

Richmond Community Schools

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Brian J. Walmsley, Ed.S.
Superintendent

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

7:00PM, FEBRUARY 24, 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

The board 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."*

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 S. Zube seconded K. Simmons to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Discussion-

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. BOND UPDATE

B. Walmsley and
G. McClelland (AUCH)

Mr. Walmsley discussed the field turf project and introduced Gerry McClelland from Auch Construction. Mr. McClelland discussed the field turf project and the process that is involved with the bid process. Mr. Walmsley discussed the current bids including the field turf, fencing and electrical work. The field turf project will begin after Memorial Day. Potential ground breaking ceremony would be the Tuesday after Memorial Day.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

9. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

L. Radjewski

Will L. Lee Elementary School – March is reading month committee is planning events for the month. The geography bee was last week and Avery Gross was the winner. February 20th was a field trip to a local doctor's office to learn about jobs in the community.

Richmond Middle School- 5th graders started the starbase experience. Cooper standards STEM night was a success with twice as many participants. March 4th and 5th are conferences.

Richmond High School- Staff and students dodge ball game was last week and the staff was victorious. A blood drive was held today and had many participants. The wrestling team is participating in the finals in Kalamazoo. The orientation for the class of 2024 will be march 4th at 7:00pm.

10. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

B. Walmsley

DISTRICT UPDATE:

With the end of the 7th semester, *Class of 2020* Top Ten has been calculated. I am happy to announce the following students are the *Class of 2020* Top Ten:

- 1 - 4.182 - Alexis Radjewski
- 2 - 4.153 - Jillian Sweeney
- 3 - 4.143 - Allison Ingman
- 4 - 4.139 - Jillian Maksymiuk
- 5 - 4.135 - Nathan Ryan
- 6 - 4.119 - Megan Schuster
- 7 - 4.115 - Emily Cmarik
- 8 - 4.091 - Angelina Ingman
- 9 - 4.088 - Sydney Christiansen
- 10 - 4.060 - Amanda Brown

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The Top Ten Students will be recognized by the Board of Education at the May 11, 2020 Board of Education meeting.

In less than three months, the Class of 2020 will be graduation from Richmond Community Schools. Just a reminder parents, this is the first graduating class that is required to have 40 hours of community service in order to graduate.

Legislative Update:

The Senate passed [Senate Bill 171](#) that would continue to allow alternatives to taking foreign language classes. Under the current law, high school students may substitute career and technical education or visual or performing arts in place of their second credit of foreign language. This option was added several years ago to allow more flexibility for students. However, when the law passed it included a sunset causing the law to expire at the end of this year. SB 171 would eliminate the sunset and continue to allow students more options.

Passing this bill quickly is important, as eighth graders are already beginning to work with their counselors on developing their high school schedules. The bill passed 36-1 in the Senate and was referred to the House Committee on Education.

Sen. Bayer introduced [Senate Resolution 99](#) calling on the federal government to fully fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) by passing the IDEA Full Funding Act. Passed into law in 1975, IDEA promised to pay for 40 percent of special education services required under the act. However, they have never come close to reaching this threshold and last year the federal government only covered 14.6 percent of the of the cost.

A recent study led by then Lt. Gov. Calley, concluded that Michigan underfunds its special education programs by \$700 million a year. Currently, this shortfall is borne by the individual districts, and shortchanges both traditional and special needs students.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed [House Bills 5187-5188](#) into law this week as Public Acts 29 and 30 of 2020. These bills will reimburse the School Aid Fund for any revenue lost as a result of the sales and use tax exemptions for data centers. Approximately 73 percent of sales and use tax revenues go to the School Aid Fund. Therefore, without this requirement, these tax breaks negatively impact growth in funds for schools.

Mr. Walmsley reminded the audience about the county wide enhancement millage and some potential benefits that Richmond would experience if it was passed.

Mr. Walmsley addressed school board concerns with a social media group on Facebook that is spreading misinformation about the school district.

11. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board of Education

Sandra Fortuna stated that she attended board member 101 training in Lansing and she learned quite a bit about her role as a board member.

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Margaret Teltow made a statement regarding a public comment that was made in January and another comment that was made at the previous meeting. Ms. Teltow addressed Mr. Westerhoffs concerns with exit surveys.

12. ACTION ITEM(S)

A. Approval of DECA Overnight Trip Request to State Leadership & International Conference

Motioned by K. Simmons seconded by A. Pacitto to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the overnight field trip request for qualifying DECA students to attend the DECA State Leadership Conference in Detroit and the DECA International Conference in Nashville, as outlined in the attached documentation.

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 7 to 0

B. Approval of 2020-21 Middle School and High School Course Catalog

Motioned by K. Furtaw seconded by S. Zube to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 2020-21 Middle School and High School Course Catalog, as outlined in the attached documentation.

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 7 to 0

C. Approval of 2020-21 Preschool and Childcare Offerings and Rates

Motioned by K. Simmons seconded by K. Furtaw to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 3- and 4-year old preschool offerings and tuition increases for the 2020-21 school year, as outlined in the attached documentation.

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 7 to 0

D. Approval of FY 2020 Budget Amendment #2

Motioned by K. Furtaw seconded by A. Pacitto to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve FY 2020 Budget – Amendment #2, 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

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E. Approval of Athletic Field Renovations (Bond Project)

Motioned by K. Simmons seconded by J. Sexton to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, as outlined in the attached documentation, and award contracts to:

1. Midwest Landscape Group, Inc. for field turf installation for an amount not to exceed \$812,890.00;
2. Chain Link Fence and Gates for fencing installation and replacement for an amount not to exceed \$34,760; and
3. Wade's Electrical Contracting, Inc. for electrical work for an amount not to exceed \$17,668.00.

The Board further authorizes the superintendent to approve Change Orders for the Bond projects up to the 'Competitive Bid Threshold' of \$24,924, established by the Michigan Department of Education, but not to exceed the contingency fund allocated for the project.

This project is authorized in the application for Preliminary Qualification of Bonds, approved by the Michigan Department of Treasury and the voters of Richmond Community Schools, for which funding from the 2020 School Building and Site Bonds Series 1 is authorized.

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

F. Amendment to the Approved Depositories for School Funds

Motioned by S. Zube seconded by J. Sexton to approve PNC Bank and First State Bank as depositories for school funds.

Discussion: Mr. Walmsley and Mrs. Schadd discussed the banks the district will be using to manage bond funds.

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

Nays: none

Motion Carries: 7 to 0

13. ADJOURNMENT

M. Teltow adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm

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