

# Richmond Community Schools

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Superintendent

## BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**7:00PM, FEBRUARY 25, 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**

Elementary School Spanish Club 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**

A. Pacitto, Secretary took Roll Call

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

Quorum: 7-0

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

Motion Carries: 7 to 0

**6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

Motion Carries: 7 to 0

**Non-Discrimination Statement**

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## 7. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

A. Radjewski

### Lee:

On February 21<sup>st</sup> the students walked over to the dentist for a presentation on oral health and how to care for your teeth. On February 22<sup>nd</sup> there was a true blue assembly in the elementary school gym. March is reading month and there will be a book fair in the media center. March 6<sup>th</sup> is kindergarten and preschool round up.

### Middle School:

Scholastic art award winners were recognized this week. The middle school band festival is taking place this week. NWEA testing was completed this week.

### High School:

Parent teacher conferences are this week Wednesday and Thursday. On February 28<sup>th</sup> freshmen orientation will take place in the high school auditorium. Mr. Ogilvy started a book club at the high school to encourage literacy. The cheer team will be competing in Grand Rapids this weekend.

## 8. TRUE BLUE MOMENT

A. Elementary Spanish Club

T. Ranger

T. Ranger discussed the Lee Elementary Spanish Club, its purpose, and upcoming events. The students spoke about various Spanish holidays and traditions.

## 9. PRESENTATIONS

A. Unpaid Leave of Absence Request

M. Nicolopoulos

M. Nicolopoulos discussed her need for an unpaid leave to attend her son's senior spring break trip. The board questioned if there would be adequate substitute coverage if she left for vacation. The board also questioned why Ms. Nicolopoulos waited so long to approach the board for approval.

## 10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## 11. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

B. Walmsley presented the following District and legislative update:

### A. District

1. 02/26/19 – Macomb County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Dinner Meeting | 6:00pm Richmond Community Schools. Richmond will host Board of Education representatives from the 21 local school Districts along with the MISD Board of Education

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2. 02/27/19 – Half Day of School for K-12 Students | Afternoon PreK-12 Parent Teacher Conference – District Wide
3. 02/28/19 – Half Day of School for K-12 Students | Afternoon and Evening PreK-12 Parent Teacher Conference – District Wide | Richmond High School Freshman Orientation for 8th Graders | 7:00pm in the HS Auditorium
4. 03/01/19 – Half Day of School for K-12 Students
5. 03/06/19 – Preschool (Class of 2033 and Class of 2034) Round-Up | Elementary School 5:00 p.m.
6. 03/06/19 – Kindergarten (Class of 2032) Round-Up | Elementary School 6:30 p.m.

**B. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade move to the middle school update:**

1. Early Childhood and Middle School Playground Bids are due on Friday, March 1, 2019.
2. 4th grade Classroom Storage Units Bids are due on Friday, March 1, 2019.
3. Thursday, February 28, 2019 from 12-3:00 and 5:00-6:30pm in the Staff Lounge at Will L. Lee Elementary School
4. Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Hooks, Ms. Malburg, and Mrs. Munro have been given 2019-20 Tentative Teaching Assignments as 4th Grade Teachers at Richmond Middle School.
5. Mrs. Churchill, Mr. Clendennin, Mrs. Gillespie, and Mr. Jarsma have been given 2019-20 Tentative Teaching Assignments as 5th Grade Teachers at Richmond Middle School.

**C. State/Federal Level**

1. *House Education Committee Begins Hearings on ACT WorkKeys Requirement*  
*The House Education Committee began hearings on [House Bill 4162](#), which would eliminate the requirement that districts include the ACT WorkKeys assessment in the Michigan Merit Examination. It would allow a district to continue to use the test if it sees fit.*
2. *Senate Finance Considers Fix Sales Tax Exemption Bill*  
*The Senate Finance Committee took testimony on [Senate Bills 43 and 44](#), which would exempt contact lenses from sales and use taxes, thereby reducing revenues to the School Aid Fund. MASB testified in opposition to the bills as one more cut to the revenue streams for schools. We point out that last session, eight laws were signed that diverted at least \$195 million from the SAF and 13 other laws will have an indeterminate negative cost. This equates to more than \$130 per pupil.*

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*As before, we stated that it is not necessarily the merits of the policy we oppose but the continued erosion of revenue streams to support our schools. There were some on the committee who expressed similar concerns. A vote was not held, but we do expect further hearings.*

3. *FY2020 Budget*

Governor is set to release her budget in the next couple of weeks. Stay tuned.

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

K. Furtaw congratulated the bowling team on their accomplishments. She visited strikers and enjoyed watching the team compete. She attended the choir concert on Friday and stated that the concert was great.

M. Teltow attended the wrestling competition and congratulated the participants. She stated that she was proud how well the students handled themselves; their behavior was excellent. Mrs. Teltow gave her full support to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade move to Lee Elementary School and complimented the staff on how passionate they are about teaching and caring for the students.

S. Gilles stated she attended the talent show at Lee Elementary and it was an excellent event showcasing a lot of talent.

## **13. ACTION**

### **A. Approval of Varsity Softball Overnight Request**

Motioned by K. Simmons seconded by M. Teltow to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the overnight trip for the Varsity Girls Softball Team to Petoskey and Standish, Michigan as outlined in the attached documentation.

Ayes: K. Furtaw, S. Gillies, A. Pacitto, J. Sexton, K. Simmons, M. Teltow, S. Zube  
Motion Carries: 7 – 0

### **B. Approval of DECA State & International Conference Overnight Request**

Motioned by S. Zube seconded by K. Simmons to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the overnight trip for DECA students to attend the State Conference in Detroit, Michigan and the International Conference in Orlando, Florida as outlined in the attached documentation.

Ayes: K. Furtaw, S. Gillies, A. Pacitto, J. Sexton, K. Simmons, M. Teltow, S. Zube  
Motion Carries: 7 – 0

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### **C. Approval of 2019-20 Childcare and Early Childhood Programs**

Motioned by K. Furtaw seconded by K. Simmons to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve 2019-20 Preschool and Childcare programs and rates as presented on February 11, 2019 and as outlined in the attached documentation.

Ayes: K. Furtaw, S. Gillies, A. Pacitto, J. Sexton, K. Simmons, M. Teltow, S. Zube  
Motion Carries: 7 – 0

### **D. Approval of 2019-20 MS and HS Course Catalog**

Motioned by K. Furtaw seconded by S. Zube to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 2019-20 Middle School and High School Course Catalog as outlined in the attached documentation.

Ayes: K. Furtaw, S. Gillies, A. Pacitto, J. Sexton, K. Simmons, M. Teltow, S. Zube  
Motion Carries: 7 – 0

### **E. Approval of FY 2019 Budget – Amendment #1**

Motioned by K. Simmons seconded by M. Teltow to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve FY 2019 Budget – Amendment #1 as presented on February 11, 2019 and as outlined in the attached documentation.

Ayes: K. Furtaw, S. Gillies, A. Pacitto, J. Sexton, K. Simmons, M. Teltow, S. Zube  
Motion Carries: 7 – 0

### **F. Approval/Denial of Unpaid Leave of Absence Request**

Motioned by A. Pacitto seconded by S. Zube to APPROVE the employee's request for an unpaid leave of absence from March 4 – 8, 2019, against the recommendation of the Superintendent, as presented and outlined in the attached documentation.

Ayes: K. S. Gillies, A. Pacitto, S. Zube  
Nays: K. Furtaw, J. Sexton, K. Simmons, M. Teltow  
Motion Fails: 4 – 3

Motioned by K. Furtaw seconded by K. Simmons to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and DENY the employee's request for an unpaid leave of absence from March 4 – 8, 2019 as presented and outlined in the attached documentation.

Ayes: K. Furtaw, J. Sexton, K. Simmons, M. Teltow

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Nays: K. S. Gillies, A. Pacitto, S. Zube  
Motion Passes: 4 – 3

**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 S. Zube seconded by K. Furtaw to move into Closed Session Pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by State or Federal statute.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carries: 7 – 0

Entered: 7:50pm

Exited: 9:36pm

**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 M. Teltow seconded by K. Simmons to move into Closed Session Pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by State or Federal statute.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carries: 7 – 0

Entered: 9:41pm

Exited: 10:00pm

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

S. Gillies adjourned the meeting at 10:02pm

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