

Richmond Community Schools

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Superintendent

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

7:00PM, MARCH 9, 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

Samantha Perry and Jolie Wycinski lead the board in 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 J. Sexton seconded S. Zube to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Discussion- Food service director, John Estrada and childcare aide Katherine Holk resigned. Mrs. Teltow thanked Mr. Estrada for his dedication and service.

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. TRUE BLUE MOMENT

A. National School Social Worker Week

B. Walmsley

Mr. Walmsley and the Board recognized the district's social workers and thanked them for all they do for the students of the district.

8. PRESENTATION

A. Merit Pay Allocation for FY2020

B. Walmsley

Mr. Walmsley discussed the merit pay allocation and calculator system for school administrators and teachers. Member Zube asked if the amount could be increased in the future, and Mr. Walmsley stated that it could.

B. FY 2021 Budget Discussion

B. Walmsley & T. Schadd

Mr. Walmsley discussed the FY 2021 budget and presented a PowerPoint to the board regarding the financial status of the district. He presented district enrollment numbers, revenue, and expense noting the districts projected budget numbers.

9. BOND UPDATE

B. Walmsley

Mr. Walmsley provided updates regarding the district bond. Tomorrow the elementary school improvement drawings will be reviewed and finalized. We will look at the parking lots and bus loops and put a price together to make sure it is in the scope of the bond. After the bids go out for the elementary school the middle school will be next.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

L. Radjewski

Will L. Lee Elementary School – March 11 is preschool round up, and kindergarten round up is the 12. PTO pastries with parents is March 23rd. Reading month theme is jungle theme.

Richmond Middle School- RMS band performed at Anchor Bay for the band festival. RMS book fair was a success and conferences were well attended.

Richmond High School- The band performed at the MSBOA band fest and earned a division 1 rating. deca competed and did well as did the robotics team. Bowling wrestling and cheer all did well. Luke Davis was the number one rated wrestler in the state. 55 seventeen year olds will take the neppa test.

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12. SUPERINTENDENT AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

B. Walmsley

DISTRICT UPDATE:

Richmond Robotics Team 4130 Open House on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 from 5:00-7:00pm. Class of 2034 and 2035 Preschool Round-Up will take place on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 and the Class of 2033 Kindergarten Round-Up will take place on Thursday, March 12, 2020. Mr. Walmsley thanked the building administrators for their hard work preparing for the 31a and other audits.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

The House Education Committee began hearings on [Senate Bill 171](#), which 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 with the graduating class of 2024. SB 171 would eliminate the sunset and continue to allow students more options.

[House Bill 5357](#) was brought up for testimony in the House Education Committee on Tuesday. This bill would allow school retirees to return to work in a public school without losing his/her retirement benefits. The current law sunsets July 1, 2021; this extends the provisions until July 1, 2031. It also removes the requirement that the retiree return to a "core service" and have retired before Sept. 2, 2017.

MASB supports this bill as it is a step toward addressing the staffing shortages many districts are facing. It would allow those who have been in a school to come back to substitute teach, giving districts a broader and more qualified pool to choose from.

Mr. Walmsley discussed various bills that were introduced to the senate since our last board meeting. The administrators provided updates on what they are doing in their building for March is reading month.

13. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board of Education

The Board of Education and everyone at the board table presented books they are reading in honor of March is reading month.

Mrs. Teltow stated that our robotics team is ranked 25 in the world and 3rd in the state of Michigan; she congratulated the robotics coach.

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

Motioned by K. Simmons seconded by S. Zube that the Board of Education go into Closed Session for the purposes of negotiations pursuant to section 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

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Ayes: M. Teltow, J. Sexton, A. Pacitto, K. Simmons, S. Zube, K. Furtaw, S. Fortuna
Nays: none
Motion Carries: 7 to 0
Entered: 8:30pm
Returned: 8:48pm

15. ACTION ITEM(S)

A. Approval of *Master Agreement between Richmond Community Schools and Administrators-Teamsters State, County and Municipal Workers, Local 214*

Motioned by A. Pacitto seconded by S. Zube to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve a two-year contract to expire on June 30, 2021 between Richmond Community Schools and Administrators/Teamsters State, County, and Municipal Workers, Local 214, 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

16. ADJOURNMENT

M. Teltow adjourned the meeting at 8:49pm

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