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BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**7:00PM ON AUGUST 23, 2021, AT RICHMOND CITY HALL
(36725 Division Road, 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

Meeting called to order by D. Michon at 7:00PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Board of Education.

3. MISSION STATEMENT

Mission Statement read by B. Shuboy.

4. ROLL CALL

D. Michon, present.

D. Sutton, present.

S. Zube, present.

M. Teltow, present.

A. Pacitto, present.

K. Simmons, present.

B. Shuboy, present.

Forum: 7-0

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by B. Shuboy, supported by S. Zube to approval of the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 7-0

Nays: 0

Motion Carries: 7-0

Non-Discrimination Statement

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6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by S. Zube, supported by B. Shuboy for approval of the Consent Agenda as presented.

A. Personnel Report

Resignations

- Tiffany Meech (Teacher)
- James Wagner (Teacher)
- Mary Hohmann (CI Teacher)
- Joe Ogilvy (Teacher)
- Vincent Salvatore (CTE Teacher)
- Kaitlyn Walters (Volleyball Coach)
- Carrie Blissett (MS Secretary)

New Hire

- Brittany Hayes (Kindergarten)
- Ashley Mailloux (4th Grade)
- Julie Nader (ELA at the High School)

Moves to Different Positions

- Suzanne Fulgham (Transportation Director)
- Lori Wagner (moved to Dispatch)
- Heidi Mangune (Elementary Principal)

M. Teltow wished teachers who are leaving the district well as they move on.

B. Board Meeting Minutes

1. 08-23-2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Ayes: 7-0

Nays: 0

Motion Carries: 7-0

7. CLOSED SESSION FOR 030821 - A STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(B) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT

D. Sutton motioned; supported by S. Zube, Pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and upon the request of the student's parent, 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 030821 – A.

Closed Session Began: 7:05pm

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Closed Session Ended: 7:11pm

Ayes: 7-0

Nays: 0

Motion Carries: 7-0

8. CLOSED SESSION FOR 030821 - B STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(B) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT

A. Pacitto, supported by B. Shuboy, pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and upon the request of the student's parent, 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 030821 – B.

Closed Session Began: 7:12pm

Closed Session Ended: 7:16pm

Ayes:7-0

Nays: 0

Motion Carries: 7-0

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

D. Sutton, supported by B. Shuboy, pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, motioned that the Board of Education go into Closed Session to consider the periodic personnel evaluation of the Superintendent.

Closed Session Began: 7:17pm

Closed Session Ended: 7:43pm

Ayes:7-0

Nays: 0

Motion Carries: 7-0

10. BOND UPDATE

Mr. Walmsley provided an update:

- We are on track for school to open on the 13th.
- This past weekend they unloaded trailers.
- Fire alarms were tested today.

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- Certificate of occupancy is expected on Wednesday.
- MS cabinets are arriving on the 30th.
- Staff will be able to set up classrooms the week of the 30th.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Walmsley provided an update from the previous Board meeting.

- We will be releasing our Return to Learning Plan this week
- Two Options for Families:
 - In-Person Learning
 - Virtual Learning
- Students and staff riding the bus, MUST wear masks; this is the only requirement right now in the district.
- Facemasks are optional while in school unless there is a mandate.
- Social Distancing: We will encourage spacing out in classrooms as much as possible. It will not be 6 feet.
- Contact Tracing: We will follow the Health Departments guidelines for Contact Tracing.
- Drinking fountains will be on. Staff and students are encouraged to bring water bottles to school and use them to refill rather than using the fountain.
- COVID aides will continue cleaning and sanitizing buildings.
- Custodial staff will clean and sanitizing buildings using the 360-machine.
- Vaccinations: vaccinations will not be required for enrollment or attendance in Richmond.
- Students must commit to a semester at a time for the virtual option.
- If students' cameras are not on, the student will be marked as absent.
- Communication will go out to all parents tomorrow.

A. Pacitto would like to know how students during quarantine periods will still be educated.

B. Walmsley provided feedback.

D. Michon provided feedback regarding two emails that she received in July regarding the curriculum. Ms. Ara has answered both parents.

Public:

- Amy Stier, parent thanked the Board and expressed concerns regarding a comment that was made by a member of the Board.
- Bethany Borman, grandparent thanked the Board for hearing parents and parents for showing up. She also expressed concerns regarding a comment made by a member of the Board.
- Connie Lanoo, parent provided feedback regarding a petition that has been circulated for parents who agree on the issue with mask mandates. She also thanked the Board.
- Michelle Pickering, parent provided feedback regarding COVID testing.
- Shelby Paul, parent thanked the Board for hearing parents.

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12. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

B. Walmsley provided an update:

- We aren't mandating testing. If we mandate testing, the district will cover the cost.

13. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- D. Michon, provided an updated the community regarding an issue with a Board member about an email. It was handled in a closed session and there was also some training received. August 26th we will be having the rededication of our stadium and football field.
- D. Sutton-No items of interest.
- S. Zube-No items of interest.
- M. Teltow-No items of interest.
- Pacitto- No items of interest.
- K. Simmons-No items of interest.
- Shuboy-No items of interest.

14. ACTION ITEM(S)

A. Approval of 2021-22 Student-Parent Code of Conduct

Motion by D. Sutton, supported by S. Zube to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the amendments to the 2021-22 Student-Parent Handbook, as presented in the attached documentation.

A. Pacitto provided feedback regarding Board members whose names have not been updated.

Ayes:7-0

Nays: 0

Motion Carries: 7-0

B. Approval of FY2022 Budget Amendment #1

Motion by K. Simmons, supported by A. Pacitto motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve FY 2022 Budget – Amendment #1 as presented at the August 9, 2021, Board of Education meeting and outlined in the attached documentation.

Ayes:7-0

Nays: 0

Motion Carries: 7-0

C. Approval of Board Resolution for Student 030821 – A Discipline Hearing

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Motion by D. Sutton, supported by K. Simmons that following a Closed Session Student Discipline Hearing, the Board votes to reinstate Student 030821 – A, consistent with the attached resolution.

Ayes:7-0

Nays: 0

Motion Carries: 7-0

D. Approval of Board Resolution for Student 030821 – B Discipline Hearing

Motion by D. Sutton, supported by A. Pacitto that following a Closed Session Student Discipline Hearing, the Board votes to reinstate Student 030821 – B, consistent with the attached resolution.

Ayes:7-0

Nays: 0

Motion Carries: 7-0

15. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by D. Michon at 8:27PM.

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