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Superintendent

BOARD OF EDUCATION **REGULAR** MEETING MINUTES

**7:00PM ON MAY 9, 2022, 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 11.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board member Michon called the regular meeting of the Board of Education called to order at 7:00PM.

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, Kyle Simmons – Present, James Surowiec – Present, Danielle Sutton – Present, Margaret Teltow – Present, and Sherri Zube – Absent with Notice.

6 – 0 Quorum of the Board

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board member Michon AMENDED the Agenda as follow:

- **Change Agenda Item 8-A to Agenda Item 8-B**, Closed Session for 050922 Student Discipline Hearing Pursuant to Section 8(B) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.
- **Add Agenda Item 8-A**, Closed Session for 012422-A Student Discipline Hearing Pursuant to Section 8(B) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.
- **Remove Agenda Item 9-C**, Student and Bus Tracking System
- **Change Agenda Item 9-D to Agenda Item 9-C**.

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- **Change Agenda Item 14-A to Agenda Item 14-A2**, Approval of Board Resolution for Student 050922 Discipline Hearing.
- **Add Agenda Item 14-A1**, Approval of Board Resolution for Student 012422-A Discipline Hearing.
- **Remove Agenda Item 14-C**, Approval of Vehicle Purchases

Motion by Board member Teltow to approve the AMENDED *Agenda* as presented. Support by Board member Surowiec.

Discussion: None

All in Favor: 6. Opposed: 0. Motion passed

6. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Board member Teltow to approve the *Consent Agenda* as presented. Support by Board member Pacitto.

Discussion: Superintendent Walmsley recognized the following:

Personnel Report:

Resignations and Retirements:

- Christine Peitz (MS COVID-19 Building Aide) has resigned.
- Chris Rinehart (Director of Athletics, Facilities, and School Safety) is resigning at the end of the school year. He will be taking a position in another District.
- Glenn Nuss (MS/HS PE/Health Teacher) is retiring in June after 32 years of service.
- Teresa Ranger (ES 1st Grade Teacher) is retiring in June after 26 plus years of service.
- John Schleder (HS Science teacher) is also retiring in June after 32 years of service.

Termination: None.

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

New Hires: Ellen Kauffman and Mary DeJonckheere have been hired as Title I Tutors for St. Augustine School. They will be paid using the district's Title I allocation for St. Augustine.

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

Superintendent Walmsley stated that were no corrections brought to his attention for the 2022-04-25 Regular Meeting minutes and no questions regarding the *Claims and Accounts* report.

All in Favor: 6. Opposed: 0. Motion passed

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7. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Class of 2022 Top Ten Students
Andrew Kastl, Richmond High School Principal, recognized the *Class of 2022 Top Ten*.

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. FOR 012422 – A STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(B) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and upon the request of the student's parent and/or guardian, Board member Pacitto moved that the Board of Education go into Closed Session for the purpose of conducting a hearing to consider the discipline of a student whose identity is known as Student 012422 – A. Supported by Board member Sutton.

Closed Session Started: 7:15pm
Closed Session Ended: 7:21pm
Discussion: None
All in Favor: 6. Opposed: 0. Motion passed

B. CLOSED SESSION FOR 050922 STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(B) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and upon the request of the student's parent and/or guardian, Board member Sutton moved that the Board of Education go into Closed Session for the purpose of conducting a hearing to consider the discipline of a student whose identity is known as Student 050922. Supported by Board member Surowiec

Closed Session Started: 7:22pm
Closed Session Ended: 8:17pm
Discussion: None
All in Favor: 6. Opposed: 0. Motion passed

9. PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

- A. 2022-23 Custodians Handbook
Brian Walmsley, Superintendent, presented the 2022-23 Custodian Handbook for Board approval on May 23, 2022.
- B. K-12 Science Curriculum and Instructional Materials
Renee Ara, Executive Director of Curriculum and Educational Services, presented proposed changes to the K-12 Science curriculum and instructional resources. Prior to the Board meeting, Ms. Ara was available for Board members and the community to review the proposed curriculum and instructional materials.

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C. FY2023 General Fund Budget Assumptions and Discussion

Brian Walmsley, Superintendent, and Tammie Schadd, Director of Business and Management Services, will continue the discussion with the Board of Education regarding the FY2023 Budget and the assumptions that will be made. Items to be reviewed and discussed:

- Enrollment Assumption Projections – No change from 2022-04-25
- Per Pupil Allocation Assumptions
 - \$200/pupil increase assumed to bring Custodians In-house
 - Proposed School Aid Budget
 - \$435/pupil – Governor
 - \$450/pupil – Senate
 - \$300/pupil – House
- Revised from \$200 to \$300 based on release of House, Senate, and Governor’s Recommended Budgets
- Additional Teacher Allocation
 - 1.0 FTE for additional 5th Grade Teacher – No change from 2022-04-25
 - 1.0 FTE for singleton courses at MS and HS – No change from 2022-04-25
- Copier Replacement Budget Set-aside
 - \$30,000 per Year
 - 4-5 Year Replacement Cycle
- Non-union Contract Wages and Salaries for 2022-23

Non-union Group	1% Increase	2% Increase	3% Increase
Childcare	\$800.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,400.00
Preschool	\$800.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,400.00
GSRP	\$2,200.00	\$4,400.00	\$6,600.00
IT	\$1,600.00	\$3,200.00	\$4,800.00
Transportation	\$7,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$22,500.00
Central Office	\$6,400.00	\$12,800.00	\$19,200.00
Lunchroom/COVID-19 Aides	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Alt. Ed/Online Coordinator	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$900.00
Sub-total	\$20,600.00	\$41,200.00	\$61,800.00
FICA (7.65%)	\$1,575.90	\$3,151.80	\$4,727.70
Retirement (43.28%)	\$8,915.68	\$17,831.36	\$26,747.04
Total	\$31,091.58	\$62,183.16	\$93,274.74

- Individual Sports Athletic Budget

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- \$58,000 – Supplies/Equipment
- \$49,000 – Uniforms
- Trap Team Budget – Not yet completed
- Choir, Band and Art Budget – Not yet completed

10. BOND UPDATE

Brian Walmsley, Superintendent, stated that the renovations to the parking lot behind the auditorium began today and work continues to be done on the varsity softball field.

The building air condition will be assessed this week, now that the weather is warming to a point that may call for air condition.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public spoke:

- The Richmond Robotics Team thanked the Board of Education for their contributions and support with getting them to the robotics team championships in Houston Texas, especially on such short notice. They presented the board with a small token of their appreciation.

12. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

At the **FEDERAL LEVEL:**

Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona Testifies Before Congress on K-12 Budget Request

Since the last Richmond Board meeting, U.S Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona testified in front of the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, Human Services and Education on the FY 2023 budget requests for the Department of Education.

During committee meeting, Secretary Cardona outlined the top education priorities that the Biden Administration highlighted in the budget. The recommendations include:

- \$16.3 billion for the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- \$350 million for school staff recruitment and retention
- \$1 billion for school-based health programs to hire more school mental health professionals
- \$1.1 billion for the English Language Acquisition program
- An additional \$19 million for Title I funding
- \$438 million increase for districts that provide wraparound services in partnership with community-based organizations
- First-time investment of \$30 million to improve education outcomes for children in foster care

At the **STATE LEVEL:**

School Aid Budget Passes Both Chambers

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Last Wednesday afternoon, the Senate passed its School Aid Budget, [Senate Bill 832](#), by a 20-15 vote. The House passed its budget, [House Bill 5795](#), by a vote of 65-38 on Thursday.

Very few changes were made to either proposal from what was reported in the past weeks. The Senate added \$6 million for Oxford Public Schools to help cover costs incurred as a result of the tragedy last fall. The House proposal includes \$3.5 million.

The Senate also added a new section with \$70 million to address learning loss. Under this section, a district would have to hold a public meeting and present how it intends to use the funding to address learning loss for all students. And by August 15, 2023, the district would have to report to the Legislature how the funds were actually spent.

The House removed funding for YMCAs and included new sections dealing with mental health. It adds federal funds to mental health grants in Sec. 31o and creates a new section to fund a mental health coordinator and an emergency and safety manager in each ISD with \$75,000 for each position. It also creates a school safety and mental health commission within MDE.

Superintendent Walmsley provided each Board member with a document that compares the Governor, House, and Senate budgets.

Apprenticeships for School Mental Health Staff Discussed in House Committee

Last Thursday, the House Health Policy Committee began testimony on [House Bill 6020](#), which creates the Student Mental Health Apprenticeship Retention and Training internship grant program. The Michigan Department of Education would oversee the program to provide grants to individuals enrolled in graduate-level mental health programs pursuing credentials to work in a school. To receive these funds, a recipient would enter into an agreement with the graduate-level program and the local school district. Individuals within the program would receive a stipend or lump sum at the end of the apprenticeship.

There is an identical bill, [Senate Bill 1012](#), these bills are aimed at increasing the number of school mental health professionals in the state. Both the House and Senate versions of the School Aid Budgets include funding for the program.

Critical Shortage List Extension Passes House

Last Wednesday, the House passed [House Bill 4375](#) by a 102-1 vote. The bill extends the critical shortage law to allow retirees to return to the classroom without losing their retirement benefits to 2031. It also ends the requirement that districts pay the MPSERS UAL cost when they hire retired teachers as substitutes. The bill is now before the Senate Education and Career Readiness Committee.

Congratulations to the Richmond Middle School Choirs!

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On Tuesday, April 26th, the RMS Choirs participated in the Michigan State Vocal Music Association (SVMA) State Choral Festival at Rochester High School. The RMS Choirs were awarded a First Division rating earning 80 of 90 Total points, from the panel of three adjudicators and earned a medal!

Congratulations to the Richmond High School Chorale!

On Wednesday, April 27th, the RHS Chorale participated in the Michigan State Vocal Music Association (SVMA) State Choral Festival at Rochester High School. The Chorale (along w/ our percussionists) was awarded a First Division rating earning 81 of 90 Total points, from the panel of three adjudicators and earned a medal!

The adjudicators judged the MS Choirs and HS Chorale in the categories of Tone, Pitch, Rhythm, Interpretation, and Presentation.

Will L. Lee Elementary School, as reported by Ms. Mangune, Principal:

- NWEA testing begins May 9th and will be finished by Friday, May 20th
- 3rd Grade Math M-Step testing will take place May 10-12, 2022
- Lee has partnered with the Louis Wagner Library will be holding a “Books for Bikes” assembly May 26th. Students have read numerous books on their own and completed task to go along with the books they read. Seventeen 3rd Grade students will be receiving a brand-new bike for their reading efforts.
- Lee has partnered with the Richmond Police Department and ALL officers will be in uniform here at Lee sending our 3rd Grade students off to the Middle School on May 17th.

Richmond Middle School, as reported by Mr. Bartels, Principal:

- MSTEP has been completed and the students are now taking the NWEA, which will be finished by Friday, May 20th.
- Received a \$500 grant from Pit stop Gas Station on 32 Mile and Gratiot

Richmond High School, as reported by Mr. Kastl, Principal:

- Blue Devil Café officially opened to the public last week. Just a reminder, the Blue Devil Café will be open from 11:00-1:00pm, every Thursday and Friday through Memorial Day.
- NWEA Spring Testing is underway and will be completed by Friday, May 20th.
- Class of 2022 Senior Class Picture will be on the Football Field tomorrow at 8:00am.

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- Class of 2022 Seniors last day of school is Wednesday, May 18th, one week from the Wednesday.
- Early College of Macomb Graduation is this Thursday, May 12th at Jimmy John's Field beginning at 4:00pm. Congratulations to the following Richmond High School students Madelynn Devlaminck, Sarah Gasko, Brianna Hill, Christopher Rochon, Melissa Rochon, Julie Rock, Alyssa Systemann, and Kaitlyn Sears. These students completed the 5-year Early College of Macomb program and have not only received their high school diploma last year but are receiving their associate degree from Macomb Community College this year, at no cost to the student or their family.
- Just a reminder, Richmond Class of 2022 Graduation is on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts beginning at 7:00pm

Congratulations Pam Dailey, Community Liaison and PowerSchool Coordinator, who received an outstanding Field Audit Summary regarding the district's February Count Day audit. The auditor noted that all materials requested were present and accurate and the district was well-prepared for the audit. "Thank you" also goes out to Denise Pinskey and Beth Klein, Elementary Secretaries, for their work in preparing for the audit.

13. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board member Michon – None.

Board member Pacitto – None.

Board member Simmons stated that he had the opportunity to eat at the Blue Devil Café and the food and experience was excellent.

Board member Surowiec – None.

Board member Sutton stated that she ate at the Blue Devil Café, and it was excellent.

Board member Teltow – None.

Board member Zube – None.

14. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Board Resolution for Student 012422–A Discipline Hearing
Board member Sutton motioned that following a Closed Session Student Discipline Hearing, the Board votes to reinstate Student 012422 – A, consistent with the attached resolution. Support by Board member Simmons.

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Discussion: None.

All in Favor: 6, Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

- A. 2. Approval of Board Resolution for Student 050922 Discipline Hearing
Board member Sutton motioned that following a Closed Session Student Discipline Hearing, the Board votes to suspend (59 or less days) Student 050922, consistent with the attached resolution. Support by Board member Surowiec.

Discussion: None.

All in Favor: 6, Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

- B. Approval of FY2023 MISD Operating Budget
Board member Sutton motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the attached resolution of support for the Macomb Intermediate Schools District (MISD) Fiscal Year 2023 Budget as presented in the attached documentation. Support by Board member Pacitto.

Discussion: Board member Teltow stated that as an employee of the MISD, she will be abstaining from the vote of FY2023 MISD Operating Budget.

All in Favor: 5, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 1. Motion passed.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Board member Michon adjourned the meeting at 9:21 PM.

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