the classroom.
- Senate Bill 268
 - Optional Student Retention: Provides the expressed authority for their students to undergo retention or retake the grade that they were in during the 2020-21 school year.

District Updates

- Congratulations to staff for the virtual program for our students.
- Graduation will be held at Jimmy John's Field outdoors at 6pm. More information will be sent out.
- M-Step, PSAT and Work Keys tests will be after spring break.
- Slight change to the 2020-21 school calendar: Tuesday, June 9th will be a ½ day rather than a full day of school. Exams will begin on June 9th. Semester exams will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, rather than Wednesday-Friday.
- Revised school calendar will be sent to parents.
- A little over 100 students in quarantine.

11. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- K. Simmons read at Lee Elementary and thanked the teachers that signed up to have him come in.
- M. Teltow read at Lee Elementary and expressed how much she enjoyed it. She thanked the teachers as well.

12. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of amendment to/confirmation of *Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan*
Motion by S. Zube; supported by B. Shuboy.

Aye: 6-0

Nay: 0

Motion Carries: 6-0

- B. Approval of amendment to/confirmation of *Pay-to-Participate Fee*
Motion by M. Teltow for Option 2; supported by K. Simmons to prorate all pay-to-participate fees based on an average of games scheduled versus played for 2020-21 as compared to 2019-20 for all sports.
Roll Call Vote: A. Pacitto(Aye), B. Shuboy (Aye), K. Simmons (Aye), D. Sutton (Aye), M. Teltow (Aye), and S. Zube (Aye),

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Ayes: 6-0
Nays: 0
Motion Carries: 6-0

C. Approval of Laptops, Protective Cases, and Carrying Cases

Motion by K. Simmons; Supported by S. Zube

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

Ayes: 6-0
Nays: 0
Motion Carries: 6-0

D. Approval of Desktop Computers

Motion by K. Simmons; Supported by M. Teltow

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

Ayes: 6-0
Nays: 0
Motion Carries: 6-0

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by A. Pacitto at 8:22pm.

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