

# Richmond Community Schools

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Deborah Michon, President  
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Danielle Sutton, Treasurer  
Candess Cunningham, Trustee  
OPEN, Trustee  
Margaret Teltow, Trustee

Brian J. Walmsley, Ed.S.  
Superintendent

## BOARD OF EDUCATION **REGULAR** MEETING AGENDA

**7:00PM ON AUGUST 22, 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. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEMBER-APPOINTEE**

Board member Pacitto motioned to appoint Sandra Fortuna to the vacant Board seat on the Richmond Community Schools Board of Education, effective August 22, 2022. This appointment is until the district receives the certified November 8, 2022, election results at which time the winner of the said election shall fulfil the remaining term through December 31, 2024. Supported by Board member Teltow.

Discussion: None.

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

**4. BOARD MEMBER-APPOINTEE OATH OF OFFICE**

Board member-appointee Fortuna was administered the *Oath of Office* Superintendent Walmsley, as outlined by Board policy, with Pamela Dailey, Notary Public, as witness. Board member Fortuna stated the following: *"I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the constitution of this State and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Member of the Board of Education of Richmond Community Schools Macomb and St. Clair Counties, Michigan according to the best of my ability."*

### **Non-Discrimination Statement**

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**5. MISSION STATEMENT**

Mission statement read by Board member Zube.

**6. ROLL CALL**

Board member Zube took roll call: Candess Cunningham – Present, Sandra Fortuna – Present, Deborah Michon – Present, Angela Pacitto – Present, Danielle Sutton – absent w/ notice, Margaret Teltow – Present, and Sherri Zube – Present.

6 – 1 Quorum of the Board

**7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Discussion: None

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

**8. 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:

• Cramton, Kristie.	FIRST Lego League	2022-08-09
• Clearwood, Robert	Custodian	2022-08-30
• McCoy, Lindsey	Title I Teacher	2022-08-18
• Phfal, Emma	HS Teacher	2022-08-10
• Roelant, Megan	HS Teacher	2022-08-15
• Roodbeen, Brian	Junior Class Advisor	2022-08-10
• Shagena, Kari	Sophomore Class Advisor	2022-08-19

Termination: None.

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

• Herd, JoAnn*	CTE Criminal Justice Teacher	2022-08-22
* See Agenda Item #14		

New Hires:

• Braun, Bryan	Theater/Musical Director	2022-08-22
• Durst-Nim, Kimberly	Speech and Language Pathologist	2022-08-22
• Ervin, Emily	HS Social Studies Teacher	2022-08-22
• Murawski, Alexis	Speech and Language Pathologist	2022-08-22

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- O'Neill, Ian Network/Computer Technician 2022-08-22
- Szabo, Andrea HS Principal 2022-08-23
- Trexler, Lyle Custodian 2022-08-22
- Weatherup, Raelynn Central Office, Athletics, Facilities, Safety, Sec 2022-08-29

Notice of Appointments (Previously Hired by the Board):

- Burg, Brett JV Wrestling Coach 2022-08-22
- Burg, Brett MS Football Coach 2022-08-22
- Hooks, Ken Social Studies Olympiad Advisor 2022-08-22
- Pastuschyn, Sarah 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach 2022-08-22

Superintendent Walmsley stated no errors brought to his attention regarding the 2022-08-08 Regular Board Meeting minutes.

No discussion by Board members.

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

**9. CLOSED SESSION FOR 011022 – A STUDENT DISCIPLINE/REINSTATEMENT 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 motioned that the Board of Education go into Closed Session for the purpose of conducting a hearing to consider the discipline/reinstatement of a student whose identity is known as Student 011022–A. Support by Board member Teltow.

Discussion: None.

Discussion: None.

Board member Pacitto called for a vote: In Favor: 5. Opposed: 0.

6 – 0 Quorum of the Board

Closed Session Start: 7:12 PM

Closed Session: 7:19 PM

**10. BOND UPDATE**

Brian Walmsley, Superintendent, provided a bond update to the Board of Education.

- New bus lane in front of the middle school is paved.
- Student lot is paved and striped
- The road paving between the high school and athletic complex was to be finished today.
- Superintendent Walmsley continue to collaborate with the architect to get the approval to install Night Lock security devices. It takes several months for it to go through the process at the State.

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**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**12. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Superintendent Walmsley provided an update on district and legislative issues

No legislative update.

At the last meeting, a parent spoke asking for help from the Board of Education regarding safety within the buildings. Mr. Treend, *Director of Athletics, Facilities, and School Safety*, contacted the parent after the last Board meeting to answer his questions and discuss the security measures in the district. The parents, according to Mr. Treend, as extremely impressed with the measure Richmond schools has put in place..

District updates:

- Tomorrow is Preschool Summer Social, Books on the Beach from noon to 2:00pm in the courtyard at Lee Elementary School.
- Mark your calendars, the first day of School is Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, which is a half-day of school. September 7<sup>th</sup> is a full-day of school for students in grades K-12.
- The first day for 3- and 4-year-old preschool is Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. The 2022-23 school calendar is on the district's website.
- Blue Devil Days for Richmond High School is on Monday, August 29, 2022, from 5:00-8:00pm
- Blue Devil Days for Richmond Middle School is on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, from 5:00-8:00pm
- Blue Devil Days for Will L. Lee Elementary School and the Richmond Early Learning Childcare Center is on Wednesday, August 31, 2022. Times are from 5:00-8:00pm

**13. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

*Board member Cunningham welcomed Board member Fortuna to the Board. She also stated that there will be a middle school PTO meeting on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00pm.*

*Board member Fortuna stated that she is excited to be back on the board.*

*Board member Michon welcomed Board member Fortuna. She also welcomed the staff and students back for the 2022-23 school year.*

*Board member Pacitto stated she is happy to have Board member Fortuna back on the board.*

**14. ACTION ITEM**

- A. Approval of Board Resolution for Student 011022 - A Discipline/Reinstatement Hearing  
Approval of Board Resolution for Student 011022–A Discipline Hearing

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Board member Teltow motioned that following a Closed Session Student Discipline Hearing, the Board votes to reinstate Student 011022 – A, consistent with the attached resolution. Support by Board member Pacitto.

Discussion: Board members Fortuna and Cunningham stated they were not present when the original Board action took place, they will be voting with the Board.

Board member Michon called for a vote: In Favor: 6. Opposed: 0. Abstention: 0.  
6 – 0 Quorum of the Board

**B. Approval of 2022-23 Student-Parent Handbook**

Board member Teltow motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the amendments to the 2022-23 Student-Parent Handbook, as presented in the attached documentation. Support by Board member Pacitto.

Discussion: Board members Fortuna stated she was not present during the presentation, but supports the voice of the Board.

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

**C. Approval of Contract with Solution Tree for Professional Development Services**

Board member Teltow motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the contract with Solution Tree for professional development services for an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00, as presented in the attached documentation and for which funding from the 2022-23 General Fund is authorized. Support by Board member Zube.

Discussion: None.

Board member Michon took roll call: Candess Cunningham – YES, Sandra Fortuna – YES, Deborah Michon – YES, Angela Pacitto – YES, Margaret Teltow – YES, and Sherri Zube – YES.  
Motion passed

**D. Approval of Contract with Rocket Flag for Flag Poles**

Board member Teltow motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the purchase of three flag poles to be placed at the varsity baseball field, junior varsity baseball field, and varsity/junior varsity softball fields for an amount not to exceed \$15,956.25, as presented in the attached documentation and for which funding from the 2022-23 General Fund is authorized. Support by Board member Zube.

Discussion: None.

Board member Michon took roll call: Candess Cunningham – YES, Sandra Fortuna – YES, Deborah Michon – YES, Angela Pacitto – YES, Margaret Teltow – YES, and Sherri Zube – YES.

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Motion passed

E. Approval of 2022-23 Field Trip Transportation Rate Increase

Board member Teltow motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve an increase in the 2022-23 field trip transportation rates from \$4.15 to \$5.76 as presented in the attached documentation. Support by Board member Cunningham

Discussion: None.

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

F. Approval of Resolution to Lay-off Richmond Education Association Employee

Board member Teltow motioned to approve the attached resolution and lay-off the Richmond Education Association (REA) teacher as indicated and outlined in the attached resolution. Support by Board member Zube.

Discussion: Board Cunningham asked the typical timeline to inform the employee that they are being laid off. Superintendent Walmsley explained the process to Board member Cunningham and the Board.

Board member Michon took roll call: Candess Cunningham – YES, Sandra Fortuna – YES, Deborah Michon – YES, Angela Pacitto – YES, Margaret Teltow – YES, and Sherri Zube – YES. Motion passed

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Board member Michon adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM.

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