

WORK STUDY MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1  
 March 31, 2008

Work Study Meeting  
 3/31/08

A work study meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held March 31, 2008, in the Library at Hilbert Middle School, 26440 Puritan, Redford Township, Michigan, 48240. President Gubachy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

President Gubachy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.  
 Present: Brenner, Caloia, Calvert, Gubachy, Isabell, Wujcik

II. Roll Call

Absent: Pytel, Kincer

MOVED by Caloia, seconded by Isabell to adopt the agenda of the March 31, 2008 work study session as presented. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried.

III. Adoption of  
 Agenda

Middle School Curriculum Presented by Susan Shelton spoke of the smooth transitions from elementary to middle school and from middle school to high school. There has been a lot of changes in philosophy to accommodate the sixth grade students. There are designated areas of the building for each grade level. Flex scheduling is also used to eliminate the huge crowds in the hallways. Classrooms and lockers are positioned in grades and teams so there is limited crowd control issues. Student IDs are also color coded for the security of students. Teachers have a common plan time during the day when the students go to electives. Teachers do a lot of parent meetings during the common plan time. Teachers and teams can flex and adjust their schedules accordingly. Instead of the schedule driving the curriculum the curriculum is driving the schedule. There is a sixth grade orientation and a night meeting for sixth grade parents. Ninth graders returning to visit have found the Freshman Focus is an easy transition for the student. WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) was described and the process of eighth graders used as WEB leaders to assist sixth graders with the transition. Park and Recreation have been unable to maintain after school programs that were previously supplied. Wayne Metropolitan Community Alliance Agency has contacted the school and a grant has been written assist with the funding of some possible after school programs. Thoughts of some programs are with a vegetable garden and food preparation. WMCAA would do the staffing and work with the district to create the programming. The principal spoke of her effort to keep parents involved in the activities of their students at the middle school level. Looking forward to having Parent Connect up and running to improve communication. Consideration currently underway of preparing eighth graders for AP classes at the high school. The program would be an Earth Science course align with the high school. Hilbert already has a computer class and math class that will count for high school credit.

IV. Discussion

Brenner spoke on the possible opportunity of establishing an academic  
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letter for higher academic achievement and making it available to student achieving academic success.

Caloia questioned WMCAA and the program running over the summer. Shelton spoke that part of the goals of the WMCAA was to reach the at risk students and the program would run over the summer.

Calvert asked if the WMCAA provided money for transportation. Shelton stated that the grant did provide for field trips.

**MOVED** by Isabell, seconded by Caloia to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.  
Ayes all. Motion carried

V. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Cozette Calvert, Secretary  
Redford Union Board of Education