

# Richmond Community Schools

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Superintendent

## BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**7:00PM, JANUARY 14, 2019 IN THE MEDIA CENTER OF RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL**

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

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

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

K. Bartels & MS Geography & Spelling Bee Winners lead 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**

Pacitto, Secretary took Roll Call

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

Motion Carries: 7 to 0

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

Motioned by J. Sexton seconded by A. Pacitto to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Motion Carries: 7 to 0

### **7. TRUE BLUE MOMENT**

A. MS Geography and Spelling Bee Winners, Advisor K. Bartels

#### **Non-Discrimination Statement**

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- B. J. Estrada, Teacher, recognized his Culinary Arts students who received Safe-Served Trained Recognition and Culinary Arts Year 2 Students presented their Food Truck Ideas
- C. B. Walmsley recognized the Richmond Board of Education during National School Board Recognition Month.

## **8. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. N. Matthes/J. VanGampelaere presented a request for an overnight trip for HS Robotics. The team will be Leaving March 14<sup>th</sup> and returning March 16<sup>th</sup> the competition is at Gull Lake High School in Richland, Michigan.
- B. 2018-19 School Improvement Update
  - 1. D. Kochan, Principal, presented the 2018-19 school improvement update for Will L. Lee Elementary School
  - 2. K. Bartels, Principal, presented the 2018-19 school improvement update for Richmond Middle School
  - 3. A. Kastl, Principal, presented the 2018-19 school improvement update for Richmond High School
- C. B. Walmsley, Superintendent, and T. Schadd, Director of Business & Management Services, presented the Board information regarding a Sinking Fund
  - 1. Discussion – board members asked if Richmond should go for 3 mills instead of .5 mill. Mr. Walmsley stated more research would have to be done pushing the voting from May to August. A. Pacitto believes that waiting till august would be better to see if 1 mil would be worth asking voters for. Board decided to hold off until august for sinking fund.

## **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. Cheryl Jahr addressed the Board about Board Appreciation Month. She thanked the board for all that they do.
- B. Donna Suiter addressed the board about her concern with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade move to the middle school.
- C. Cathy Garcia addressed the board about her concern with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade move to the middle school.
- D. Jodi Barrard addressed the board about her concern with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade move to the middle school.
- E. Katherine J. addressed the board about her concern with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade move to the middle school.

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- F. Tressa DeVoogd addressed the board about her concern with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade move to the middle school.
- G. Ashley Marcial addressed the board about her concern with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade move to the middle school.
- H. Candice Cunningham addressed the board about her concern with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade move to the middle school.
- I. Randi Poole addressed the board about her concern with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade move to the middle school.
- J. Dino Stathopoulos addressed the board about her concern with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade move to the middle school.
- K. Jennifer addressed the board about her concern with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade move to the middle school.
- L. Kathy Miller addressed the board with her support for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade move.

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

A. Radjewski presented the Board Student Representative Report in which she outlined the following events happening in each building:

- A. Will L. Lee Elementary School. NWEA testing is taking place currently. The elementary students are holding a Red Wing ticket sale fundraiser. The Green Club is collecting plastic bottle caps to create a recycled plastic bench.
- B. Richmond Middle School. The middle school's holiday choir concert took place before the holiday break and went very well. The PTA is hosting a dodgeball tournament next week. The band is holding a concert tomorrow, January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Richmond High School. DECA competed last Saturday and 3 students were recognized for their participation. Dr. Ladd took his government class to compete in the "We the People" competition. Winter athletics have begun at Richmond High School.

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

B. Walmsley presented the following District and legislative update:

- A. District
  - a. Richmond Education Foundation is hosting its Annual Dueling Pianos on Saturday, January 19, 2018 at Younger's in Romeo.

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- b. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade move to the middle school update:
    - i. Questions & Answer document has been uploaded to the website today.
    - ii. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher assignments have been finalized. Teachers will be notified before the end of the month.
    - iii. Next *Informational Parent Meeting* will be on Thursday, February 28, 2019 from 12:00-3:00pm and again from 5:00-6:30pm in the staff lounge at Will L. Lee Elementary School
  - c. 1<sup>st</sup> semester exams are this week. Good luck to all the students.
  - d. Congratulations to all DECA members who competed on Saturday among 750 other local high school students in District 7 Deca. It was a great day and wonderful learning experience.
- B. State/Federal Level
- a. Rep. Lee Chatfield (R-Levering) was elected as Speaker of the House, Rep. Triston Cole (R-Mancelona) was chosen as Majority Floor Leader and Rep. Jason Wentworth (R-Farwell) as Speaker Pro-Tempore. For the Democrats, Rep. Christine Greig (D-Farmington Hills) was chosen as Minority Leader and Rep. Yousef Rabhi (D-Ann Arbor) as Minority Floor Leader.
  - b. Sen. Mike Shirkey (R-Clarklake) was chosen as the Majority Leader, Sen. Peter MacGregor (R-Rockford) as Majority Floor Leader and Sen. Aric Nesbitt (R-Lawton) as President Pro-Tempore. Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist serves as the President of the Senate, but only casts a vote in the case of a tie.
  - c. The numbers for the 2019 and 2020 fiscal years were increased from the May 2018 estimates for the General Fund, but were adjusted down by almost \$24 million for the School Aid Fund.
  - d. We expect Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's upcoming State of the State address, followed by her budget presentation in February, to shed more light on her plan for Michigan as she begins her administration. The State of the State will be held on Feb. 5.
  - e. Just three days into the new Attorney General's tenure, and four days after House Bill 5526 was signed into law, the Michigan Department of Education asked AG Dana Nessel to review the new A-F letter grading system that was passed by the Legislature during lame duck. Citing concerns that the new system may violate federal law, MDE asked Nessel for a legal review of the policy.

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

None

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**13. 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 A. Pacitto to enter closed session.

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

Motion Carries: 7 to 0

The Board of Education came back from closed session and took a roll call vote.

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

Motion Carries: 7 to 0

Entered Closed Session at: 9:41pm

Returned from Closed Session at: 10:39pm

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

S. Gillies adjourned the meeting at 10:41pm

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