

Richmond Community Schools

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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of 02-13-2017

7:00 pm on February 13, 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, February 13, 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 Robotics/Lego Club from Lee Elementary and their advisor, Mrs. Ann Durst. The following club members were in attendance: Camryn Moore, Aurelia Woodcock, Caden Churchill, Jacob Fink, Cooper Honold, Jacob Schoenborn, Macen Gabridge, Kacey Steece

3. MISSION STATEMENT

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

4. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent:

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

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5. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

7. TRUE BLUE MOMENT:

The elementary/robotics team from Lee Elementary demonstrated their creations in the media center and answered questions from the audience. They gave a brief presentation.

8. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Advertising Signage Fundraiser – High School Softball – Theresa Teltow was in attendance and explained the Softball Program’s desire to sell advertisements to raise funds. The Superintendent’s recommendation at the next meeting is that the board approves the program to sell the advertisements and that the Superintendent or his designee approve the advertisement images and wording so that all advertisements are consistent with the overall philosophy and mission of the District.
- B. Advertising Signage Fundraiser – High School Baseball – Mr. Tavano was in attendance and explained the Baseball Program’s desire to sell advertisements to raise funds. The Superintendent’s recommendation at the next meeting is that the board approves the program to sell the advertisements and that the Superintendent or his designee approve the advertisement images and wording so that all advertisements are consistent with the overall philosophy and mission of the District.

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C. Michigan State Clay Target League – Mr. Keith Bartels, Middle School Principal, explained that last year the Michigan State High School Clay Target League (MSHSCTL) was formed after board approval in March of 2016. This year, Officer Fred McCallumore approached the school again to make the league available to Middle School students, grades seven and up. It was requested that a motion be made tonight in order to give the students more time to register in order to meet the deadline. Mr. Mark Verlinde, from the Richmond Sportsman Club, was also in attendance to answer questions.

Motion: Moved by member K. Simmons and supported by T. Bartell to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the expansion of the Michigan State High School Clay Target League as a club sport to include Richmond High School and Richmond Middle School for students in grades seven and above.

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

D. FY2017 Budget – Amendment #1 – Business Manager, Vicki Laseke, presented the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment #1 and explained that the amendment is due to the adjustments that had occurred after the budget approval in June of 2016. The amended fund balance will be on the table for approval at the next board meeting scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2017.

E. FY2018 Budget Proposal – Presentation #3 – Superintendent, Mr. Brian Walmsley, presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget and proposed building grade configurations and fte schedules. The board members agreed that they would not be taking any action this year to change the building grade configurations, but that it would be discussed for the 2018-19 school year.

9. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Haley Fortuna

Lee Elementary:

- Preschool and Kindergarten round-up will be held on February 22, 2017.
- The talent show is scheduled for February 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- On February 3rd, students were able to experience the Dome Theatre.
- The Spring Book Fair will take place February 27th through March 3rd.

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Middle School:

- On February 3, 2017, the Middle School PTA conducted a WinterFest with several activities for students.
- Winter athletics are underway.
- STARBASE for the fifth graders has also begun which is a federally funded program by NASA and introduces the students to space education.

High School:

- Members of the wrestling team won ten individual championships recently in the Division III Districts.
- The Varsity Cheer team won the BWAC Championship.
- The Mock Trial competition practice will be held on February 25th.
- The Band and Choir will be performing a pre-festival concert on February 22nd to prepare for Festival in March.

Question: Where does the money go when students are billed for the cases, straps and chargers that are damaged or lost?

Answer: Superintendent, Mr. Walmsley, said that there should not be any students without those items. The money goes into a fund specifically used to reorder the damaged and missing computer parts.

10. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

School Update:

Update on last meeting Public Comment:

- At the last meeting, Mrs. Ranger and Mr. Schleder spoke. Mr. Walmsley has reached out to them and has met with them on a couple of occasions since then. Mr. Brown also spoke and since his comments were directed toward President Teltow, she has made contact with him as well.

Other School News:

- Preschool Round Up is on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
- Kindergarten Round Up is on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
- Winter Break , No School on Monday, February 20, 2017

Legislative Update:

- Last week the Governor presented his annual budget recommendation which included the recommendation for additional per-pupil funding, 150 million increase for the at-risk categorical, and significant changes for high school and cyber school funding.
- In the coming weeks, both the Senate and House School Aid Committees will introduce their versions of the K-12 budget.

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- The School Reform Office and Partnership Model will be changing from color to letter grading.
- At the last meeting the board requested an update on negotiations. All of the documents shared with the Board and listening audience are now available on the District's webpage.

11. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Comments were made by each board member.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were made by several teachers and some community members.

13. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Auditorium Lighting System

Motion: Moved by member K. Simmons and supported by S. Gillies to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the auditorium lighting system by Fantasee Lighting for an amount not to exceed \$15,537.00 plus a 10% contingency for field conditions, for which funding from the 2013 Bond is authorized as indicated on the attached documentation.

Roll Call: Ayes: K. Furtaw, K. Simmons, S. Gillies, T. Bartell, R. Edberg, D. Wirth
Nays: None
Motion Carries (7-0)

14. CLOSED SESSION: NEGOTIATIONS

Motion: Moved by member K. Furtaw and supported by K. Simmons to move to closed session for the purpose of negotiations at 10:12 p.m.

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

Returned to open session at 11:24 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President, Margaret Teltow concluded the meeting and adjourned at 11:24 p.m.

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