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BOARD OF EDUCATION **REGULAR** MEETING AGENDA

**7:00PM ON JANUARY 24, 2022, IN THE MEDIA CENTER AT RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL
(35320 Division, Richmond, Michigan 48062)**

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 10.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board member Pacitto called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education called to order at 7:00 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance recited by Board of Education, Superintendent, Central Office, and audience.

3. MISSION STATEMENT

Mission statement read by Board member Shuboy.

4. ROLL CALL

Board member Shuboy took roll call: Deborah Michon – Absent with notice, Angela Pacitto – Present, Bridgette Shuboy – Present, Kyle Simmons – Present, Danielle Sutton – Present, Margaret Teltow – Present, and Sherri Zube – Present.

6-1 Quorum of the Board

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Board member Sutton to approve the agenda as presented. Support by Board member Shuboy.

Discussion: None

All in Favor: 6. Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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Motion by Board member Shuboy to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the attached documentation. Support by Board member Zube.

Discussion: Superintendent Walmsley recognized the following:

Personnel Report:

- Resignations and Retirements: Craig West (Special Education Teacher and Junior Varsity Football Coach).
- Termination: Kaylanne Kendrick (Childcare).
- Lay-off / Non-renewal of Contract: None.
- New Hires: Mary Madaus (Secretary) and Dina Robinson (Kindergarten Teacher).
- Notice of Appointments (Previously Hired by the Board): Lindsey McCoy (Title I Intervention Specialist).

Superintendent Walmsley stated there were no corrections to the 01-10-22 Organizational Meeting (6:30 PM) minutes or the 01-10-22 Regular Meeting (7:00 PM) minutes.

All in Favor: 6. Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

7. CLOSED SESSION FOR 012422—A STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(B) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and upon the request of the student's parent and/or guardian, Board member Zube motioned that the Board of Education go into Closed Session for the purpose of conducting a hearing to consider the discipline of a student whose identity is known as Student 012422 – A. Support by Board member Teltow.

Discussion: None

All in Favor: 6. Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

Closed Session Started: 7:03 PM

Closed Session Ended: 8:00 PM

8. BOND UPDATE

Superintendent Walmsley will provide an update on bond projects throughout the district. The fitness/weight room equipment for the middle school and high school has arrived. Installation has been ongoing.

The district continues to work with AUCH Construction and the contractors to chip-away at the punch list items. On Monday, January 17, 2022, Superintendent Walmsley walked each classroom and office at Will L. Lee Elementary School with representatives of AUCH construction to review the punch list

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items. The elementary school only has a few punch list items left, some of which is a supply chain problem.

The district will schedule building punch list walkthroughs at the middle and high school with AUCH Constriction in the coming months.

9. PRESENTATION

- A. Instructional Spotlight: High School Grading Policy
Renee Ara, *Executive Director of Curriculum and Educational Services*, and Andy Kastl, *HS Principal*, provided a follow-up presentation to the December 13, 2021, Elementary and Middle School Standards-based Grading presentation, with a focus on high school grading policy and practices. This presentation was originally scheduled for 7:00pm on January 10, 2022.
- B. Instructional Spotlight: Teacher Cadet, Computer Science (STEAM), and Automotive Technician CTE Programs
Renee Ara, *Executive Director of Curriculum and Educational Services*, discussed the district's intent, as well as general components needed for the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) application, to offer Teacher Cadet, Computer Science (S.T.E.A.M.), and Automotive Technician CTE Programs for the 2022-23 school year. This presentation was originally scheduled for 7:00pm on January 10, 2022.
- C. FY2022 Athletic Budget Overview
In preparation of the FY2023 Budget, Chris Rinehart, *Director of Athletics, Facilities, and School Safety*, presented an overview of the FY2022 athletic budget and how funds allocated are spent. This presentation was originally scheduled for 7:00pm on January 10, 2022.
- D. School Board Recognition Month
On behalf of the students and staff, Superintendent Walmsley recognized and presented a certificate of appreciation and gift basket to each school board members for *School Board Recognition Month* for their dedication and services to the students, staff, and community of Richmond Community Schools. The gift basket included:
- Will L. Lee Elementary School. Kindness Jar and [A Truly Great Board Member is Hard to Find, Difficult to Part with, and Impossible to Forget](#) notebook with a Starbucks Gift Card.
- Richmond Middle School. \$15.00 Gift Certificate to the Devil's Depot at Richmond Middle School.
- Richmond High School. "Thanks, A Latte for All You Do for Richmond Community Schools!" that contains a Starbucks Mug, Starbucks Gift Card, Granola Bar, and Trail Mix.

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Athletic Department. Richmond Pad Folio & Pen Set.

Food Service Department. \$10 Ken's Country Kitchen Gift Certificate.

Transportation Department. Coffee-to-Go Tumblers.

Board of Education & Central Office. \$10 Gift Card to Subway and "We're Lucky to Have Great Leadership" \$5 Lottery Tickets.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public spoke: None

11. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Superintendent Walmsley will provide an update on district and legislative issues.

Consensus Revenue Estimates Released. Superintendent Walmsley reported that the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference was held about a week to unveil the State's revenue estimates for this fiscal year and beyond. The conference was made up of the House and Senate Fiscal Agencies and the Department of Treasury to determine the numbers that next year's budget will be built upon.

Revenues for last year and this year have been much higher than expected, even before including the influx of federal dollars. This gives the state a large balance going forward for both the General Fund and the School Aid Fund and the ongoing revenue projections continue to look strong. This is the second year in a row that projected state revenues have significantly exceeded expectations.

The School Aid Fund is expected to have \$3.6 billion left on the balance sheet at the end of this fiscal year. Meaning, before 2022-2023 revenues are added, there is \$3.6 billion to spend or allocate. Adding in the revenue projections puts the SAF at approximately \$17 billion total, an \$819 million increase over previous projections. The General Fund also has a large surplus this year with a \$621 million increase in 2022-2023 revenue projections.

The Governor's office will now begin finalizing her budget proposal and it is expected to be presented to the Legislature in early February. The State of the State Address on January 26, 2022, may also give some idea as to what the Administration is looking to spend the funds on.

Supreme Court Rules Against OSHA Vaccination Order. Superintendent Walmsley reported that the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) did not have the authority to issue the Vaccination and Testing Emergency Temporary Standard. This reinstates the stay on the implementation of the ETS, halts the enforcement of it

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and remands the case back to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, which will consider the merits of it while the stay is in effect.

New Benchmark Assessment Reports Due Next Month. Superintendent Walmsley reported that when the School Aid Budget was passed in June, a new requirement was added for the 2021-2022 school year regarding assessment reporting. The first deadline for this is in February.

The law, MCL388.1698b, states the district superintendent shall present certain assessment information "not later than the first meeting of the board that occurs in February of 2022 and by not later than the last day of the 2021-2022 school year." That information includes results from benchmark assessments and each school building's progress toward meeting the educational goals required under Sec. 104a of the School Aid Act. The information should be disaggregated by grade level, demographics, and mode of instruction as possible while complying with all state and federal privacy laws and be made available on the website through the transparency reporting link.

In February, Ms. Ara, Executive Director of Curriculum and Educational Services, will present Richmond's data.

Week of January 17th

This past week was a Quiet Week in the Legislature. Superintendent Walmsley reported that due to a high number of COVID-19 cases among staff and legislators this week, the House canceled sessions and committee meetings. It is expected to return to its regular schedule this week.

The Senate had a quiet week as well, with short sessions and a handful of committee meetings. The Senate Education Committee heard testimony on House Bill 4074. This bill encourages a school district to include instruction in free enterprise and entrepreneurship in the high school social studies curriculum. The House passed it in May by a vote of 95-13. A vote is expected in committee next week, as well as an amendment to update the dates in the bill so it will go into effect for the 2022-2023 school year.

Work Continues on Flexibility for Attendance Requirements. Superintendent Walmsley reported that MASB and other statewide education organizations have been talking to the Michigan Department of Education and the Legislature about the need for flexibility around seat time and attendance requirements since before the school year began. In October, the Senate passed Senate Bill 664, which creates flexibility around counting students who have to quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure. Since then, it has stalled in the House.

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This bill could be amended to more broadly address the pressures on districts currently dealing with lost days due to COVID-19, threats, and weather. MDE put out a clarifying memo regarding the 75% daily pupil attendance requirement for state school aid. However, MASB and other statewide education organizations continue to push for flexibility as many schools across the state have used or are close to using the allotted "snow" days. Richmond has already used three of the six it has been allocated.

State of the State Address on Wednesday. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer will deliver her fourth State of the State Address on Jan. 26, 2022, at 7 p.m. The event will be held virtually rather than at a joint legislative session. We expect to hear her goals for 2022 and possible budget items following the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference last week. Her budget will be presented to the Legislature on Feb. 9, 2022.

Health Department Change and District protocols. . On Thursday, February 20, 2022, Superintendent Walmsley sent an email a letter to Richmond families regarding the county-wide changes to the protocol for COVID-19 exposure and positive cases.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Richmond Community Schools has worked closely with the Macomb County Health Department (MCHD) and its expert guidance in the development of health and safety protocols. On Thursday, the MCHD revised its guidance for how schools should approach the isolation and quarantine of students and staff for in school exposure. The most important pieces have stayed the same - sick students must stay home and the district will still notify families of positive cases in the school buildings.

- Keep those who are sick home
- Staff/Families must report positive COVID-19 cases and isolation remains at five days
- Cases will continue to be reported on the district's COVID-19 Dashboard

What are the Protocol Changes?

The Macomb County Health Department has adjusted their contact tracing and school-based case notification from individual to entire classroom. No longer will individuals be identified as close contacts. Instead, the entire class where a positive case was reported will be notified of the potential exposure.

- All students and staff in the impacted classroom should monitor for symptoms.
- Those who have or develop symptoms should isolate and test for COVID-19.
- Others may quarantine individually but are not required to unless symptoms develop.

These changes follow CDC guidance and will support our commitment to ensure healthy students who do not have symptoms to remain in school. They will also help with staffing issues and the massive

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amount of time being spent in schools on individual contact tracing. The continued daily contact tracing has moved the focus of our staff from other critical work, including supporting students' social/emotional needs, school safety measures, staff development and educational leadership of our schools. We need our education professionals focused on the education and well-being of our students and staff.

The countywide protocol changes became effective on Friday, January 21st. The MCHD website reflects the new protocols.

Parental partnership remains critical. All families should continue to self-screen every morning and children that do not feel well must remain at home.

In addition, Superintendent Walmsley encourages families to take advantage of a [federal program \(https://www.covidtests.gov/\)](https://www.covidtests.gov/) that provides up to four free COVID-19 testing kits to families.

Food Service Spotlight. Superintendent Walmsley reported that in December the Food Service department served 17,171 meals in the month with only 15 meal days and the year-to-date reimbursements for the Food Service department totals over \$282,000. Hats off to Kathy Guiney, Food Service Director and all the Head Cooks and Cooks. They are doing an outstanding job.

Transportation Highlights for January. Superintendent Walmsley reported that several bus drivers stepped up to help the custodians during the two-day school closure due to staff quarantine issues. Bus drivers help clean and sanitize various areas of the building which help with the reopening of schools. Special thank you to bus drivers Meagan Galvin, Linda Grillo, Timothy Lizyness, Dave Kempf, and Meghan Scheible who helped in the district's time of need. This selfless effort speaks volumes to the culture that exist in Richmond and in the transportation department.

Website Calendar Update. The tab on the website for calendar shows the district calendar, the negotiated calendar, the facility Use Calendar that indicates all non-athletics events, and the athletic calendar. Thank you, Board member Shuboy, for bringing this to my attention.

Teacher Receives Grant. Superintendent Walmsley reported that Kristina Walla received a grant from the Michigan School and Government Credit Union. This grant process consisted of submitting a grant proposal, getting approval and a public voting period. Ms. Walla's project involving math supplies was one of the grants most voted on. She was awarded a \$750 grant. Congratulations Ms. Walla!

Will L. Lee Elementary School, as provided by building administration. On Friday, January 28th at 11:00am, Richmond GSRP is holding a parent meeting. This will be a virtual meeting on Zoom. One attending parent from each GSRP classroom that attends will win a prize During the meeting, your GSRP teachers will share valuable information about Literacy and Writing

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Lee teachers completed a data dig on Monday January 17th. The results were used for planning future instruction for all students

Mom Prom- a sponsored event by PTO, was held on Saturday January 22nd. From the social media post, all had a great time.

Lee is beginning multiple initiatives focused on improving attendance. Beginning with rewarding students in the month of January for excellent attendance

Richmond Middle School, as provided by building administration. The middle school has a great professional development on Monday, where they focused on standards and proficiencies.

NWEA and Title testing is going great.

Classroom Spelling B's have started. The school championship is this Wednesday, January 26th.

Midterm Exams begin this week, good luck to all the students.

Richmond High School, as provided by building administration. The high school also has midterm exams this week, culminating with the end of the 1st semester on Friday, January 28, 2022.

Snowcoming Basketball game and Snowcoming court will be on Friday, January 28th with the Snowcoming dance on Saturday, January 29, 2022. The dance will be held at Richmond Middle School.

The high school is also wrapping up NWEA testing for students that were absent on initial test dates.

12. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board members Pacitto, Shuboy, Simmons, Sutton, and Zube thanked everyone who donated to the Board appreciation gift basket.

Board member Shuboy thanked the bus drivers to who stepped up to help clean and sanitize the buildings during the school closure.

Board member Teltow recognized the passing of Janet Higgins, former Special Education Director for Richmond Community Schools.

13. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Board Resolution for Student 012422–A Discipline Hearing

Board member Sutton motioned that following a Closed Session Student Discipline Hearing, the Board votes to suspend (59 or less days) Student 012422 – A, consistent with the attached resolution. Support by Board member Shuboy.

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Discussion: None

All in Favor: 5, Opposed: 1. Motion passed.

B. Approval of Increase to Adult Breakfast and Lunch Prices

Board member Teltow motioned to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve an increase in price for adult breakfast meals from \$2.65 to \$3.00 and adult lunch meals from \$4.85 to \$5.25, effective January 25, 2022, as outlined in the attached documentation. Support by Board member Sutton.

Discussion: Board member Teltow asked Kathy Guiney, Director of Food Services, when was the last time the district increased rates and do we review this yearly. Ms. Guiney said it has been several years, particularly because of the pandemic and the universal breakfast and lunch programs. Tammie Schadd, Director of Business & Management Services, stated that the district does review the rates year. Last time we raise the raise, the district had a bit of a “cushion,” so there has been no reason to raise the rates.

All in Favor: 6, Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Board member Pacitto adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.

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