

Richmond Community Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION **SPECIAL** MEETING MINUTES

6:00PM, JUNE 1, 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 **TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 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/89173398333> and enter **Meeting ID: 891 7339 8333** and **Passcode: 137012**. Or **Dial by telephone, (213) 338 8477** and enter **Meeting ID: 891 7339 8333**.

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 **7**.

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 6pm.

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

D. Michon, Present. Attending virtually from Muskegon, MI.

B. Shuboy, Present. Attending virtually from St. Clair, MI in St. Clair County.

D. Sutton, Present. Attending virtually from Casco Township, St. Clair County.

S. Zube, Present. Attending virtually from Casco Township, St. Clair County.

K. Simmons, absent with notice.

A. Pacitto, absent with notice.

M. Teltow, Present. Attending virtually from the City of Richmond (arrived late due to technical difficulties).

Quorum: 4-3

Absent with Notice: 2

Late: 1

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by S. Zube, supported by D. Sutton to accept the Agenda as presented.

6. PRESENTATION

A. Review/re-dedication of the Athletic Stadium in honor Ben Boldt.

- N. Matthes introduced himself and provided a brief overview.
- P. Akerley provided background information about Ben Boldt and what he meant to Richmond Community Schools and the community.
- N. Matthes provided an overview of the Plan for the re-dedication of the Athletic Stadium. The cost will be approximately \$2,000 for signage and there will be no cost to the District, as the project will be covered from funds raised privately.

B. Dedication of Football/Soccer Field and Memorial Monument in honor of John Kocher

- P. Akerley provided background about John Kocher and an overview of the plan.

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- N. Matthes provided visuals of how the archway of the football/soccer field will look along with the estimated cost of the project, which will be approximately \$20,000. Funding will be covered by fundraising dollars so there will be no cost to the District. N. Matthes provided a timeline for the project.
- N. Matthes would like to know if we use current contractors, if Mr. Walmsley can arrange a meeting with Curb Appeal.

Discussion

- S. Zube inquired about how funds will be raised. P. Akerley provided feedback that they will use something like a Go Fund Me or something similar, funds from family, friends, etc. They are looking to set up a fund through the School.
- N. Matthes inquired about having an internal account set up for the project. Funds raised would go to the account. Any repairs or renovations for the field would come out of this account in the future as well.
- M. Teltow inquired about whether or not this is something that the District can do. She deferred the question to B. Walmsley and T. Schadd.
- B. Walmsley informed the group that a designated account for the John Kocher Memorial fund for the project. Funds would remain in the account for future repairs of the monument as well.
- B. Walmsley has spoken with the District's contractors, Auch Construction and French & Associates to see if it is possible to be put into existing work. The reply was yes. We would just have the track the activities separate from the bond activities.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments

8. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of Board of Education Sub-committee's recommendation to review/re-dedicate the athletic stadium.

Motion by M. Teltow, supported by S. Zube to approve the Board of Education sub-committee's recommendation to review/re-dedicate the athletic stadium with a sign to honor Ben Boldt, as outlined in the attached documentation. Furthermore, the Board directs the Superintendent to coordinate and oversee the wording and installation of said sign.

Discussion

- M. Teltow thanked C. Rinehart, B. Walmsley, P. Akerley and N. Matthes for their outstanding work on this in recognition of an outstanding individual.

Ayes: 5-0

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Nays: 0
Absent: 2
Motion carries: 5-0

- B. Approval of Board of Education Sub-committee's recommendation to dedicate football/soccer field and authorize a memorial monument.

Motion by M. Teltow, supported by S. Zube, to approve the Board of Education sub-committee's recommendation to dedicate the football/soccer field in honor of John Kocher and authorize a memorial monument to be built in the athletic stadium complex, as outlined in the attached documentation. Furthermore, the Board directs the Superintendent to coordinate and oversee the construction of said monument and dedication of the football/soccer field.

Discussion

- M. Teltow again, thanked everyone for their hard work.

Ayes: 5-0
Nays: 0
Absent: 2
Motion carries: 5-0

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by D. Michon at 6:30pm.

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