



**Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2023
Powell 9th Grade Academy – Media Center**

Called to Order	6:00 p.m. Called to order by President, Anita Banach. 5 members present. 2 members absent with notice (Demas, Rice).
Pledge of Allegiance	Led by the Board
Approved	<p>Agenda for July 24, 2023 Regular Meeting. Antoine moved. Conner supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Agenda Approved.</p> <p>Ms. Banach mentioned that the agenda was amended with the addition of Resolution #67. She 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.</p>
Celebrations	Dr. Robinson shared district celebrations.
Presentations	None
Approved	<p>Consent Action Items. Eichhorst moved. Conner supported. 5 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 June 26, 2023• Minutes from Special Meeting held on June 29, 2023
Informational Updates/New Business	<p>Communications – None. (A few emails were received by the board from citizens regarding the Prospect property).</p> <p>Committee Reports – <i>Finance</i>- Mrs. Eichhorst gave an overview of the meeting and stated there were 3 topics of discussion. 1) The licensed professional staff and discussions on bringing their compensation in alignment with their degrees, 2) An update on the Prospect St. property. They received a list of pro's and con's regarding the property, and 3) Suspending the pay to participate athletic fees for this year and reviewing it each year for subsequent years.</p> <p>Strategic Plan Update - Mission and vision statements and the updated core values were shared. Progress on goals for 'Teaching and Learning', 'Safety and Wellness' and 'Community of Collaboration' were presented. Future action plans and goals for quarters 3 and 4 were reviewed.</p>

Superintendent's Report –

Hiring Update – The application window for the Hamilton-Parsons Principal position and the Communications and Marketing Coordinator are now closed. Three teaching positions are still open. There was a successful round of paraprofessional hiring but there are still some support positions to fill.

Construction Update – Group 1 projects are underway and seem to be on schedule. Group 2 projects are in the design development stage and projects should be going out to bid mid-August to early September. The sinking fund roofing projects are being completed. Classroom furniture is on the agenda tonight for approval.

297 Prospect – Dr. Robinson reviewed the process that has taken place regarding the Prospect property. Committee of the Whole meetings were held to share information and allow for public comment. They paused in bringing the recommendation at the May 1st meeting as planned and reviewed the information gathered. They met with the Top 2 developers to share new information and gave them the opportunity to update their proposals. Closed session conversations took place with the full district team to review information with the intent to sell the property as was mentioned at the June 26th meeting. They have considered the revised plans of the developers and have a recommendation for board action to finalize the contract with Clearview homes.

Athletic Participation Fees – There is a proposal on the agenda to suspend the fees for this year. They believe it's best to review this annually. Club sports would not be included in the proposal.

Mr. Antoine mentioned that the board was made aware that Clearview Homes has experience with developments in historic communities and that there has been evidence of working collaboratively with communities in the past.

Public Comment

Richard Cory spoke regarding his concerns on the Prospect property and stated that they were promised to be part of the decision making.

Megan Hummon spoke regarding her concerns on the Prospect property. She stated that it seemed like there would be more compromise. She does not feel that the RFP will work.

Brian Minton shared concerns regarding the Prospect property and asked for the opportunity to work together.

Thomas Ridley read a statement from Elizabeth Miller regarding her disappointment pertaining to the resolution to sell the Prospect property. They were told that there was interest to work with their committee but she feels there has been lack of communication and transparencies. Mr. Ridley stated he did some research to find the job description of the Superintendent and the Board of Education and nowhere could he find that their role is community planning or changing neighborhoods.

Village President, Meagan Poznanski, mentioned that the Village has traditionally supported Romeo Schools. She stated the Village owns the alley along the Prospect property and RCS has no entitlement to sell that alley. She explained that the sale of the property does not guarantee a site plan - once the parcel is sold, it will have to go to the planning commission. She asked that the board consider how much the village supports RCS and take a little more time to support them back.

David Miller – Thanked the board but shared his disappointment regarding the Prospect property and the lack of communication.

Approved

Resolutions

- **Employee Services Resolution #63 – Personnel Update**
Young moved. Antoine supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Facilities Resolution #64 – Elementary Furniture Proposal – Specialty classrooms (HP and IH)**
Young moved. Eichhorst supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Business Services Resolution #65 – 297 Prospect St.**
Eichhorst motioned to table Resolution #65 until the next meeting. Young supported.
Roll call: 5 members present. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays.
- **Employee Services Resolution #66 – Licensed Professional Staff Proposal**
Young moved. Conner supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Superintendent’s Resolution #67 – Athletic Participation Fees 2023-2024**
Young moved. Eichhorst supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Banach reiterated that the roll of a board member is to make the best decisions for the school district. They entered the handling of this asset in good faith and no matter what happens, it will have to go to the Village to meet all the other needs. This is when the citizen’s input should take place.

Public Comment

None.

- **Closed Session – Collective Bargaining**

Young moved. Conner supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

7:13 p.m. into Closed Session for the purpose of collective bargaining. Roll Call: 5 members present. Todd Robinson, Vicki Laseke and Julia Butler were also present.

7:37 p.m. out of Closed Session. Into Open Session. Conner moved. Young supported. Roll call: 5 members present. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Adjournment

7:39 p.m. Eichhorst moved. Conner supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Approved by: Mike Antoine, Secretary _____