

Richmond Community Schools

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Superintendent

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

7:00PM, MARCH 11, 2019 IN THE MEDIA CENTER OF RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL

1. CALL TO ORDER

S. Gillies Call the Meeting to Order at 7:01pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Elementary School Spanish Club led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. MISSION STATEMENT

A. Pacitto, Secretary read the District's Mission Statement, *"At Richmond Community Schools, we provide a quality education that empowers students to be successful in a global community."*

4. ROLL CALL

A. Pacitto, Secretary took Roll Call

Present: S. Gillies, A. Pacitto, K. Furtaw, J. Sexton, K. Simmons, M. Teltow, S. Zube

Quorum: 7-0

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motioned by J. Sexton seconded by K. Furtaw to approve the Agenda as presented.

Ayes: S. Gillies, A. Pacitto, K. Furtaw, J. Sexton, K. Simmons, M. Teltow, S. Zube

Motion Carries: 7 to 0

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motioned by K. Furtaw seconded by K. Simmons to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes: S. Gillies, A. Pacitto, K. Furtaw, J. Sexton, K. Simmons, M. Teltow, S. Zube

Motion Carries: 7 to 0

Non-Discrimination Statement

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7. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

A. Radjewski

Lee: March is reading month and the elementary school has a sports theme. Kindergarten and preschool Round-up was last week and more than 400 families were present. On March 7, Mr. Walmsley came to Lee Elementary to read to the students.

Middle School: Middle school recently had parent teacher conferences. PTA has a candy fundraiser going on right now. The Talent Extravaganza is coming up and being sponsored by the PTA. Reading month is also being celebrated at the middle school with a skiing theme.

High School: DECA competed at state conferences in Detroit last weekend. The Student Advisory Committee met to discuss ideas to help freshmen transition in to the high school atmosphere. The wrestling team and the cheer team both won state awards last weekend. The Ms. Richmond competition was last weekend and Lexi Radjewski won.

8. TRUE BLUE MOMENT

A. Recognition of School Social Workers

B. Walmsley

Mr. Walmsley presented Nancy Laratonda and Samantha Perry, school social workers, with a certificate and pin to recognize their contributions to the district.

B. Title I Program

H. Napier

Ms. Napier introduced the certified Title 1 teachers, Haley Sullivan and Emily Malburg, and they discussed the Title 1 program, what it is, and some statistics about the program.

9. PRESENTATIONS

A. State Champion Individual Wrestler

Board of Education

Mr. Rinehart presented the state wrestling champions with certificates for their accomplishments at the state championship level.

B. State Champion Competitive Cheer

Board of Education

Mr. Rinehart discussed the accomplishments of the cheer team this year in academics and athletics and presented the team with certificates of accomplishment.

C. Camp Richmond – Summer 2019

H. Napier

Heidi Napier discussed the upcoming Camp Richmond program that will take place this summer.

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D. School Improvement Update

1. Will L. Lee Elementary School

D. Kochan

Mr. Kochan discussed the school improvement goals at Will L. Lee Elementary. He provided The Board with an update on goals set by the staff.

2. Richmond Middle School

K. Bartels

Mr. Bartels discussed Richmond Middle School's improvement plan, past goals, results of improvement plans implemented, and future improvement goals and the plan to attain these goals. K. Bartels gave a brief summary of the results of how the results of standards based grading will be measured.

3. Richmond High School

A. Kastl

Mr. Kastl discussed the goals of the high school's improvement plan, the progress that has been made, what can be done to continue to improve, and what the future goals are. He discussed what teachers have been doing at professional development days to help to attain the goals of the improvement plan.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

11. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

B. Walmsley presented the following District and legislative update:

Legislative:

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer released her budget plan on Tuesday and included the largest investment in K-12 education that we've seen in quite some time. MASB joined with MASA, MAISA and MASSP supporting the proposal. Her school aid budget takes steps to begin to implement some of the recommendations of the School Finance Research Collaborative and we covered the major points in the most recent issue of Dashboard.

The presentation, as well as the budget documents, are all available through the state budget office website. These documents include an interactive map showing the increase each individual district would receive under this proposal.

We are in the process of going through the details of the budget and will have more information available soon. Meanwhile, please feel free to contact us with any questions, or share your thoughts on the major changes in the budget with your legislators. The House and Senate will now begin to put together their versions.

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\$180 Per Pupil
\$29 Special Education
\$57 At-Risk
\$56 CTE
\$322 Total

House Committee Begins Hearings on Snow Days

House Committee on Education began hearings on [House Bill 4602](#), which would allow for any snow day taken during a declared state emergency to be counted as a day of instruction.

It is also expected to be amended to state that if you hold school on a day that normally would be canceled due to snowstorms or other issues out of a district's control, you would only have to have a minimum of 60% attendance, instead of the normal 75%.

As of right now the district has to make up one school day.

District-level Events

Congratulations to all DECA members who competed at the State Development Leadership Conference this weekend, Mariah Stewart, Bree Sharpe, Erik Haack, Caden Caperton, Emily Cmarik, Allison Ingman, and Johnathan May.

Preschool and Kindergarten Round up was successful, largest registration numbers Mr. Walmsley has seen.

4th Grade Move to the Middle School Update

Informational parent meeting held on Thursday, February 28, 2019

Playground meeting to view renderings by five (5) vendors with teachers and administrators is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

Computer Drops – Board of Education on March 25, 2019

6th Grade Wing Painting will begin Spring Break and classrooms will be set-up by the end of the school year in order to move out 6th grade and get the 4th grade classrooms ready.

12. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

None.

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13. ACTION ITEM(S)

A. Approval of Contract with M.L. Schoenherr Construction, Inc.

Motioned by K. Simmons seconded by A. Pacitto to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award a contract to M.L. Schoenherr Construction, Inc. for the four (4) classroom storage units for an amount not to exceed \$52,060 plus 10% contingency for site work conditions as outlined in the attached documentation for which funding from the 2018-19 General Fund is authorized.

Ayes: K. Furtaw, S. Gillies, A. Pacitto, J. Sexton, K. Simmons, M. Teltow, S. Zube
Motion Carries: 7 – 0

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

Motioned by A. Pacitto seconded by K. Furtaw to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, I move that the Board of Education go into Closed Session for the purposes of negotiations.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: K. Furtaw, S. Gillies, A. Pacitto, J. Sexton, K. Simmons, M. Teltow, S. Zube
Motion Carries: 7 – 0

Entered: 7:50pm

Exited: 9:45pm

15. ADJOURNMENT

S. Gillies adjourned the meeting at 9:50pm

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