



Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2024
Powell 9th Grade Academy – Media Center

Called to Order	6:00 p.m. Called to order by President, Anita Banach. 4 members present. 3 members absent with notice (Conner, Demas, Young).
Pledge of Allegiance	Led by the Board
Approved	Agenda for August 26, 2024 Regular Meeting. Eichhorst moved. Rice supported. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Agenda Approved.
Presentations	None
Bulldog Spotlight	Food Service Director Kristin Stewart gave a presentation on the Summer Food Service Program. She explained the 7-day weekly meal pick-up and shared statistics on the number of children and meals served.
Approved	<p>Ms. Banach asked if the food had to be reserved in advance and Ms. Stewart responded that the community did not have to commit in advance.</p> <p>Ms. Eichhorst asked if there was a lot of waste and Ms. Stewart responded that there was not - most products could carry over and items that couldn't were used to service students in sports or other students in the building.</p> <p>Ms. Rice asked if this is a program with no stipulations where people do not need to qualify. Ms. Stewart responded that this is how the Summer Meals Program works and that those that participated expressed a true need.</p> <p>New Romeo Middle School Assistant Principal Jason Eldridge was introduced and welcomed.</p>
Informational Updates/New Business	<p>Consent Action Items. Eichhorst moved. Antoine supported. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.</p> <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 July 22, 2024● Minutes from Study Session held on August 12, 2024● Board Policy Update – 1st Reading (<i>Board Policies 1004,4005,3005,3006,8009</i>) <p>Communications – The board received the following communications: a letter from the MASB regarding the 2024 Delegate Assembly, a letter from the Optimist Club regarding a donation their club</p>

is making to the elementary schools and a thank you letter from a student for an awarded scholarship.

Ms. Banach mentioned that Wayne was the only one that expressed interest in attending the MASB conference so he will be the designated delegate and she will be the alternate. Ms. Eichhorst stated she will check her availability and may attend as well.

Mr. Rochon from the Romeo Optimist Club gave an overview of their organization, their fundraising efforts and their goals. He stated their long-range goal is to establish a Jr. Optimist Club with high school students.

Dr. Robinson thanked the club for their support. Mr. Antoine mentioned what a great organization it is and that he served on the Optimist Club for many years.

Committee Reports –

Policy - Ms. Banach stated that they had the 1st reading on several board policies. She listed the topics of the policies - a conflict between policies and administrative regulations, the selection of media center materials, parental objections, clarifying what type of political activities can take place at the schools and a new policy on digital communications. The committee met a second time to go over some of the same policies which they had sought some clarifications on.

Safety – Ms. Rice mentioned that the meeting was a committee of the whole. They discussed the SEC Shield contract and potentially expanding the contract to add a Director to oversee the day to day operations.

Curriculum – Mr. Antoine gave an overview of the meeting and stated they discussed a need to request approval for a Managerial Accounting textbook. The current textbook works well for Accounting 1 but there is a need to go deeper into analysis and worldwide applications. They were given an update on what was offered at the summer programs and student attendance totals. He mentioned the workshop session that took place and mentioned that staff from Romeo Middle School were present and gave an overview of the programs they are working on and how they are going to get the year kicked off.

Facilities – Mr. Antoine gave a recap of the meeting and stated that they reviewed many change orders and that there are some large change orders on the agenda tonight. They received an explanation on the reasons for the change orders for the ground undercutting at the RMS robotics facility, the Croswell change orders to fix elevation discrepancies and drainage in the playground area and the training rooms at Croswell. Mr. Storm presented a Director's report at the meeting. They also discussed the well at Hamilton-Parsons that has been replaced and is going through testing.

Superintendent's Report –

Academic Services Update – Twenty-one new teachers attended new teacher orientation. All teachers and staff were welcomed back to the district today with a district kick-off and breakfast. Professional Development days are scheduled for 8/27 & 8/28 and topics that will be covered at the elementary and secondary level were presented. A list of new staff members and a photo was shared.

Hiring Update – Dr. Robinson shared that 2 professional staff openings are still in process and a hiring update was given on all open positions.

Construction Bond Update – Group 2 projects are in the construction phase (Croswell renovation, RHS STEM & Robotics, Amanda Moore & Washington additions, Hevel STEM renovation) and Group 3 projects are in the design phase (9GA classroom renovation, 9GA & RMS locker room renovation, elementary playground renovation phase I and Media Center renovation phase II). Dr. Robinson encouraged the community to keep an eye on the district website for updated construction projects and information. Schematic drawings and pictures will be shared. Future bond planning will be taking place to ask the community for a smaller bond to address the deferred projects

from the 2021 bond and projects from the facilities assessment as well as some other needs of the district.

School Safety – SafeEd was acquired by SEC Shield and they assumed the 3-year contract that was in place and are providing the same services. There is a resolution to expand the contract with the addition of a Director.

A commitment was made in 2021 that staff would complete a full active violence safety retraining every 3 years. Most staff will be retraining this year on a Professional Development Day and the district will stay committed to train all new staff members.

Annual Theme – Dr. Robinson mentioned that the new annual theme of “Purpose” was rolled out. He stated that time was spent this morning casting a vision for the staff and that opportunities for staff to share their purpose point will take place during staff meetings.

Public Comment None

Approved **Resolutions**

- **Employee Services Resolution #63 – Personnel Update**
Banach moved. Eichhorst supported. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 - **Superintendent Resolution #64 – SEC Shield Contract Amendment**
Rice moved. Eichhorst supported. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 - **Employee Services Resolution #65 – Crowell Cook Position**
Eichhorst moved. Antoine supported. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 - **Academic Services Resolution #66 – Managerial Accounting Textbook**
Eichhorst moved. Antoine supported. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 - **Academic Services Resolution #67 – Leadworthy Curriculum – RMS Student Advisory**
Rice moved. Eichhorst supported. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- Ms. Rice stated that she is very impressed with the new curriculum and feels it fits in very well with the new model. She stated she is very excited about it.
- **Facilities Resolution #68 – Change Order Approvals**
Rice moved. Antoine supported. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 - **Facilities Resolution #69 – RHS Pavement Repairs**
Antoine moved. Eichhorst supported. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 - **Board Resolution #70 – Superintendent Contract**
Eichhorst moved. Rice supported. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Ms. Banach mentioned that this is a 3-year contract for the Superintendent.

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

Ms. Banach mentioned that she is happy to see that we will have Dr. Robinson for another 3 years. She stated she has attended many opening days and today was very fulfilling and it was exciting being there. She stated that she is hopeful that the board can stop and think about their own roles and stay focused on their purpose. She shared her purpose for being on the board.

Ms. Rice echoed those comments and stated it's important that those that sit on the board are clear and direct with their intentions and purpose.

Ms. Eichhorst stated she was sorry she missed the opening and loved the theme. She thanked Dr. Robinson for his work.

Public Comment None

Adjournment 6:59 p.m. Rice moved. Antoine supported. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Approved by: Katherine Rice, Secretary _____