

Richmond Community Schools

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Superintendent

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

7:00PM, FEBRUARY 10, 2020 IN THE MEDIA CENTER OF RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL

1. CALL TO ORDER

M. Teltow called the Meeting to Order at 7:00pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Wagner and Angelina Ingman led the board in 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."*

4. ROLL CALL

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

Absent with Notice:

Quorum: 7-0

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 7 to 0

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motioned by J. Sexton seconded S. Zube to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Discussion- Mr. Walmsley introduced the new hires to the board and stated that the new secretary at Lee will begin on 2/18/20 and not 2/24/20 as stated in the Personnel Report.

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 7 to 0

Non-Discrimination Statement

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7. TRUE BLUE MOMENT

A. National School Counselor Week

B. Walmsley

Mr. Walmsley recognized Ms. Lepak and Ms. May and presented them with a certificate recognizing their contributions to the district.

B. National Career and Technical Education Month

B. Walmsley

Mr. Walmsley recognized the districts CTE teachers, Joann Herd, Sarah Glanville, Jason Robbins, Vincent Salvatore, Don VanTiem, James Wagner, and presented them with a certificate of recognition.

C. Career and Technical Education Overview and Highlights

A. Kastl and CTE Teachers

Mr. Kastl presented a CTE update to the Board outlining the highlights so far this year and a description of the content of each class. A student and scholarship award winner, Angelina Ingman, discussed her positive experiences in the CTE Cyber Security program at Richmond Community Schools.

8. PRESENTATION

A. Four County Philanthropy Library Donation

K. Dickens and D. Kochan

K. Dickens and D. Kochan discussed the Four County Philanthropy library donation.

B. Overnight Trip Request

J. Wagner

1. DECA State Leadership Conference

Mr. Wagner presented information about the DECA State Leadership Conference that is taking place at the Renaissance Center in Detroit.

2. DECA International Conference

Mr. Wagner discussed information about the DECA International Conference that is taking place in Nashville, Tennessee.

C. 2020-21 Middle School and High School Course Catalog

B. Walmsley, K. Bartels,
and A. Kastl

Mr. Walmsley, Mr. Bartels, and Mr. Kastl discussed Middle School and High School Course catalog and the updates for next school year.

D. 2020-21 Early Childhood Learning Center Offerings

B. Walmsley and H. Mangune

Mr. Walmsley and Mrs. Mangune provided a highlight of the Richmond Early Childhood Center's offerings. The early childhood center would like to add a P.M preschool option for parents.

E. 2020-FY 2020 Budget Amendment #2

T. Schadd

Mrs. Schadd and Mr. Walmsley presented the 2020 FY budget amendment #2 to the board noting budget changes.

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9. BOND UPDATE

B. Walmsley, M. Hiser,
and P. Soma

Mr. Walmsley, Matt Hiser, and Paul Soma presented a bond update to the Board highlighting the sales of the bonds, current projects, expected timeline of projects, and the cost projections. The field project contract will be presented and approved at the next board meeting for an anticipated start date of May 26, 2020. In March the drawings and bid packages will be put together for the project at Will L. Lee Elementary School.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Westerhof addressed the board regarding his wife who is a previous employee of the district. His questions was what happens to the exit surveys. He stated that he doesn't like that his wife was thrown under the bus at the last board meeting. He also asked other specific personnel questions regarding his wife.

11. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

L. Radjewski

Will L. Lee Elementary School – Last Thursday was PTO winter carnival with staff running the games. March is reading month is coming up. Green club is planning for waste free lunches and the art show is February 27th.

Richmond Middle School- The middle school has been working hard on the literacy library. Odyssey of the mind is advancing to state competition. PTA Morley candy fundraiser will begin February 20th. Heart awareness month concluded this past Friday with students vs staff basketball game.

Richmond High School- High school had a vape free February challenge. Student government will be selling American heart association merchandise. AHA staff student's dodge ball game is February 21 during third hour. Opiate use presentation will be March 8th along with a community outreach that evening at 7pm. Nathan Ryan is now a finalist in merit competition. Winter sports is soon to begin.

12. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

B. Walmsley

DISTRICT UPDATE:

This morning, each of the building administrators and I had the pleasure of visiting the classrooms of this year's Teacher-of-the-Year winners. Elementary Teacher-of-the-Year is Ashley Gibson, Middle School Teacher-of-the-Year is Kristie Cramton, and High School Teacher-of-the-Year is Joseph Ogilvy. These individual will now go on to represent Richmond Community Schools at the Macomb County Teacher-of-the-Year celebration and competition and will be invited to a Board meeting to be recognized in the spring.

Special thank you to the individual, who wished to remain anonymously, that came in to the Board Office on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 and wrote a check to pay every the negative lunch balances for all students. This individual wrote a check for \$5,960.81. This generous donation helped hundreds of families, who do

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not qualify for free or reduced lunch, and were struggling paying their lunch debt. On behalf of the Richmond students and families, thank you.

Legislative Update:

On Thursday, February 6, 2020, the Executive Office delivered Gov. Whitmer's Executive Budget Recommendation for FY 2021. The budget reflects the governor's priorities, improving education and skills for Michigan's children, protecting our families and public health, and cleaning up Michigan's water and fighting climate change.

Overall, the budget totals \$61.9 billion, which reflects a 3.9% increase from the current fiscal year. The General Fund/General Purpose budget has increased by 5.8% to a total of \$11 billion, which reflects baseline increases and one-time investments.

On the School Aid front, the budget for FY 2021 is \$15.9 billion, a 4.9% increase over the FY 2020 budget.

Community colleges remain fully funded with School Aid Fund dollars. For FY 2021, the executive budget recommendation includes total funding of \$433.8 million SAF, an approximate 2.5% increase. Higher Education continues to share School Aid \$400,000,000 money as well; however, their 2.5% increase comes at the expense of the General Fund.

The governor's proposal continues the movement toward a weighted funding formula and provides \$415 million for this goal. This equates to a \$290 million increase base per-pupil funding distributed through a 1.5X. The minimum funding allowance will increase to \$8,336 and \$8,679 for districts at the maximum. This equals a \$150-\$225 per pupil increase and reduces the gap between the highest and lowest funded districts to \$343 per pupil.

The executive budget increases the Great Start Readiness Program section by \$35.5 million to boost the state payment for a full-day preschooler from \$7,250 to \$8,336. Further, the proposal includes \$42 million to expand access to preschool for children living in high-poverty districts.

A new section in the governor's Executive Recommendation provides \$25 million to reimburse teachers up to \$250 for out of pocket supply costs through a teacher supply reimbursement and purchasing program.

Other highlights in the School Aid Budget:

- \$5 million for CTE incentive payments is maintained
- Sec. 81 operation funding for intermediate school districts is increased by 3%, to a total of \$71.2 million
- \$205.9 million for MPSERS obligations to reflect changes in assumptions for the longer lifespans for retirees

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- This increase in funding reflects an increase in services to 5,000 children
- Maintains \$31.5 million for state-funded literacy coaches
- Increases state funding for literacy essentials training by \$3 million
- \$40 million for one-time grants to support districts with air and water filter replacement, lead and asbestos abatement, heating and cooling modifications, building modifications, and other facility upgrades to provide students with safe, healthy learning environments
- \$1 million to offset district costs of forgiving existing student meal debt

The budget includes \$1.5 million to expand existing and create new teacher cadet programs to help create a student-to-teacher pipeline for high school students, while helping to keep our educated youth at home where they can grow to become advocates for their schools and communities.

13. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board of Education

J. Sexton attended the Winter Carnival and said I was a great event and thanked all that set it up. M. Teltow attended the CTE breakfast on Friday and saw the award show for the students.

14. ACTION ITEM(S)

A. Approval of Ratifying Resolution for the Sale of the Bonds **B.** Walmsley

Motioned by K. Simmons seconded J. Sexton to approve the attached ratifying resolution for the sale of bonds, as outlined in the attached documentation.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 7 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 K. Furtaw seconded by K. Simmons 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(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 7 to 0

Entered: 9:28pm

Returned: 9:46pm

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

Motioned by A. Pacitto seconded by S. Zube that the Board of Education go into Closed Session for the purposes of negotiations pursuant to section 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 7 to 0

Entered: 9:48pm

Returned: 10:53pm

17. ADJOURNMENT

M. Teltow adjourned the meeting at 10:58pm

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