

# Richmond Community Schools

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Sarah Gillies, President  
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Kristine Furtaw, Trustee  
Margaret Teltow, Trustee  
Sherri Zube, Trustee

Brian J. Walmsley, Ed.S.  
Superintendent

## BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

S. Gillies called the Meeting to Order at 7:00pm.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board of Education led the Board 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**

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

Absent with Notice: J. Sexton

Quorum: 6-0

### **5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Walmsley proposed to amend the agenda to remove the presentation on the overnight field trip to Washington D.C and remove the presentation on the thespian festival overnight trip.

Mrs. Gillies proposed moving the Student Representative Report to number 8 on the agenda.

Motioned by M. Teltow seconded by K. Furtaw to approve the amended Agenda as presented.

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 6 to 0

### **6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motioned by M. Teltow seconded S. Zube to approve the amended Consent Agenda as presented.

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

### **Non-Discrimination Statement**

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Nays: none  
Motion Carries: 6 to 0

## **7. PRESENTATION**

### **A. Method of Bond Sale**

T. Schadd/RJ Naughton

Mr. Naughton called in via speakerphone to discuss the various methods of bond sale available to the district. He discussed competitive bid approach versus negotiated bid process. He discussed the positives and negatives of each method. Board member Teltow and Gillies stated they were leaning toward the negotiated bond sale. Mr. Naughton discussed brokerage fees of each firm, Stiefl and Hilltop, with the Board and discussed the difference between the brokerage firm's fees was \$46,000. M. Teltow requested something in writing from both firms before a decision is made.

RJ Naughton discussed the information packets with the board of education regarding interest rates, and the options regarding how many series the bonds should be released in. Mr. Walmsley recommended that the board go with option two. K. Furtaw agreed that option two is the best approach. The board all agreed with Mr. Walmsley and K. Furtaw.

### **B. Fiscal Year 2019 Audit Report**

Yeo & Yeo, CPA &  
Business Consultants

Jennifer Watkins called in via speakerphone to discuss the 2019 audit report with the board. Ms. Watkins went through the PowerPoint presentation that was prepared for Richmond and discussed the audit that was completed.

### **C. Overnight Field Trip Request – Wrestling**

B. Day and P. Treend

#### **1. Defiance College (Ohio), 12/20/19 to 12/21/19**

Mr. Treend presented the details of the wrestling trip to Defiance College.

#### **2. New Lothrop High School 01/03/20 to 01/04/20**

Mr. Treend presented the details of the wrestling trip to New Lothrop High School.

#### **3. Flushing High School, Varsity A Team, and Bad Axe High School, Varsity B, 01/10/20 to 01/11/20**

Mr. Treend presented the details of the wrestling trip to Flushing High School and Bad Axe High School.

#### **4. Lowell High School 01/18/20 and Central Michigan University 01/19/20**

Mr. Treend presented the details of the wrestling trip to Lowell High School and Central Michigan University. The Trip is actually 01/17/20 – 01/19/20.

### **D. Farm to School Holiday Meal**

J. Estrada

Mr. Estrada presented information on the "Farm to School" holiday meal and how the program works. He also discussed how the idea came about and the effects it had on getting students to eat their school lunches. Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 is the holiday meal at the high school and the board is invited. Mr. Walmsley commented that Richmond's food service numbers are up due to Mr. Estrada and the food service staff.

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#### **E. Proposed Organizational Structure**

B. Walmsley

Mr. Walmsley discussed the proposed changes to the organizational structure of Richmond Community Schools. Mr. Walmsley is proposing the board consider adding the position of Executive Director of School Improving and Accountability due to the changes of the needs of the district. A. Pacitto asked if the position would be posted, Mr. Walmsley stated yes. A. Gillies asked what experience / education level he is looking for. Mr. Walmsley stated master's degree or higher, administrative certificate and teaching experience. I would ask that this would not be part of a bargaining unit since they may handle negotiations. S. Zube asked what the responsibilities of the position would be. Mr. Walmsley stated: School improvement, curriculum development, assessment and data analysis, working with nonpublic and private schools, Title I and II, working with English Language program, and anything else instructional.

#### **8. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

A. Radjewski

**Lee-** Today was the Veteran's day assembly. K-3 participated in the farm lab and it was a great experience for the students.

**Middle School** – Today was the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Veteran's Day assembly, report cards were given to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Mrs. Wall won a grant from Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union.

**High School-** Young American's is attending today, the diversity summit is coming up, the fall theater performance is coming up November 21 -22.

#### **9. CLOSED SESSION FOR 111119 STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(B) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Motioned by K. Furtaw seconded by K. Simmons to move that the Board of Education go into Closed Session for the purposes of a Student Disciplinary Hearing for Student 111119 pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 6 to 0

#### **10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

#### **11. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

B. Walmsley

**District-** The bond was passed last Thursday. Mr. Walmsley thanked the board and everyone involved in the process including the MEA and other staff members that gave their time.

**Legislative-** Not much to report as the legislature is on vacation. There is 128,000 less revenue for Richmond as of right now. Some legislation is looking at changing graduation requirements.

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

Board of Education

Mr. Simmons thanked the voters, Mr. Walmsley, and the staff for passing the bond for Richmond and is excited to see what it does for the students of Richmond. Mr. Simmons attended the Veterans day assembly at the middle school and said I was a great event.

Mrs. Gillies thanked everyone for working so hard to pass the bond, she thanked Mr. Walmsley for his time and energy spent on the bond.

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

### **A. Board Action on *Student 111119* Discipline Hearing**

Motioned by A. Pacitto seconded by K. Simmons to suspend Student 111119, consistent with the attached resolution following a Closed Session Hearing.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 6 to 0

## **14. CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER MATERIALS EXEMPT FROM DISCUSSION OR DISCLOSURE BY STATE OR FEDERAL STATUTE PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(H) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Motioned by K. Furtaw seconded by S. Zube that the Board of Education go into Closed Session to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 6 to 0

## **15. CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER MATERIALS EXEMPT FROM DISCUSSION OR DISCLOSURE BY STATE OR FEDERAL STATUTE PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(H) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Motioned by A. Pacitto seconded by S. Zube that the Board of Education go into Closed Session to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 6 to 0

## **16. ADJOURNMENT**

S. Gillies adjourned the meeting at 11:04pm

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