

Richmond Community Schools

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Superintendent

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

7:00PM, JANUARY 27, 2020 IN THE MEDIA CENTER OF RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL

1. CALL TO ORDER

M. Teltow called the Meeting to Order at 7:03pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Richmond Education Foundation (REF) and Mini-Grant Recipients recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MISSION STATEMENT

K. Furtaw, 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."*

M. Teltow read a statement regarding the district's investigation in to the accusations against the superintendent.

4. ROLL CALL

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

Absent with Notice: J. Sexton

Quorum: 5-0

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motioned by K. Furtaw seconded by S. Zube to approve the amended Agenda as presented.

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 5 to 0

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 5 to 0

Non-Discrimination Statement

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7. TRUE BLUE MOMENT

A. School Board Appreciation Month

Mr. Walmsley presented the board with gifts and the culinary arts department served the board dinner for School Board Appreciation Month.

B. Walmsley and Principals

B. Richmond Education Foundation Mini-Grant Recipients

The Richmond Education Foundation presented mini-grants to: Ms. Gillespie, Ms. Ranger, Ms. Walla, Ms. Lombart, Ms. Gibson, Mr. Stevenson, Ms. Charlebois, Ms. Walters, Ms. Durst, Ms. Kaganac, and Ms. Shannon.

J. Jagoda

8. PRESENTATION

A. Detroit Institute of Art Millage Proposal

Lilian Demas presented the board with information regarding the DIA millage.

L. Demas

B. FIRST Robotics Overnight Trip

N. Matthes presented the details of the robotics teams' upcoming overnight trips to University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada and to Saginaw Valley State University.

N. Matthes

C. Baseball Overnight Trip to St. Petersburg, Florida

S. Evans presented the board with details of his overnight / extended trip to St. Petersburg, Florida for baseball training.

S. Evans

D. School Student Achievement Update and School Improvement Update with a focus on Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)

1. Richmond High School

Mr. Kastl presented information on MTSS and School Improvement updates for Richmond High School.

A. Kastl

2. Richmond Middle School

Mr. Bartels presented information on MTSS and School Improvement updates for Richmond Middle School.

K. Bartels

3. Will L. Lee Elementary School

Mr. Kochan Presented information on MTSS and School Improvement updates for Will L. Lee Elementary School.

D. Kochan

9. BOND UPDATE

Mr. Walmsley provided the board with updates on the bond projects such as the location of information on the district website regarding the bond, and the upcoming informational meeting regarding the purchase of the bonds. Bids are due tomorrow for the field turf project; construction is set to start in April. Mr. Walmsley showed the plans for the additions on Lee Elementary; bids will be requested for this work at the end of April. The middle school and high school additions will begin in the next few weeks. Parking lots roads and sidewalks will be done last. This summer the field project will take place. We will be selling two series of bonds instead of three which requires that 85% of the work is completed in three years. The rating call with Moody's was today, they let us know we received a good rating and complemented the

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business office and the board for being fiscally conservative. Bond sales will go to the market on February 4th or 5th and closing in the end of February. We will then figure out where we will invest the money once it is received.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

11. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

L. Radjewski

Will L. Lee Elementary School – Green Club is collecting bottle caps, 17 students participated in the spelling bee. January 31st is a PBIS assembly focusing on leadership.

Richmond Middle School- NWEA testing is underway, the geography and spelling bee occurred last week, the PTA Winterfest is coming up. February 8th is the odyssey of the mind competition.

Richmond High School- the first semester is completed, the NWEA opened today, February is heart health month, snow coming game is February 18 and the dance is the 27th, audition for the k-12 play frozen junior was last week and successful.

12. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

B. Walmsley

Tax Breaks for Enterprise Data Centers Advance to Ways and Means

On Thursday, the House Commerce and Tourism Committee passed [House Bills 5127-5128](#) by a bipartisan vote of 7-4.

Approximately 73% of sales and use tax revenues goes to the School Aid Fund so these bills would have a negative impact on growth in funds for schools. The cost of this tax exemption is unknown but could potentially be significant. However, the committee also passed [HBs 5187-5188](#) which would reimburse the School Aid Fund for any revenue that is lost as a result of these tax breaks. All of the bills are tie-barred together so the tax incentives will not go into effect unless the School Aid Fund is held harmless. Another important note is that HBs 5187-5188 also apply to the tax exemptions for colocated data centers.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Jan. 24, 2020

- **Press Box Construction Regulations Headed to Governor**
- **School Aid Reimbursement for Sales and Use Tax Exemptions Passes House**

Press Box Construction Regulations Headed to Governor

This week, the Senate approved the changes the House made to [Senate Bill 294](#) and sent the bill to the Governor. Under the bill, school districts would be exempt from the heating requirement for press boxes and other structures that are incidental to an outdoor sporting event such as concession stands.

School Aid Reimbursement for Sales and Use Tax Exemptions Passes House

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On Wednesday, the House Ways & Means Committee passed [HBs 5187-5188](#), which would reimburse the School Aid Fund for any revenue that is lost as a result of the sales and use tax exemptions for data centers. Approximately 73% of sales and use tax revenues go to the School Aid Fund so, without this requirement, these tax breaks have a negative impact on growth in funds for schools.

School Aid Fund Specific

For FY 2019-20 (Compared to May CREC,) a recommended revision to the School Aid Fund is an increase of \$85.7 million. For FY 2020-21, that number represents an increase of \$138 million.

In terms of growth, School Aid Fund revenue should be healthier, with the House Fiscal Agency projecting increases of 1.9% in 2019, 2.9% in 2020-21, and 2.4% in 2021-22.

Current Michigan Outlook:

- Job openings outnumber the number of unemployed Michiganders
- A rise in the participation in the labor force rater equals a strong labor market, but not as strong of a number as the rates in our neighboring states

The budget will be finalized on the numbers developed at the next CREC in May. Gov. Whitmer is expected to present her second budget on February 6th.

GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE STATE

Governor Whitmer's *State of the State* will be on Wednesday, January 29th at 7:00pm. This will outline her priorities for state and in particular education. Soon after, February 6th she will release her proposed Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 which will start the budget process for the upcoming fiscal year.

COUNTY UPDATE

MISD Enhancement Millage – March 10, 2020

- *MISD Enhancement Millage Flyer*
- *MISD Enhancement Millage Website*
- *Rank of Foundation Allowance in 3 Counties*
- *Potential Revenue from Regional Enhancement Millage*
- *District by District Impact of Enhancement Millage*

13. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board of Education

M. Teltow attended the geography bee at the middle school and said it was a great event. She also gave a nod to the administrative staff, Tammie, Judy, Jamie, Angela and Pam and they are appreciated and we thank them for putting up with the tense situations that have been going on.

Ms. Teltow stated that the board will be providing updates on public comments. She provided an update related to the comments of Mr. Westerhoff regarding his wife, a former teacher, from a prior board meeting.

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14. CLOSED SESSION FOR 032719 – A STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(B) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Motioned by K. Simmons seconded by K. Furtaw that the Board of Education go into Closed Session to consider materials exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute pursuant to section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 5 to 0

Entered: 9:24

Returned: 9:36

15. CLOSED SESSION FOR 111119 STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(B) 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 materials exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute pursuant to section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 5 to 0

Entered: 9:38

Returned: 9:52

16. ACTION ITEM(S)

A. Approval of FIRST Robotics Overnight Trip to University of Waterloo (Ontario Canada)

Motioned by K. Furtaw seconded by S. Zube to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the overnight field trip request to University of Waterloo (Ontario Canada), as outlined in the attached documentation.

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 5 to 0

B. Approval of FIRST Robotics Overnight Trip to Saginaw Valley State University

Motioned by S. Zube seconded by K. Simmons to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the overnight field trip request to Saginaw Valley State University, as outlined in the attached documentation.

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 5 to 0

C. Approval of Baseball Overnight Trip to Florida

Motioned by S. Zube seconded by A. Pacitto to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the overnight field trip request to Florida, as outlined in the attached documentation.

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Ayes: A. Pacitto, K. Simmons, M. Teltow, S. Zube, K. Furtaw
Nays: none
Motion Carries: 5 to 0

D. Board Action on 032719 – A Student Discipline

Motioned by K. Furtaw seconded by K. Simmons that following a Closed Session hearing, the Board votes to reinstate Student 032719 – A, consistent with the attached resolution.

Ayes: A. Pacitto, K. Simmons, M. Teltow, S. Zube, K. Furtaw
Nays: none
Motion Carries: 5 to 0

E. Board Action on 111119 Student Discipline

Motioned by K. Simmons seconded by S. Zube that that following a Closed Session hearing, the Board votes to reinstate Student 111119 consistent with the attached documentation.

Ayes: A. Pacitto, K. Simmons, M. Teltow, S. Zube, K. Furtaw
Nays: none
Motion Carries: 5 to 0

17. ADJOURNMENT

M. Teltow adjourned the meeting at 9:54pm

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