

# Richmond Community Schools

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Kelly Oldani, Trustee  
Danielle Sutton, Trustee

Brian J. Walmsley, Ed.S.  
Superintendent

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

**NOTICE: 7:00PM ON MARCH 27, 2023**

**LOCATION: 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 12.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board member Michon called the meeting 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 Fortuna.

**4. ROLL CALL**

Board member Fortuna took roll call: Candess Cunningham – Present, Sandra Fortuna – Present, Deborah Michon – Present, Kelly Oldani – Present, Angela Pacitto – Present, Danielle Sutton – Present, and Margaret Teltow – Present.

7 – 0 Quorum of the Board

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Discussion: None

All in Favor: 7. 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 Cunningham.

**Non-Discrimination Statement**

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Discussion: Superintendent Walmsley presented the Personnel Report and the 2023-03-14 Board of Education meeting minutes:

Superintendent Walmsley stated that a revised Personnel Report was provided to each Board member prior to the Board meeting.

Personnel Report:

Resignations and Retirements:

|                    |                                    |            |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| Gibbons, Christine | Assistant Cook                     | 2023-03-23 |
| Ladd, Mark         | Football, Varsity Coach, Assistant | 2023-03-22 |
| Mailloux, Ashley   | 4th Grade Teacher                  | 2023-03-15 |
| Parole, Lily       | Childcare aide                     | 2023-03-27 |
| Trombly, Dana      | Assistant Cook                     | 2023-03-24 |

Termination:

None.

Lay-off / Non-renewal of Contract:

None.

New Hires:

|                    |                                   |            |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Amer, Ghada        | Science Teacher                   | 2023-03-27 |
| Borkowski, Kristen | Title 1 / 31a paraprofessional    | 2023-03-28 |
| Ranger, Teresa     | Spelling Bee – Schedule B Advisor | 2023-03-27 |

Notice of Appointments (Previously Hired by the Board):

None.

Superintendent Walmsley stated no errors brought to his attention regarding the 2023-03-14 Regular Meeting Minutes.

No discussion by Board members.

All in Favor: 7. Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

**7. BLUE DEVIL R.A.V.E.S. (Recognizing A Valued Employee and Student)**

The Board of Education and Superintendent acknowledged employees, students, and volunteers who have demonstrated a special effort, a job well done, a project of quality workmanship, and/or caring and sensitive attitude.

Board member Fortuna R.A.V.E.S the choral is moved on to states and got First Division Ratings in duets and choral.

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Board member Teltow R.A.V.E.S. Stephanie Cabral, Middle School Secretary, was very kind and welcoming when I came to the middle school office to read to the students. She was very positive and treated her well. She also recognized Ms. Brown, she said she liked her interaction with the students and she had two books she offered Ms. Teltow to read. She had excellent books picked out for the students.

Board member Michon R.A.V.E.S.: the Robotics Team for going to States in Saginaw and wishes them luck.

## 8. PRESENTATION

### A. Business and Operations

#### 1. Richmond Community Schools Hall of Honor/Fame Showcase

Preston Treend, Director of Athletics Facilities, and School Safety, and Susan Boyd, Richmond Education Foundation Board of Directors member, presented a proposal to the Board of Education to purchase an interactive *Hall of Honor* to showcase academic and athletic accomplishments in Richmond Community Schools. The *Hall of Honor* interactive system would be installed on the wall facing the high school cafeteria, located outside the north-east high school main gymnasium doors. Richmond Blue Devil academic and athletic graphics would cover the wall the interactive *Hall of Honor* is displayed on.

## 8. SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Superintendent Walmsley reported there was no public comment to respond to at the February 13, 2023 Board meeting.

### Legislative Update:

#### **Prevailing Wage Law Headed to Governor**

On Tuesday, the Legislature passed [House Bill 4007](#) to reinstate the prevailing wage law that was repealed in 2018. This was a priority of the Democrats when they took the majority, and the bill is now headed to the Governor. The Governor has signed.

During debate in the Senate, we were successful in getting an amendment to grandfather in current bonded projects. The language states that school projects funded with revenue from millages authorized before the effective date of the act would not be subject to the act. The new act will go into effect 90 days after the legislature adjourns for the year.

#### **House Passes Repeal of A-F Ranking System**

On Tuesday, the House Education Committee approved [House Bill 4166](#), which would repeal Section 1280g of the Revised School Code, known as the A-F rating system for schools. This system does not meet federal requirements for an accountability system and is redundant to the system Michigan uses to meet those requirements.

After approval by the committee in the morning, it was passed by the full House in the afternoon by a vote of 63-45. It is now under consideration by the Senate Education Committee.

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## **Senate Education Committee Approves License Reciprocity**

On Tuesday, the Senate Education Committee approved a pair of bills aimed at reciprocity for certain licenses between states. [Senate Bill 161](#) would allow for reciprocity of a person's teaching certificate from another state, country or Federally-recognized Indian tribe. [Senate Bill 162](#) would do the same for school counselors. They are now before the full Senate for consideration.

## **Legislature Heads into Spring Break**

The House and Senate both adjourned last Thursday for a legislative spring break. Both chambers will return to their normal session schedule the week of April 3. At this time, there are no committee meetings scheduled either.

### County Update:

Superintendent Walmsley reminder the Board that the Macomb County School Boards Association (MCSBA) dinner meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at Dakota High School in the Chippewa Valley School District and that he has RSVP-ed on the Board members who indicated they will be attending.

### Will L. Lee Elementary School

- Talent Show is coming back to Elementary School, more information to come.
- *Science Alive* will be at Lee, April 16th, and 17<sup>th</sup>. More information will be sent home in Friday Folders.

### Richmond Middle School

- Happy to welcome Mr. Paul Knight as the new Dean of Students. Mr. Knight is already working with students and building those relationships integral to a successful learning experience.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade is finishing their Starbase experience. We are so excited they had this amazing opportunity!

### Richmond High School

- Carousel of Courses presented by students took place on Wednesday for students in grades 9, 10, 11.
- The 8th Grade visit took place last Thursday. Students received a scheduling presentation, building tour, saw electives offered at the high school, and were partnered up with upperclassmen to learn more about high school.
- Trip to Spain for the Spanish class leaves on Friday, March 31, 2023.

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

Board member Cunningham had no items of interest this evening.

Board member Fortuna stated had no items of interest this evening.

Board member Teltow stated she placed a handout in front of each board member regarding bringing back the student representative for the board of education. She stated she attended drag queen bingo at

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Maniaci's Banquet Center as a fundraiser, \$1500 was raised for Richmond teachers. \$500.00 will go to teachers at each building. Ms. Teltow said she attended the NHS inductions and the elementary Green Team event, and she enjoyed each event. Ms. Teltow thanked each teacher for allowing her to read in their classrooms.

Board member Oldani stated had no items of interest this evening.

Board member Sutton stated she has been reading in classrooms and it has been fun. She stated that she is reading in six more classes this week. She stated she learned a lot about the student population by reading in each room.

Board member Pacitto had no items of interest this evening.

Board member Michon stated she is happy to announce Kathy Campau has been named Macomb County Teacher of the Year. She will be recognized April 20, 2023 at the MISD. Ms. Michon also acknowledged the MSU incident and continued prayers for all impacted by the tragedy.

## **10. ACTION ITEM(S)**

### **A. Approval of Softball Overnight Field Trip Request**

Superintendent Walmsley stated as presented at the last Board meeting, Mr. Stuart, Varsity Softball Coach, presented a request for an overnight/extended student trip to Gaylord, Michigan. Tonight, is the formal approval by the Board to authorize the trip. Since that meeting, Superintendent Walmsley has received no questions or concerns.

Board member Teltow motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the overnight/extended student trip to Gaylord, Michigan, request by Howard Stuart, Varsity Softball Coach, as outlined in the attached documentation. Supported by Board member Cunningham.

Discussion: None.

All in Favor: 7. Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

### **B. Approval of Summer 2023 Bond Projects**

Superintendent Walmsley stated at the March 14, 2023 Board meeting, Colleen Koffel, Project Manager from Auch Construction reviewed the scope of the Summer 2023 Bond projects as well as bids received with a recommendation to award a contract to Asphalt Specialists, LLC. Since that meeting, Superintendent Walmsley has received no questions or concerns.

Board member Teltow motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award a contract to Asphalt Specialists, LLC. for summer 2023 Bond work projects for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. Furthermore, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement within the scope of the project on behalf of the Board of Education.

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Consistent with general provisions of the Board purchasing policy, the Superintendent is authorized to approve change orders on the project that are within the bond budget for allowances and contingency funds. This project is authorized in the application for Preliminary Qualification of Bonds, approved by the Michigan Department of Treasury and approved by the voters of Richmond Community Schools for which funding from the 2020 School Building and Site Bonds Series 1 and 2022 School Building and Site Bond Series 2 is available. Supported by Board member Oldani.

Discussion: None.

Board member Fortuna took roll call: Candess Cunningham – YES, Sandra Fortuna – YES, Deborah Michon – YES, Kelly Oldani – YES, Angela Pacitto – YES, Danielle Sutton – YES, and Margaret Teltow – YES. All in Favor: 7. Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

C. Approval of Early Learning Childhood Center Outdoor Classroom

Superintendent Walmsley stated as presented at the last Board meeting, Renee Stapels, Executive Director of Curriculum and Educational Services, and Mr. Gibson, ES Dean of Student/Early Childhood Director, provided the Board of Education with an overview of the district's plans for an early learning childhood center outdoor classroom, to be funded through the childcare stabilization grant. Since that meeting, Superintendent Walmsley has received no questions or concerns.

Board member Fortuna motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the early childhood center outdoor classroom for a total not to exceed \$48,140.47, plus 15% for unknown site conditions, which funding from the FY2023 General Fund Budget is authorized and outlined in the attached documentation. Supported by Board member Teltow.

Discussion: None.

Board member Fortuna took roll call: Candess Cunningham – YES, Sandra Fortuna – YES, Deborah Michon – YES, Kelly Oldani – YES, Angela Pacitto – YES, Danielle Sutton – YES, and Margaret Teltow – YES. All in Favor: 7. Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

D. Approval of FY2023 General Fund Budget – Amendment #2

Superintendent Walmsley stated the FY2023 Amendment #2 was presented by Tammie Schadd, Director of Business and Management Services, at the March 14, 2023, Board of Education meeting. Since that meeting, Superintendent Walmsley has received no questions or concerns.

Board member Fortuna motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve FY 2023 Budget Amendment #2 as presented at the March 14, 2023, Board of Education meeting and outlined in the attached resolution. Supported by Board member Teltow.

Discussion: None.

All in Favor: 7. Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

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E. Approval of Nightlock Lockdown Devices

Superintendent Walmsley stated the Nightlock Lockdown Devices are part of the district's overall plan to increase security and safety measures throughout the district.

Board member Cunningham, motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and a contract with Taylor Brothers Door Lock, LLC for with Nightlock for an amount not to exceed \$48,465.78 for which funding from the FY2023 General Fund Budget is authorized and outlined in the attached documentation. Supported by Board member Teltow.

Discussion: None.

Board member Fortuna took roll call: Candess Cunningham – YES, Sandra Fortuna – YES, Deborah Michon – YES, Kelly Oldani – YES, Angela Pacitto – YES, Danielle Sutton – YES, and Margaret Teltow – YES. All in Favor: 7. Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

F. Approval of RCS Hall of Honor/Fame Showcase

Superintendent Walmsley stated as presented tonight, Mr. Treend and Ms. Boyd presented a request for a Hall of Honor/Fame Showcase to be installed at Richmond High School.

Board member Cunningham motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve a contract with TouchPros for a Hall of Honor/Fame Showcase for an amount not to exceed \$17,825.00 for which funding from the FY2023 General Fund is authorized as outlined in the attached documentation. Supported by Board member Oldani.

Discussion: None.

All in Favor: 7. Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

G. Approval of Equipment and Supplies for EMT Program

Superintendent Walmsley stated Beginning with the 2023-24 school year, the EMT Program will be housed at Richmond High School and students will go to the Richmond-Lenox EMS facilities for the work-based learning portion of the course. Utilizing Section 61a Grants, the district will purchase the necessary supplies to fully stock the EXT classroom.

Board member Fortuna motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the purchase of EMT supplies and equipment for a total not to exceed \$52,942.92 for which funding from the FY2023 General Fund is authorized as outlined in the attached documentation. Supported by Board member Pacitto.

Discussion: None.

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#### H. Approval of MS and HS Interactive Classroom Technology

Superintendent Walmsley stated recently the elementary interactive classroom technology was replaced with 75" interactive display units. As part of the ESSER III Grant received, the plan was to replace the middle school and high school technology, that was installed as part of the 2014 bond projects. Upon approval from the Board tonight, the technology will be purchased, and installation will begin this summer.

Board member Pacitto motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the contract with Digital Age Technologies (DAT) for the purchase of classroom interactive technology for the middle school and high school for a total not to exceed \$191,182.00 for which funding from the FY2023 General Fund is authorized as outlined in the attached documentation. Supported by Board member Teltow.

Discussion: None.

Board member Fortuna took roll call: Candess Cunningham – YES, Sandra Fortuna – YES, Deborah Michon – YES, Kelly Oldani – YES, Angela Pacitto – YES, Danielle Sutton – YES, and Margaret Teltow – YES. All in Favor: 7. Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

### 11. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public spoke:

Ms. Michon received two emails and responded to both emails since the last meeting.

- Cheryl Jahr, REA President, stated that several months ago Mr. Walmsley asked for ideas to retain teachers. She stated that the REA proposed a plan to provide teachers with a bonus. She stated that the REA leadership turned down the district offer. She stated that the REA provided two offers and none of these offers were acceptable by the district. She stated that the offer by the district would allow Mr. Walmsley to put a new teacher above teachers that have been here for 15 or more years.
- Scott Goode addressed the Board regarding his son, Connor, who was threatened by the student at the Middle School with the knife. He stated he is not happy that the student that threatened his son is back in school. He stated that the student should have had more time away from school than he did.
- Kristina Turchi addressed the Board regarding her hesitation on sending her student to school today. She stated she asked what the safety plan is with her students returning to school. She stated the school refused to tell her how the district was planning on keeping the students safe. She stated she wants answers on how they are keeping the students safe.

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**12. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSES OF NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(C) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Board member Pacitto motioned that the Board of Education go into Closed Session for the purposes of negotiations. Support by Board member Cunningham.

No discussion by Board members.

Board member Fortuna took roll call: Candess Cunningham – Present, Sandra Fortuna – Present, Deborah Michon – Present, Kelly Oldani – Present, Angela Pacitto – Present, Danielle Sutton – Present, and Margaret Teltow – Present.

All in Favor: 7. Opposed: 0.

Motion passed.

Closed Session Started: 8:02 PM.

Closed Session Ended: 9:25 PM.

**13. CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER A PERIODIC PERSONNEL EVALUATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(A) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Board member Teltow motioned that the Board of Education go into Closed Session for the purposes of a periodic personnel evaluation of the Superintendent. Support by Board member Oldani.

No discussion by Board members.

All in Favor: 7. Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

Closed Session Started: 9:30 PM.

Closed Session Ended: 10:13 PM.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Board member Michon adjourned the meeting at 10:14 PM.

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