

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION
 REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1
 July 23, 2008

Regular Meeting
 7/23/08
 Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held July 23, 2008, at the John C. Raeside Administration Building, 18499 Beech Daly, Redford Township, Michigan, 48240. President Gubachy called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

Roll Call

MOVED by Caloia, seconded by Pytel, to approve the July 23, 2008 agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Adoption of
 Agenda

Gubachy initiated a discussion of the Board regarding the Millage renewal-facilities repair. Isabell informed the Board of discussion within her local neighborhood and believed the community would be receptive of a bond if it did not include an increase in mills. The discussion included the forming of a committee made up of employees, Board members, parent club volunteers and the community. Parameters to be set regarding the duties and expectations of those volunteering to be on the committee. Wold Architects recommends a September kick off. Gubachy wants a detailed project with a fixed dollar amount to be presented to the community and show District accountability. The Superintendent wants internal structures and cost saving measures to be considered by the committee when making recommendations. Pytel and Isabell volunteered to be on the committee.

Board of Education
 Communication
 Discussion

Calvert arrived at 6:54 pm and was part of the bond discussion.

Brenner spoke regarding his experience on the review committee and the desire to look for an alternative student discipline procedure as opposed to doing things the way they have always been done. Brenner did a comparison of the current Redford Union student code of conduct and East Detroit's student discipline point system. 1st fight is a 30 day suspension at Pearson. Two administrators sat down with East Detroit administration and learned of the success of the student discipline point system in their district. Saturday detention at Hilbert would be used as a consequence to support the student discipline system. There will be separation of high school and middle school students. Suggestions of possible community service as a consequence or a way to reduce points. The Superintendent stated that the Board needs to consider the effect on student learning through student discipline. The Superintendent suggests the Review Committee do further analysis and review of the East Detroit point system for student discipline. Caloia and Calvert would like this introduced to the students in the beginning of the school year.

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Kevin Cushman, 26055 Elba Avenue, Redford. Teacher voiced his concerns regarding the current and possible East Detroit point system for student discipline. Cushman believes this is a positive approach and believes it would be supported by high school staff.

Call to the
Audience: Public
Participation
Regarding Agenda
Items

MOVED by Brenner, seconded by Isabell to move to closed session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss the Exempt Employee contract. Roll call vote: Brenner – Yes, Caloia – Yes, Calvert - Yes, Gubachy – Yes, Isabell – Yes, Pyetl – Yes. Total vote: 6/0. Motion: Carried.

Closed Session
Exempt Employee
Contract

MOVED by Calvert, seconded by Isabell to return to open session at 8:28 p.m. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried.

Return to Open Session

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Brenner to adjourn meeting at 8:36 p.m. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Cozette Calvert, Secretary
Redford Union Board of Education