

Richmond Community Schools

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Margaret Teltow, President
Jessica Sexton, Vice President
Kristine Furtaw, Secretary
Kyle Simmons, Treasurer
Sandra Fortuna, Trustee
Angela Pacitto, Trustee
Sherri Zube, Trustee

Brian J. Walmsley, Ed.S.
Superintendent

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

7:00PM ON MAY 11, 2020 HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Education recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MISSION STATEMENT

Kristine 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, S. Zube, K. Furtaw, K. Simmons, S. Fortuna

Late with Notice:

Quorum: 7-0

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 7 to 0

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 7 to 0

Non-Discrimination Statement

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7. TRUE BLUE MOMENT

A. Recognition of *Class of 2020 Top Ten*

A. Kastl, Principal

Board members and Mr. Kastl recognized the top 10 from the class of 2020. Mr. Kastl read about each senior, their accomplishments, and plans for the future.

8. PRESENTATION

A. Amendments to the 2020-21 MS and HS Course Catalog

K. Bartels, MS Principal, and
A. Kastl, HS Principal

Mr. Bartels and Mr. Kastl discussed amendments to the 2020-21 course catalogue for the Middle School and High School.

9. BOND UPDATE

A. ES Renovation Bid Package

B. Walmsley
D. Jerome, French Associates
G. McClelland, AUCH Const.

Mr. Walmsley, Mr. Jerome, and Mr. McClelland discussed the renovation bid package for the Will L. Lee renovation project. They provided an overview on the package and what the board can expect on the June 22 meeting.

B. Middle School and High School Renovation Update

Mr. Walmsley, Mr. Jerome, and Mr. McClelland discussed the Middle School and High School bond project renovations along with timelines of construction and costs of projects.

10. STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

L. Radjewski

Ms. Radjewski thanked the board members for the opportunity to be the student board representative. She discussed the virtual spirit week at the high school that was last week. She thanked the teachers for everything they do and recognized teacher appreciation week. She thanked the board once again for the experience.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Triston Riggs – expressed his disappointment in a lack of recognition from the board and superintendent for the top ten students and the possibility of cutting four teachers and hope that they wouldn't cut them from the arts programs.

Suzie Christensen - Provided updates on banners for the senior class. She thanked everyone for their donations to make it possible.

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Jennifer Riggs – She expressed her disappointment that the board, principals, and superintendent have failed to recognize the all-academic students formally.

12. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

B. Walmsley

Mr. Walmsley provided an update on the meal program – 35,464 meals have been served so far. He thanked the food service workers as well as the paraprofessionals for their hard work. Mr. Walmsley addressed the parent disappointment in a lack of a physical graduation and explained why this is not a possibility for the class of 2020. Mr. Walmsley discussed the revenue issues and funding cuts that are expected for next school year and talks of a possible proration for this school year.

13. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board of Education

Ms. Teltow acknowledged all county all-academic team and stated that it was a disappointment that the banquet was canceled.

14. ACTION ITEM(S)

A. Approval of Resolution of Support for the Macomb Intermediate Schools District (MISD) FY2021 Budget

Motioned by K. Furtaw seconded by K. Simmons to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the attached resolution in support of the Macomb Intermediate Schools District (MISD) Fiscal Year 2021 Budget as presented in the attached documentation.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: none

Abstain: M. Teltow

Motion Carries: 6 to 0

15. FY 2021 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Ms. Furtaw stated that she was looking more in freshmen sports cuts, staffing changes are difficult but understands they may need to take place. Wanted to hang on to CTE and social studies improvement as they are important programs. She would like to keep arts and STEAM programs. Open to push field allocation back.

Ms. Fortuna – Not much to add at this point, likes the fact that Mr. Walmsley is giving several different options and scenarios.

Mr. Simmons Stated that he would like to keep CTE and theater programs, change turf allocation and push down the road a little for immediate needs. He stated that he understands cuts need to take place but is hopeful its better news than expected. Open to all options.

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Ms. Pacitto- Agrees with Kyle on turf replacement, changing allocation schedule. Bus replacement can be postponed a year, not hiring any new positions and not cut employees and programs for kids. Can base student enrollment differently, keep student amount from last year. Kyle disagrees, thinks enrollment will be down from this year. Would like to see predicted enrollment numbers compared to actual numbers.

Ms. Sexton stated that she is eager to see what happens at the budget conference on the 15th. On board with moving 80,000 to future years. Interested in numbers under FC111 for additional teacher – if we will actually need one. If we didn't add, what would student-teacher ratio look like.

Ms. Zube stated she was looking for more clarification on 15th, like to look in to freshman sports cuts or self-funded. Looking for as little impact on students as possible; less class size increase and student cuts. She stated she is ok with turf amount allocation and bus allocation changes. She would like to keep majority of CTE but would look at cutting lower enrollment courses. Not interested in cutting academic schedule B. Looking for cuts in other departments, facility type positions that can be spread out. The social studies curriculum – can we wait a year on that since we don't know what that would look like.

Ms. Teltow agrees on turf and bus allocation. No issue with summer school being reduced, not interested in IAM program cuts, and she is not interested in cutting CTE or theater programs or Robotics or STEAM. She is also not interested in cutting academic schedule b unless it's even with athletic schedule b. Secretary line 241 reduction in hours – would like to think different about schedule change but not out of possibilities, same with cuts with paraprofessional cuts. Board of education 241, number was 82,900, Mr. Walmsley is looking to reduce by 20, 000. This isn't money that board of education receives, money that falls in to line item such as MASB, Metro Buero, and Tri-County alliance, NEOLA policies, and other dues paid. Mr. Walmsley recommended switching from NEOLA to Thurn Law to save money as well as have the policies the law firm that represents the districts create. 231-line item, would like to see it reduced to 60,000 by figuring out a way to trim more.

16. ADJOURNMENT

M. Teltow adjourned the meeting at 9:32pm

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