

WORK STUDY MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION
 REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1
 April 28, 2008

Work Study Meeting
 4/28/08
 Call to Order

A work study meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held April 28, 2008, in the Reading Room at Stuckey Elementary, 26000 Fargo, Redford Township, Michigan, 48240. President Gubachy called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

Roll Call

Absent: Pytel,

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Brenner to adopt the agenda of the April 28, 2008 work study session as presented. Ayes: all. Motion: carried.

Adoption of
 Agenda

Second through fifth grade curriculum as presented by Bob Hanley and Sue Stanley. Two things to be noted: 1) Commitment to promoting the success of each and every child and 2) Continue discontent with the immediate future, continue to raise the bar of success for students. English language arts has 120 minutes of uninterrupted time in grades 2 and 3 with four components that include: reading, writing, speaking/listening and viewing. Grades 4 and 5 have 90 minutes of uninterrupted time due to so many other things they are working on. The current reading series is wonderful, it addresses the needs of individual students. The writing has a long way to go and MEAP scores are low in this area. Lucy Caukins training has been great professional development for staff in this area through the 5th grade. Kids are writing every single day. MEAP results have been provided to the buildings for review and analysis. Speaking is another component that teaches how you present yourself, are you clear and articulate. Listening and viewing is very important to develop in students to build comprehension. The teachers love the math series. When at the county other districts were looking at Redford Union's math series and how aligned the book is to the Michigan content standards. A team of teachers were sent for training to develop common assessments with other teachers in the county. The Superintendent was very committed to the teachers choosing the math series with great success. Science and Social Studies are in the process of changing by grade level content expectations. Changes will take place in the 2009-2010 school year but next year we will need to teach Michigan History to 3rd graders as well as 4th graders to prepare for the upcoming changes. The teachers will be getting together to discuss the overlapping of studies for the students. Character education is taught in the hope that all students grow up to live happy, healthy and responsible lives. Early learning failure is continued at Bulman due to a grant written by Superintendent Rhodes. Students need to be supported so that they can be built up. Focused lessons so teachers can provide extra help where needed to students. Classrooms are set up to provide students with an environment that they feel safe, respected and cared for. We celebrate
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our students success. We hold each other accountable to be kind, be safe and be productive. Wayne county is piloting Class A training where teachers can create assessments that will be able to be charted. 3rd and 6th grade teachers are part of the county pilot. Redford Union teachers are excited to be part of pilots and grants. Redford Union teachers have been selected to go to New York for training with Lucy Caukins, spoke at the governor's summit on education and have testified before a senate education subcommittee on early learning success.

Caloia asked about the 3rd/4th grade trip to the capitol. Stanley stated that the 3rd graders would be making the trip to the capitol next year with the 4th graders.

Brenner asked what the difference is between student today verses students of previous years. Stanley stated that technology and the busy lives of families are all part of the whole picture. Caloia spoke of her experience of going to camp and hands on learning. Robbins spoke of the children of today and the how they are stimulated without outside play. Calvert states that at the high school level students are not learning to "walk the walk" and "talk the talk". Students need to read, write and understand the concepts.

MacGowan Principal, Kathy Robbins informed the Board of the 95 new enrollees for the Kindergarten 2008-2009 school year as opposed to 65 last year. The parents seem interested and asked good questions during their building tours.

Superintendent Rhodes informed the Board that Our Lady of Loretto is not ready to open as a charter school. Information was in the Board's folders regarding the athletic schedule, reading program at Stuckey during the summer, and an article on expelled but not out.

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Calvert to move to a closed session at 7:30 p.m. regarding RUEA contract negotiations. Roll call vote: Brenner – Yes, Caloia – Yes, Calvert – Yes, Gubachy – Yes, Isabell – Yes. Total of 6. Motion carried.

MOVED by Calvert , seconded by Isabell to return to open session at 9:50 p.m. Ayes: all. Motion: carried.

Brenner reported that he has asked the high school to nominate a new high school representative for the 2008-2009 school year.

MOVED by Calvery, seconded by Isabell to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 p.m. Ayes all. Motion carried

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Cozette Calvert, Secretary
Redford Union Board of Education