



**Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2023
Powell 9th Grade Academy – Media Center**

Called to Order 6:00 p.m. Called to order by President, Anita Banach. 6 members present. 1 member late with notice (Young - *arrived at 6:11 p.m.*)

Pledge of Allegiance Led by the Board

Approved Agenda for August 21, 2023 Regular Meeting. Demas moved. Conner supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Agenda Approved.

Ms. Banach requested the 'Board Discussion/For the Good of the District' and 'Public Comment' be moved up so that there will be no action after Closed Session.

Celebrations Dr. Robinson shared district celebrations.

Presentations None

Approved **Consent Action Items.** Demas moved. Eichhorst supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- General Fund Bills (check register)
- Financial Reports (summary, revenue & expense reports)
- Wire Transfer report
- Purchasing Card Expenditures
- Minutes from Regular Meeting held on July 24, 2023
- Minutes from Special Meeting held on August 7, 2023
- Board Policy Update – 1st Reading *Miller Johnson Fall Update*

**Informational
Updates/New
Business**

Communications – The first County School Board Meeting date was shared. The MASB Conference was mentioned and discussion regarding which board members might be interested in attending.

Committee Reports –

Curriculum- Mrs. Eichhorst stated updates to the Student-Parent Handbook was the main topic of the meeting.

Facilities- Mr. Antoine stated that they received an update on the 2-way radio project and learned that everyone received their radios. They received updates on 20-21 bond projects. The Crowell project is moving along with some delays on HVAC equipment. They received updates on furniture and the RMS cafeteria. There has been a delay in getting some serving line equipment so old equipment will be used until new equipment arrives. Ham-Par, Indian Hills, Hevel, baseball fields, sinking fund and roofing project updates were received. Some immediate needs came up that will be taken care of - the pool boiler and heat exchange, the sewage grinder and some Admin. building brick work.

Policy- Policy updates were shared with the board. Mrs. Banach explained that our provider, Miller Johnson, brings things to us for our consideration when they receive requests from other schools. Anything that is law is brought to us for adoption.

Academic Services Update –

Elementary – Mr. Murray gave an elementary update and stated that PD is planned for 8/22 & 8/23 (CKLA kick-off). Planning for universal breakfast is taking place. He thanked L&L Products for their donation of backpacks, supplies and their monetary support. Phase I of elementary furniture is almost complete.

Secondary - Ms. McFarlane gave a secondary update and stated that PD is planned. RMS is working on Phase 2 Envisioning with Ford NGL. The RHS team worked on updating the 'Profile of a Graduate'. Summer programs have been completed and were very successful. The 4th day of 5-D training will take place this week.

Mrs. Eichhorst asked if the link to the Student-Parent handbook will be shared and Ms. McFarlane responded that it will be made available.

Superintendent's Report –

Hiring Update – The H-P Principal has been hired and the Communications/Marketing position is down to a lead candidate. A series of elementary teaching vacancies have been filled. The Intensive Resource Room at Hevel has been filled and there is still one special education position open that will be started with a sub to begin the year. The Medical Sciences teacher resigned and they will be looking for the right, qualified person. We continue to fill support staff and SACC positions.

Construction Update – Mr. Antoine explained the construction updates during the Facilities Committee update.

297 Prospect – Dr. Robinson and the Board held a special meeting on 8/7 and had good conversation regarding the Prospect Property. An Attorney Client update will take place with Legal Counsel tonight. The board will call a special meeting to take action when they are ready.

Opening Day – Breakfast will be held at RHS with staff and Dr. Robinson will speak to the staff and launch this year's annual theme.

Public Comment **None**

Approved **Resolutions**

- **Employee Services Resolution #69 – Personnel Update**
Young moved. Conner supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Academic Services #70 – RCS Student-Parent Handbook Updates**
Demas moved. Conner supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Facilities Resolution #71 – Cortis Construction Change Order – Ham-Par Temporary Parking Lot**
Young moved. Conner supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays.
- **Facilities Resolution #72 – Hicks Construction Change Orders – Crosswell Doors & Secured Entry**
Antoine moved. Demas supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Facilities Resolution #73 – Crosswell Early Childhood Furniture Proposal – Phase II**
Conner moved. Demas supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Facilities Resolution #74 – Pool Boiler Replacement Proposal**

Antoine moved. Rice supported. Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Board Discussion/
For the Good of
the District**

Mr. Young reminded everyone to get out and support the various groups during Peachfest. He stated that many school groups have fundraisers and it is a great time to rally and show support.

Public Comment

Matt Skelly spoke of his concerns with the RFP process regarding the Prospect property. He spoke of the number of homes and the rezoning and feels that the RFP isn't in line with the historic nature and desires of the community and asked for it to be revisited.

Richard Cory spoke of his concerns regarding the Prospect property. He stated 17 homes are proposed and this is not what the community wants. He suggested they talk to the Planning and Zoning Commission to learn of alternatives that could be done with the property. He asked the board to vote no.

Kevin Temple spoke of his concerns regarding the sale of the Prospect property and stated he is not in favor of seeing high density homes being built there.

Mary Meisner spoke of concerns regarding the Prospect St. property and stated there was no known request for a pre-planning meeting with the Planning Commission. She stated the citizens been told that nothing is happening with the property but now Clearview is involved. There have been no visible marketing signs on the property and no notice of a town hall meeting. She asked the Board to vote no and start the process over.

Thomas Ridley spoke of concerns regarding the sale of the Prospect property. He feels the guiding principle is to increase the number of students. He stated the RFP is flawed and asked that they start over and include a representative from the community.

Elizabeth Miller spoke regarding the Prospect property. She mentioned the absence of a 'for sale' sign on the property and felt there was a lack of transparency. She asked the Board to vote no and start over with full transparency involving the community.

Rob Wain stated the Prospect Property affects so many and therefore residents should be involved. They should work together. He asked that they not do something that can't be undone and let the Village aid in the development. He requested the board to vote no.

Michael Hummon spoke regarding the Prospect property. He stated the perception is that the Board wants high-density housing. People that move to Romeo appreciate the charm and historic homes and he feels the proposed development taints the village. He feels it is not the best development and asked them to take their time and come to an amicable solution.

Mary Hummon spoke of her concerns regarding the sale of the Prospect property. She asked the Board to vote no on the proposal to sell. She mentioned how desirable Romeo is. She shared pictures of homes in the area and compared them to a home built by Clearview and stated how different they are. She mentioned this parcel of land being exemplary to the historic part of the district and that the Board should vote no to anyone who wants to build cookie-cutter/high density homes.

Meagan Hummon spoke regarding the Prospect property and asked the Board to vote no on the current RFP. She mentioned moving to get away from a high-density area and mentioned the historic value of the village. She feels the motive to build 17 homes is to attract more students but stated there is no guarantee of that. She asked that they build homes that go along with the existing homes and that they take into consideration what the community would like to see.

Rosie Farrel read comments regarding the Prospect property for someone who was unable to attend the meeting. They shared recent actions that have taken place and feelings of non-transparency. They asked the Board to vote no on the current RFP.

Sue Pouche spoke regarding the sale of the Prospect property and encouraged the board to vote no. She stated the proposal does not fit the historic atmosphere of Romeo.

- **Closed Session – Attorney Client Privilege**

Young moved. Rice supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

7:10 p.m. into Closed Session for the purpose of attorney client privilege. Roll Call: 7 members present. Todd Robinson, Vicki Laseke, Dana Abrahams and Bill Bowman were also present.

8:26 p.m. out of Closed Session. Into Open Session. Rice moved. Eichhorst supported. Roll call: 7 members present. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Adjournment

8:29 p.m. Young moved. Demas supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Approved by: Mike Antoine, Secretary _____