



Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Powell 9th Grade Academy – Media Center

Called to Order	6:02 p.m. Called to order by President, Anita Banach. 6 members present. 1 member absent without notice (Young).
Pledge of Allegiance	Led by the Board
Approved	Agenda for March 27, 2023 Regular Meeting. Demas moved. Conner supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Agenda Approved.
Celebrations	Dr. Robinson shared district celebrations and photos.
Presentations	None
Approved	Consent Action Items. Demas moved. Conner supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Fund Bills (check register)• Financial Reports (summary, revenue & expense reports)• Wire Transfer report• Purchasing Card Expenditures• Minutes from Regular Meeting held on February 27, 2023• Minutes from Special Meeting held on March 13, 2023
Informational Updates/New Business	Communications – Bereavement thank you cards from staff were shared with the board. Committee Reports – <i>Facilities</i> – Mr. Antoine shared that the technology upgrade and the furniture proposal were the topics of discussion at the meeting and that there are 2 resolutions being voted on tonight in regards to those. Superintendent’s Report – <i>Technology Update</i> – Mr. Nelson gave a recap and timeline of the technology project. <i>Construction Update</i> – Dr. Robinson stated that Mr. Murray has been leading a design committee and gave an update on the elementary classroom furniture proposal. <i>Safety Update</i> – SEC Security Assessment Recommendations were received and Dr. Robinson shared recommendations that were given. The 2-way radio tower agreement with Bruce Township will be voted on at their next meeting.

2023-24 Calendar – A change was been made to the 23/24 calendar. A Professional Development date was changed from 2/7/24 to 9/27/23.

Academic Services Update – The Media Materials Review Process has been completed and summer school planning is underway.

Ms. McFarlane explained that a continued condition of accepting ESSER III funds is to post and review the Return to Learn & Continuity of Services Plan not greater than every 6 months. She shared that there are no changes to the plan at this time and we continue to offer all in-person learning for students PreK-12.

Workshop Meeting Review – An overview of the workshop meeting was given. Time was spent with the leadership team working on the Strategic Plan and leadership priorities. A list of the 13 initiatives was shared.

LHSA Shared Time Agreement – A 4-year analysis of revenues and expenditures was conducted. Discussion is still taking place on the renewal of this agreement.

Enrollment Forecasting – Plant Moran Cresa conducted a Forecasting Study. They are reviewing elementary numbers to balance enrollment. A short presentation on this topic will be given at the next meeting.

Public Comment None

Approved **Resolutions**

- **Employee Services Resolution #20 – Personnel Update**
Rice moved. Eichhorst supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Superintendent’s Resolution #21 – RCS Organizational Structure Updates**
Demas moved. Conner supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Employee Services Resolution #22 – RCS Organizational Structure Administrator Contracts Approval**
Conner moved. Demas supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Technology Resolution #23 – Building Technology Upgrades**
Antoine moved. Rice supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Facilities Resolution #24 – Elementary Classroom Furniture Proposal**
Rice moved. Demas supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Facilities Resolution #25 – Construction Management Fee Adjustments**
Antoine moved. Eichhorst supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Superintendent’s Resolution #26 – 2023-24 Leadership Priorities-Group 1**
Rice moved. Demas supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Business Services Resolution #27 – LHSA Shared Time 2023-2024**
Demas moved. Eichhorst supported. 5 Ayes. 1 Nay. Motion carried.
- **Closed Session – Collective Bargaining**
Demas moved. Rice supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

6:40 p.m. into Closed Session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining. Roll Call: 6 members present. Todd Robinson, Julia Butler and Vicki Laseke were also present.

7:04 p.m. out of Closed Session. Into Open Session. Demas moved. Conner supported. Roll call: 6 members present. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Employee Services Resolution #28 – AFSCME Childcare Wage Proposal**
Demas moved. Conner supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Board Discussion/
For the Good of
the District** None

Public Comment Parent, David Newman, expressed concern over the anti-trans/LGBTQ sentiment that was expressed during comments at the last meeting. He stated that kids deserve a safe space regardless of gender and gender-identity.

Student, Ben O'Brian, spoke regarding the Media Materials Review process and stated he is in favor of keeping questioned books in libraries.

Parent, Craig Jones, voiced concern over trends that are going on and supports what others are saying about inclusivity.

Community member, Mark Evans, spoke regarding remaining inclusive and stated problems will not be solved by banning books. He addressed concerns over public comments from the previous meeting.

Parent, Danielle Lee, expressed concern over public comments made at the last meeting. She stated we need to be kind, caring and inclusive and stressed the importance of safety at schools.

Former student, April Gallant, addressed comments regarding censorship of school libraries targeting LGBTQ.

Former board member, Susan Hier, spoke regarding the book review process and stated that our priorities should be on the safety of our children.

Parent, Ariel Follette-Weis, expressed concern about the findings of the 2022 Climate Survey Report and the fact that some students reported not feeling safe or being bullied. She encouraged the district to take action on the survey results.

Former student, Mattie Kuchenmeister, stated she was representing students that feel belittled because of sexual identities. She stressed that discrimination does not belong in school.

Parent, Marie Kuchenmeister, spoke regarding discriminatory public comments from the last meeting directed at LGBTQ students .

Parent, Emily Mellits, spoke regarding diversity, equity and inclusion and expressed concern over public comments made at the last board meeting.

Adjournment 7:41 p.m. Demas moved. Eichhorst supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Approved by: Mike Antoine, Secretary _____