

Richmond Community Schools

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of 04-10-2017

7:00 pm on April 10, 2017 in the Richmond High School Media Center

MISSION STATEMENT

At Richmond Community Schools, we provide a quality education that empowers students to be successful in a global community.

A Regular Meeting of the Richmond Board of Education was held on Monday, April 10, 2017, in the Richmond High School Media Center, 35320 Division, Richmond, MI 48062

1. CALL TO ORDER

President, Margaret Teltow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE

The Pledge was led this evening by members of the High School AIS Program led by Mr. Gary Porrett. Students from the program who were in attendance are:

Hunter Bergeon

Max Kemp

Also, leading the Pledge tonight are members from Richmond Middle School Starbase 2.0, which is led by Mrs. Kathy Campau. Students from the program who were in attendance are: Olivia Schommer, Owen Robinson, Candace Locklear, Gavin Yelencich, and Aidan Muller

3. MISSION STATEMENT

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4. ROLL CALL

Members Present: M. Teltow, S. Gillies, K. Furtaw, T. Bartell,
R. Edberg, D. Wirth, K. Simmons

Members Absent:

Others Present: A.Birkmeier, D. Kochan, K. Bartels, D. Michon, V. Laseke

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5. APPROVE AGENDA

Margaret Teltow amended the agenda to remove original item #9, Student Representative Report, and asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda.

Motion: Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by K. Simmons to approve the agenda as amended.

Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Carries (7-0)

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Moved by member S. Gillies and supported by K. Furtaw to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Carries (7-0)

7. TRUE BLUE MOMENT:

1.) Richmond Middle School Starbase 2.0 Program:

Mrs. Campau has partnered up with Mark Muzzin from Starbase to bring Starbase 2.0 to our middle school. Olivia Schommer, a 6th grade student, explained some of their activities which include Sphero obstacle courses, Hummingbird robots, soldering, Little Bits electronics, and two field trips. The 6th grade students presented their hands on experiences with programming and robotics by demonstrating some of their creations.

2.) Richmond High School AIS Program:

Mr. Gary Porrett, AIS Vocational Education Instructor, and two of Richmond High School Students, Hunter Bergeon and Max Kemp, demonstrated electronic test boxes that were recently purchased with some grant money. These test boxes are a hands on way of teaching the students how to troubleshoot electrical systems. Mr. Porrett also presented a PowerPoint which highlighted other skills that the students are learning such as operating heavy equipment and stripping and rebuilding an engine. He stressed that there is a need for people to work in this field and there are many career opportunities. Hunter and Max are two of the students who are fortunate to take advantage of these possibilities. Hunter, a senior, has been accepted to the STEM program with AIS and will be guaranteed a job after his training is complete. Max will be a senior next year and will attend AIS classes for his third year as an advanced student who will also take part in the training of other students.

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8. PRESENTATIONS

- A. **Fiscal Year 2018 Budget** Presentation #6 – Superintendent, Mr. Walmsley, continued with his budget discussions and focused on the following function codes:
- #221 – Improvement of Instruction
 - #225 - Technology Assisted Instruction
 - #227 – Academic Student Assessment
 - # 283 – Staff Services
 - #284 – Support Services Technology
 - #299 – Other Support Services
 - #311 – Community Services Direction
 - #331 – Community Services
 - #371 – Non-Public School Pupils
 - #411 – Payments to other K-12/In-State
 - #441 – Payments to Other Government Entities
 - #511 – Debt Services

There were no increases or reductions suggested in these areas at this time.

B. **MISD Budget Presentation – Kyle Simmons:**

Board Member, Kyle Simmons, attended the MISD Budget Presentation that was held on March 30, 2017. He reported that property taxes have not gone up which provides their funding. Despite that, they would not be cutting any programs or services. They do have a deficit, but years ago when things were going well, they saved some of the surplus for times like this. The Board will take action to approve the MISD Budget at the next scheduled meeting on April 24, 2017.

9. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

School Update:

- SAT, PSAT, and M-STEP testing begins this week.
- The Forensic team went to Regionals at Henry Ford II on March 30th. Six members of the team qualified to go to States at Eastern University on April 28th and 29th. They are Anna Maxwell, Ashley Andersen, Emily Nichter, Daniel Seguin, Haley Fortuna and Rachel Tavano.
- The Robotics Team 4130 competed in a District event at Marysville High School on Friday, April 7th and Saturday, April 8th. Unfortunately they did not qualify for the State Competition. They did, however, win the Chairman's Award for their business plan.
- There will be no school on Friday, April 14, 2017.

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Legislative Update:

- The proposed House Budget and Senate Budget were released last week.
- The House calls for giving every student a one hundred dollar increase in the foundation and to increase at-risk funds for all reduced lunch students.
- The Senate breaks with the House in a serious way regarding the foundation “increase”. Currently all districts other than Charters are paying 20.96 percent of payroll towards the MPERS unfunded liability which is also being offset by prefunding through the school aid act. For a number of years, an additional 100 million through section 147a has been appropriated to help further defray the districts 20.96 percent portion. The recommendation is to take that 100 million and put it into the foundation. This could mean some districts could see less dollars available in the foundation.
- Currently students must complete at least one credit in the visual, performing or applied arts category and at least two credits in a language other than English. House Bill 4316 replaces these graduation requirements and replaces them with three credit options. These three credits are called “21st Century Skills.”
- House Bill 4315 will allow the combination of any of the following credits to meet the new requirement: 1.) A grade appropriate language other than English any time between K-12th grade, including American sign language, 2.) Visual, performing or applied arts as defined by MDE, 3.) Computer science or computer coding or a combination of the two.
- House Bill 4317 allows students to use OSHA safety training in place of high school health.
- House Bill 4318 will amend the math credit requirement of Algebra II allowing it to be either Algebra II or Statistics.

10. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Traci Bartell said that the Robotics competition in Marysville was “awesome”. Kyle Simmons saw “Seussical The Musical, Jr.” and enjoyed it. He also visited Mrs. Campau’s programming class and was impressed. He said the students are talented and Mrs. Campau is doing a great job.

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11. PUBLIC COMMENT

A public comment was made by Jodi Schroeder as a parent and community member. She was surprised that there was only one board member in attendance at a recent meeting on March 29th presented by an economist from the MEA.

12. CLOSED SESSION: NEGOTIATIONS

Motion: Moved by member K. Furtaw and supported by S. Gillies to move to closed session for the purpose of negotiations at 8:09 p.m.

Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Carries (7-0)

Returned to open session at 9:24 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President, Margaret Teltow concluded the meeting and adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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