

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES -- BOARD OF EDUCATION
REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1
May 14, 2007

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A regular meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held May 14, 2007, in the John C. Raeside Administration Building, 18499 Beech Daly Road, Redford Township, Michigan. President Pytel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Regular
Meeting
5/14/07

Present: Brenner, Caloia, Calvert, Gubachy, Isabell, Pytel and Wujcik

Attendance

The Pledge of Allegiance led by the RUHS JROTC "Panther" Battalion.

Pledge

President Pytel spoke to:

President's
Remarks

- Honors Convocation: Wednesday, May 30, 2007 @ 7:30 p.m.
- Senior Commencement: Thursday, June 7, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Pearson Commencement: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Personally thanked the administration, the faculty and all the staff of Redford Union School district for all their efforts during the 2007-2007 school year.

Superintendent Rhodes spoke to:

Superintendents
Remarks

- Three presentations; Geography Bee Winner, Hilbert Band and Choir Chicago field trip as well as the Hilbert 8th grade trip to Washington DC. Thank you to all those teachers for those presentations this evening.
- Process in attempting to sell the Roosevelt property, D. Seigny & I did walk the property and the building with two people from the Great Northern Consulting Group referred to us by Superintendent of Royal Oak. They specialize in using school sites for development for both using the building as is and renovating the interior and then also having the site available for some kind of tax base, hopefully not a charter, school. They are very interested and will be sending the board a proposal to begin the process of them looking at it.
- Thank the RUEA for being in mediation with us as we speak. Both teams are in the back of the building continuing to work with the mediator. We are hopeful that medication will be a positive response and we are hoping it will be sooner rather than later. It is a difficult time for all of us and as we move forward in the district we hope that this will be a positive step.

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Gubachy, to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Adoption of
Agenda

Nothing at this time.

Call to Audience

MOVED by Brenner, seconded by Isabell, to waive and approve the reading of the April 16, 2007 regular meeting minutes, April 23, 2007 special meeting and closed session minutes, April 30, 2007 special meeting minutes, and May 9, 2007 special meeting and closed session minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education, as presented. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Disposition of
Minutes

Nothing at this time.

Board
Communications

- Stephen Janoyan was recognized for making it to the National Geography Bee as a 6th grader. S. Shelton, Hilbert Principal, discussed Stephen's journey and look forward to what he can do as an 8th grader.
- Gary Caperton, teacher, gave a presentation on the Hilbert Band and Choir's field trip to Chicago.
- Larry Dijon, teacher, gave a presentation on the Hilbert's 8th grade trip to Washington D.C.

Presentations
National Geography
Bee
Hilbert Band &
Choir Trip
Hilbert's 8th Grade
Washington DC Trip

L. Dijon then interrupted his presentation and engaged in criticism of the board and district administration regarding its decision to impose a labor agreement with the RUEA. He continued his diatribe by soliciting public comments by other teachers present that also expressed their opposition to the imposed contract. After repeatedly being asked by the Superintendent and Board President to resume to the presentation, L. Dijon continued his editorial regarding the current imposed contract.

At this point in time (7:45 p.m.), a motion was made by Isabell, seconded by Gubachy that the board adjourn. Once the board was relocated to the Superintendent's office a formal roll call vote was taken: Brenner=Y, Caloia=Y, Calvert=Y, Gubachy=Y, Isabell=Y, Pytel=y and Wujcik=Y. Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Gubachy, Secretary
Redford Union Board of Education