



Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2024
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 absent (Young).
- Pledge of Allegiance** Led by the Board
- Approved** Agenda for September 23, 2024 Regular Meeting. Antoine moved. Conner supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Agenda Approved.
- Dr. Robinson requested a slight amendment to the agenda to move the Board discussion and public comment before the closed session.
- Presentations** Jessica Rolfe from Yeo & Yeo gave the annual Audit Report presentation. Copies of reports related to the audit were provided to the board. She indicated an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance and the best opinion you can have. She shared assets and liabilities related to the general fund. Revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance were shared. She discussed the budget and stated it was a very close budget. General fund revenue and expenditures were broken down and presented. Revenues and expenses per pupil were shared as well as a ten-year enrollment trend analysis. Charts showing fund balance as a percentage of expenditures and facility bond progress were shared. She reviewed the single audit (audit of federal dollars). She reported there were no financial statement findings, no federal award findings and no prior year findings. She ended with a Governance Letter which highlighted an upcoming standard and some recommendations.
- Ms. Banach & Mr. Antoine thanked Vicki and the business office for their work.
- Bulldog Spotlight**
- Two RMS students gave a presentation about 6th grade orientation day. They shared photos and gave an overview of the day. They shared pros and cons about the day and listed some things that could be improved upon for next year.
 - Two RHS Student Council students shared highlights about Watchdog week and Homecoming week activities. They shared the charities that were chosen and the amount of monies raised for the charities.
 - Dr. Robinson introduced and welcomed Mike Thomas, the new Director of Safety.
- Approved** **Consent Action Items.** Eichhorst moved. Demas 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 August 26, 2024

Informational Updates/New Business

Communications – None

Committee Reports –

Facilities – Mr. Antoine gave an update on the facilities of the whole meeting. Two main topics were discussed – the 2021 bond including funding that will be used out of that bond for elementary furniture and the bond projects that have been deferred. Discussions took place on when a good time would be to work with the administration on a bond to accomplish the deferred projects. They were informed on the pros and cons, timeline and financial status. There are 2 resolutions on the agenda pertaining to this – one is moving forward with the bond planning agreement with Barton Malow and another to move forward for a bond in the upcoming months.

Finance -Mrs. Eichhorst stated that the bulk of the meeting was reviewing the audit. Discussions also took place on the second series bond sale, the proposed facility bond and the typographical error for the summer tax levy that had to be reconciled.

Superintendent's Report –

Academic Services Update –

Elementary – Mr. Murray gave an elementary update and stated that beginning of the year testing is complete and things went smoothly. They will be reviewing the data to see what supports need to be put in place for students that may need it. There are a couple new programs this year centered around ELA – MClass which is a dibels based diagnostic. It develops a tailor-made plan for students that need support. It was piloted at Amanda Moore and Washington with good results. The other is IXL, an intervention & acceleration tool which is independent-based for struggling students. Mr. Murray made mention of a resolution on the agenda for the phase 5 furniture project which impacts all the elementary schools and mentioned the spaces that will be receiving new furniture.

Mrs. Eichhorst asked if they feel there is enough staffing support for the testing. Mr. Murray stated NWEA is given by the classroom teachers and the reading intervention staff handles the student dibels diagnostic testing and therefore, subs are not needed.

Secondary – Ms. McFarlane gave a secondary update and mentioned that NWEA testing is wrapping up at the middle school. Professional development has been going well – teachers did mini-sessions and teachers were able to choose what sessions they wanted to attend. RMS had *Capturing Kids Hearts* training. K-12 math review was started and 37 people attended and began envisioning what they valued in math and math instruction. Two consultants from the ISD were present and facilitated the visioning and value work. They will be bringing forward some companies that produce math curriculum to see what we may want to pilot.

Ms. Rice asked what the teacher's response was to *Capturing Kids Hearts* and Ms. McFarlane stated it was awesome. Dr. Robinson indicated that the facilitators were amazing and very dynamic and he is excited to see this play out.

Business Services Update – Mrs. Laseke gave a 2021 bond sale overview and shared the timeline of the sale. She stated it was originally recommended to split the sale of the bonds in 2. The recommendation was later made to also split the second series into a 2nd & 3rd series of bonds. The 2nd series is what is on the agenda tonight. She explained the 3 types of sale methods and explained that the financial advisor recommended the negotiated sale and explained the reasons why. She shared the financial information on the sale of the bonds.

Construction – Facilities Bond Update – Updates were given on Group 2 work (Croswell, Indian Hills, Amanda Moore, Stem-Robotics Center and RMS athletics) and these projects will likely be completed in 5-6 months. Group 3 projects (9GA renovation, RMS locker rooms, elementary playgrounds, HVAC, RHS/RMS and parking lot work) are in the design phase and will be starting next summer. A construction timeline will be updated and posted on the website. Future bond planning is under discussion and they are looking at approving a planning agreement with Barton Malow. They are considering 3 categories for the bond – 2021 bond deferred projects, facility assessment priority projects and new needs and wants. The October 14th study session will be their next opportunity for further discussion.

Safety Update – Dr. Robinson gave a safety update and mentioned that an annual parent communication will go out this week. The 23/24 district school safety focus areas have been reviewed and worked on. Emergency response teams have been reengaged to make emergency processes clearer. All staff will complete AVERT training every 3 years. A district wide emergency communication system is now in place as well as a visitor management system. Recommendations from the SEC school safety threat assessment have been 92% completed. The district took advantage of a state grant on critical incident mapping and our maps are in final production. Other focus areas have been finalized which include relocation and reunification processes, cardiac response legislature changes and the Emergency Operation Plan template update.

Public Comment None

Approved Resolutions

- **Employee Services Resolution #71 – Personnel Update**
Eichhorst moved. Demas supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Employee Services Resolution #72 – BOE Policy Updates**
Rice moved. Eichhorst supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Facilities Resolution #73 – Elementary Furniture Proposal – Phase 5**
Demas moved. Antoine supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Facilities Resolution #74 – 2025 Bond Planning Agreement**
Antoine moved. Conner supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Banach abstained. Motion carried.
- **Business Services Resolution #75 – 2021 Bond – Second Series School Building & Site Bond Sale**
Eichhorst moved. Rice supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Business Services Resolution #76 – Annual Financial Audit**
Eichhorst moved. Demas supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

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

Public Comment None

- **Closed Session – Collective Bargaining**
Demas moved. Antoine supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

7:20 p.m. into Closed Session for the purpose of collective bargaining. Roll Call: 6 members present. Todd Robinson and Julia Butler were also present.

7:44 p.m. out of Closed Session. Into Open Session. Conner moved. Antoine supported. Roll call: members present. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Adjournment 7:44 p.m. Conner moved. Banach supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Approved by: Katherine Rice, Secretary _____