

Richmond Community Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

7:00PM, APRIL 12, 2021 VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued an order on December 18, 2020, that prohibits indoor gatherings of two or more people from more than one household, and the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity issued emergency rules on October 14, 2020 regarding remote work by employees when feasible. In addition, one or more of the municipalities served by the Richmond Community Schools has declared a local state of emergency, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

To ensure against violating the indoor gathering prohibition, and in the interest of achieving the goal expressed in the MDHHS order and the MDLEO rules to protect the public health, particularly during a local state of emergency, the Richmond Community Schools Board of Education will meet virtually on **MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021** in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act as amended. This notice is required to ensure that those wishing to observe and/or participate in the meeting can have the opportunity to do so.

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Anyone wishing to address the Board via electronic attendance at the meeting will be recognized by the Board President. Please note that delays are possible based on the number of individuals who express interest in addressing the Board. To contact members of the Board in order to provide input or ask questions on any business before the Board at the meeting, please use the contact information found on the district's website, under the Board of Education link on the left side of the webpage.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in Agenda Item **9**.

Non-Discrimination Statement

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by D. Michon at 7:00 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Board of Education.

3. MISSION STATEMENT

Mission Statement read by B. Shuboy.

4. ROLL CALL

Roll call by B. Shuboy.

D. Michon, Present. Attending in-person from the City of Richmond, Macomb County, MI.

A. Pacitto, Present. Attending virtual from City of Richmond, Macomb County, MI.

B. Shuboy, Present. Attending in-person from City of Richmond, Macomb County, MI.

K. Simmons, Absent with notice. (Arrived at 7:45PM).

D. Sutton, Present. Attending in-person from City of Richmond, Macomb County, MI.

M. Teltow, Present. Attending in-person from City of Richmond, Macomb County, MI.

S. Zube, Present. Attending in-person City of Richmond, Macomb County, MI.

Quorum: 6-1

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendment to agenda requested by D. Michon to add a discuss regarding the *Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan (Section 98a) for the 2020-21 School Year* as item #17.

The current *Action Items* will become item #18. And the *Adjournment*, currently #18, will now become #19.

Motion to approve the Agenda as amended by A. Pacitto; supported by B. Shuboy.

Aye: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Motion carries: 6-0

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Personnel Report

Resignations

None

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New Hires

M. Schieble (Food Services). Ms. Schieble currently works as a bus driver in the Transportation Department. She now also works in the Food Service Department.

Items from the Board

Margaret Teltow inquired about the Schedule B-Varsity Girls basketball opening and when the Varsity Football Head Coach will be posted.

B. Walmsley provided feedback that the Varsity Girls Basketball position is open, and the Varsity Football Head Coach position will be posted with the Fall postings.

B. Claims and Accounts

No discussion from the Board.

C. Board Meeting Minutes

1. 03-22-2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

No discussion from the Board.

7. BOND UPDATE

A. Bond Refunding Bid Results and Resolution

Kari Blanchet at PFM Financial provided an update.

- School received five (5) bids, ranging from low 1.21 % to a high of 1.46% interest rate.
- Summary of 2021 refunding results:
 - The District took out the 2013 Bonds at an interested rate 4.02% and replaced them with the new refunding bond at 1.21%, which produces a savings of \$385,883, for a net present value of \$368,703 or 5.215% of bonds to be refunded.
 - Objectives of school District were achieved to reduce interest paid on bonds.

B. Construction Project Update

G. McClelland, Auch Construction provided an update.

Will L. Lee Elementary

- Interior walls painted on new addition.
- Classroom ceiling grid is 95% complete in areas the contractors are working.
- Lights/diffusers/fire alarm are in process of being installed.
- Soffits at new classroom entrances have been installed.
- Classroom casework installation is on-going.
- Toilet ceramic wall tile is almost complete.
- Classroom unit ventilators installed is complete.

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- Exterior wall paneling on new addition is complete.
- Windows set for May delivery for the new addition.

Middle School

- All demolition in the Art / Administration areas is complete.
- Temporary fencing installation completed at north lot expansion.
- Underground plumbing complete in the administration and art room areas.
- Administration area metal stud installation complete, drywall installation underway
- New storm water retention installation to begin the week of April 12th.

High School

- Auditorium lobby demolition and flooring removal in progress.
- Auditorium stage refinishing is underway.
- Robotics foundations complete, and masonry walls are going up.
- Underground plumbing in robotics area completed.
- Site preparation / topsoil removal for addition is complete.
- Utility rerouting for auxiliary gym nearly complete.
- Auxiliary gym foundation is in progress.
- New storm water retention installation in progress.

8. PRESENTATION(S)

A. Competitive Cheer Division 3 State Champions

- C. Rinehart announced cheerleaders and honored them as well as coaches as Division 3 State Champions. In addition, C. Rinehart recognized the team for their *Academic All State* recognition.
- C. Rinehart announced cheerleaders who were recognized for a 3.8 GPA or higher.
- Coach K. Matthes congratulated the team. She thanked C. Rinehart, other coaches, parents, her family and the District's administration for their support this year.

B. Individual Wrestling Division 3 State Champion

- C. Rinehart announced the individual Wrestling Division 3 State Champion-285 Weight, Danny McKiernan. C. Rinehart thanked the wrestling coaches for their dedication.
- Coach S. Misko honored Danny for a great season and thanked the Board and the Administration for their support this year.

C. Instructional Spotlight: 2020-21 Teacher-of-the-Year

R. Ara announced Teacher-of-the-Year honorees:

High School: James Wagner

Middle School: Krista McLeod

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Lee Elementary: Jodi Schroeder

Winners will compete at the County level.

D. Instructional Spotlight: Summer Program and Celebrations

R. Ara provided an update on summer programs and celebrations.

E. FY2022 Budget Projections/Assumptions Discussion

B. Walmsley and T. Schadd provided an update on FY2020 projections and assumptions.

- Board members agreed to building the budget on a “flat” student enrollment for the 2021-22 school year.
- Board members agreed to budget for a fifth 2nd Grade and a fifth, 4th Grade Teacher. At this point, the budget would only have four (4) kindergarten sections. If the numbers increase in the August, the Board will consider adding a fifth kindergarten section.
- The consensus of the Board agreed.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pamela Hornberger, State Representative 32nd District clarified that the bills discussed at the previous Board meeting were Senate Bills. Ms. Hornberger also encouraged the Board to reach out to her at any time if there was any clarification needed.

Jon Moore, City Manager for the City of Richmond, spoke that he was present in case the Board had questions regarding a later item on the Agenda regarding the Roosevelt Civic Auditorium that may need to be answered by the City of Richmond.

10. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative

B. Walmsley apologize for incorrect reference to “Senator” Hornberger. B. Walmsley stated that in his notes he had written Senator Horn, but verbally said “Senator Hornberger.” B. Walmsley recognized that P. Hornberger is the State Representative representing the Richmond area and apologize for the inaccuracy.

No new legislative updates.

District Updates

- Clarified communication sent out before spring break. He did not intend for his communication to lead the community or Board to believe that it is his sole decision to move the District to virtual. This decision comes from the Board of Education.

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- B. Walmsley expressed concerns regarding not being able to staff our buildings. After Spring Break, there were numerous staff and students who have tested positive for COVID-19 and many had to be quarantined due to exposure. As of April 12th, 11 staff are affected. B. Walmsley indicated that there were dozens and dozens of students quarantined. The District continues to monitor the numbers.
- SAT testing begins tomorrow; test has not been waived this year in Michigan. D. Michon inquired whether virtual students and students who are quarantined must take the test on the test day or make-up test day.
- B. Walmsley provided feedback that the HS administrators will coordinate bringing virtual students who are not quarantined into the building to take the assessment. Those students who are quarantined will take the assessment on the make-up day.

11. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

M. Teltow apologized to State Representative Hornberger for her reference to her during the previous Board meeting.

D. Sutton clarification regarding SAT testing. We are required to offer the testing, but they are not required to take the test. There is no penalty to the students or District for students who do not come in to take the SAT. B. Walmsley confirmed that the 95% Accountability has been waived for the 2020-21 school year.

B. Shuboy apologized to Representative Hornberger for the previous comments made during the Board meeting, on behalf of the Richmond School Board.

12. 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

Motion by A. Pacitto; Supported by S. Zube.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carries 7-0

Roll Call Vote:

A. Pacitto-Aye

B. Shuboy-Aye

M. Teltow-Aye

D. Sutton-Aye

K. Simmons-Aye

S. Zube-Aye

D. Michon-Aye

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Ayes: 7-0
Nays: 0
Motion Carries: 7-0

Closed session began at 9:04 PM and ended at 9:33 PM.

13. TEAMSTERS, STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL WORKERS, LOCAL 214 REPRESENTING ADMINISTRATORS BOARD LEVEL GRIEVANCE #2020-21-01 AND GRIEVANCE #2020-21-02.

- M. Landsiedel, Teamster's representative for the Richmond Administrators Association, K. Bartels, RAA President, and A. Birkmeier presented its position on Grievance #2020-21-01 and Grievance #2020-21-02.
- A. Birkmeier, K. Bartels and B. Walmsley provided feedback on each grievance and answered questions asked by the Board of Education.
- Board members provided feedback regarding their thoughts on both grievances.

14. ACTION ITEM

- A. Approval/Denial of Teamsters, State, County and Municipal Workers, Local 214 representing Administrators Level 4 Grievance #2020-21-01 and #2020-21-02.

Motion by B. Shuboy to grant Grievance #2020-21-01 & Grievance #2020-21-02; Supported by A. Pacitto

Ayes: 5-2

Nays: 2 (K. Simons and M. Teltow)

Motion Carries: 5-2

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

Motion by A. Pacitto; Supported by S. Zube.

Roll Call Vote:

A. Pacitto-Aye

B. Shuboy-Aye

M. Teltow-Aye

D. Sutton-Aye

K. Simmons-Aye

S. Zube-Aye

D. Michon-Aye

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Ayes: 7-0
Nays: 0
Motion Carries: 7-0

Closed session began at 10:48 PM and ended at 12:05 AM.

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

Motion by B. Shuboy; Supported by S. Zube.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion carries 7-0

Closed session began at 12:06 AM and ended at 12:15 AM.

17. EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN

Board discussed in-person versus virtual learning. After a detailed discussion, Board members agreed to move the District to 100% virtual instruction beginning April 14, 2021 through Friday, April 30, 2021. School will resume in-person instruction, with an option for virtual instruction, on Monday, May 3, 2021.

18. ACTION ITEM

- A. Approval of Bond Sale Resolution
Motion by M. Teltow; supported by S. Zube.

Roll Call Vote:

- A. Pacitto-Aye
- B. Shuboy-Aye
- M. Teltow-Aye
- D. Sutton-Aye
- K. Simmons-Aye
- S. Zube-Aye
- D. Michon-Aye

Ayes: 7-0
Nays: 0
Motion Carries: 7-0

- B. Approval of Interactive Classroom Technology
Motion by M. Teltow; supported by D. Sutton.

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Roll Call Vote:

A. Pacitto-Aye
B. Shuboy-Aye
M. Teltow-Aye
D. Sutton-Aye
K. Simmons-Aye
S. Zube-Aye
D. Michon-Aye

Ayes: 7-0

Nays: 0

Motion Carries: 7-0

C. Roosevelt Civic Auditorium

Motion to table the item regarding the Roosevelt Civic Auditorium until June 14, 2021 by M. Teltow; supported by K. Simmons.

Roll Call Vote:

A. Pacitto-Aye
B. Shuboy-Aye
M. Teltow-Aye
D. Sutton-Aye
K. Simmons-Aye
S. Zube-Aye
D. Michon-Aye

Ayes: 7-0

Nays: 0

Motion Carries: 7-0

19. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by D. Michon at 12:35 AM.

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