

# Richmond Community Schools

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Superintendent

## BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**7:00PM ON OCTOBER 11, 2021, IN THE MEDIA CENTER AT RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL  
(35320 Division, Richmond, Michigan 48062)**

*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 [10](#).*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education called to order at 7:00 PM.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance recited by Board of Education, Superintendent, Central Office and audience.

**3. MISSION STATEMENT**

Mission statement read by Board member Pacitto

**4. ROLL CALL**

Board member Pacitto took roll call:

Deborah Michon – Present.

Angela Pacitto – Present.

Bridgette Shuboy – Absent (with Notice).

Kyle Simmons – Present.

Danielle Sutton – Late (With Notice) [Absent - Never attended meeting].

Margaret Teltow – Present; and Sherri Zube – Present.

5 – 0, Quorum of the Board

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Board member Michon move agenda item # 12, *Closed Session*, to #7 after approval of Consent Agenda. The subsequent agenda items would be renumbered as follow: #8 *Bond Update*, #9 *Presentation*, #10 *Public Comment*, #11, *Superintendent and Legislative Update*, #12 *Items of Interest from the Board*, #13 *Adjournment*.

### **Non-Discrimination Statement**

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Motion by Board member Pacitto to approve the amended Agenda as presented. Support by Board member Zube.

Discussion: None

All in Favor: 5, Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

## 6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Board member Teltow to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the attached documentation. Support by Board member Zube.

Discussion: Superintendent Walmsley recognized the following:

Resignations and Retirements: Anna English (Lead Childcare), Lisa Pricopio (Bus Driver), and Pamela Lowry (Childcare)

Termination: None.

Lay-off / Non-renewal of Contract: None.

New Hires: Kathleen Gentner (Title I Teacher), Heather Merrill (MS Science), Jasmine Nelson (Childcare), Jamie Sanders (Childcare), and Jamie Thiel (Director of Human Resources, formerly Administrative Assistant)

Notice of Appointments (Previously Hired by the Board): None

Superintendent Walmsley stated that he received no questions or corrections to the minutes from the previous Board meeting

Superintendent Walmsley stated that he received no questions regarding the *Claims and Accounts*.

All in Favor: 5, Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

## 7. CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER MATERIALS EXEMPT FROM DISCUSSION OR DISCLOSURE BY STATE OR FEDERAL STATUTE PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(H) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Board member Simmons motioned that the Board of Education go into Closed Session to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute. Support by Board member Pacitto.

Board member Michon took roll call vote: Deborah Michon – Yes; Angela Pacitto – Yes; Bridgette Shuboy – Absent; Kyle Simmons – Yes; Danielle Sutton – Absent; Margaret Teltow – Yes; and Sherri Zube – Yes. 5 – 0. Motion passed.

Closed Session Started: 7:05 PM

Closed Session Ended: 7:56 PM

## 8. BOND UPDATE

Superintendent Walmsley provided an update on the current and upcoming Bond projects

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## 9. PRESENTATION

### A. Instructional Spotlight: Manufacturing Day

Renee Ara, Executive Director of Curriculum and Educational Services, provided an overview of the 2021 Manufacturing Day. Held annually on the first Friday in October with events that continue throughout the month, MFG Day—Manufacturing Day—helps show the reality of modern manufacturing careers by encouraging thousands of companies and educational institutions around the nation to open their doors to students, parents, teachers and community leaders.

### B. Staff Culture Survey

In a previous meeting, the Board of Education discussed conducting a *Climate and Culture* survey of employee in an effort for the Board of Education to establish, if necessary, goals for the District.

Board member Zube presented the sub-committee's work of Board members Shuboy, Sutton, and Zube.

## 10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Prior to Public Health, Superintendent Walmsley spoke of the *Return to Learning Plan*, dated October 4, 2021 and the District's requirements to follow the latest health department orders from September 29, 2021.

Board member Simmons stated that he wished the District would go back to the original *Return to Learning Plan* from the start of the school year and would like to disregard the three (3) options to quarantine outlined by the Macomb County Health Department.

The following members of the public spoke:

- Beth Stemmerich spoke about the health departments Return to Learning Plan. Ms. Stemmerich also stated she emailed the Board and only spoke to Superintendent Walmsley.
- Ashley Marcial spoke about the District's Return to Learning Plan and requiring no proof of vaccination, which would lead parents to lie. Ms. Marcial continues stating parents are suing the health department and asked if the Board of Education would consider joining the lawsuit.
- Kelly Oldani spoke about the Michigan Revise School Code, regarding the *Duties of Public Schools*. Ms. Oldani also spoke about the \$1.2 billion in federal funds regarding COVID-19 and the state \$24 million in health resources and social emotional advocate. Ms. Oldani stated that this was all related to CRT (Critical Race Theory).

## 11. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Superintendent Walmsley provided the following update:

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- Parent-Teacher Conferences.  
Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00-3:00pm and 5:00-8:00pm, on both days. Parents/Guardians will have the option to attend conference in-person or virtual through Microsoft TEAMS. The District is encouraging virtual parent-teacher conferences for the convenience of parents and guardians.
- Senate passes Senate Bill 664 to allow pupil counting flexibility for students who are quarantined.
- House Education Committee approves House Bill 4199 which repeals the starting before Labor Day ban

## **12. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Deborah Michon, President – Addressed Ms. Stemmerich’s statement regarding the email to the Board of Education. Board member Michon stated that since Superintendent Walmsley was on the email, it would have been his responsibility to reply to the email, not the Board. Board member Michon stated that in the future she will make sure parents who email the Board realize that.

Angela Pacitto, Vice President – None.

Kyle Simmons, Trustee – None.

Margaret Teltow, Trustee – Complimented Pam Dailey, Community Liaison and PowerSchool Coordinate, for her excellent work during count day and working with partnership districts.

Sherry Zube, Trustee – None.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Board member Michon adjourned the meeting at 8:39 PM.

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