

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION
 REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1
 February 8, 2010

A regular meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held February 8, 2010, at Redford Union High School – Media Center, 17711, Redford Township, Michigan, 48240. President Isabell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting 2/8/10
 Call to Order

Present: Brenner, Caloia, Calvert, Gubachy, Isabell, Wierimaa, Goulet

Roll Call

Absent: Wujcik

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pledge of
 Allegiance

President Isabell spoke to:

President
 Remarks

- A couple of letters that have been received by the board regarding the second interview of the superintendent candidates on February 20th. The board members made every attempt to arrange the second interview date as soon as possible arranging dates around commitments from members of the board.
- A letter received from a member of the audience regarding a student behavior issue. Isabell suggested that an issue such as student behavior should be done in closed session and a regular board meeting would not be the place.

Superintendent Rhodes spoke to:

Superintendent
 Remarks

- We have a presentation tonight by our Hilbert Middle School students who participated in the Kids Against Hunger. We are extremely proud of these students that represented the district in this event.
- We would like commend Michigan First Credit Union for the scholarship offered to our students through the counseling office at RUHS.
- A presentation will also be made tonight about the Act 18 mileage that supports special education. Property tax collections will be down 22% compared to last year in the Township. Such reductions will impact the ability to sustain the Act 18 mileage through 2014, which is what the original plan was.
- The Strategic planning committee meeting will be rescheduled from February 9th to February 24th in anticipation of weather issues. This group is looking at options for programs and building usage in the district due to reduction in funding.

MOVED by Wierimaa, seconded by Gubachy, to approve the February 8, 2010 agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Adoption of
 Agenda

MOVED by Wierimaa, seconded by Gubachy, to waive and approve the January 11, 2010 organizational and regular meeting minutes, the January 19th, 23rd, 25th, and 27th special meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education, as presented. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of
 Minutes

Marie Miller, MASB Superintendent Search Consult, was at the meeting and is requesting any questions the audience might have regarding the search be directed to her through Regular Board Meeting: 2/8/10

Presentations

email or phone prior to the second interview of candidates on February 20th.

Susan Shelton, Hilbert Middle School Principal informed the board that the PowerPoint and entire presentation was prepared by the students that attended the Kids Against Hunger event at the Renaissance Center. The students explained their part in packaging meals for the needy, these meals are distributed both locally and across the world.

Neil Thomas, Director of Special Education, presented on the Act 18 mileage that passed approximately 10 years ago. The Act 18 mileage supports the center based programs in the district. The current center based programs in Redford Union include: autism, emotional impairments, and hearing impairments. With the decrease in property values the mileage that was to finance these programs through 2014 will now run out in the school year 2011/2012. Thomas explained the affect the mileage and the five point plan recommendations for Wayne County districts regarding Act 18 funds.

Karen Moffitt, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, reviewed with the board the January revenues and expenses. Moffitt explained to the board the process that will be used in switching to two check runs per month.

Assistant Superintendent
of Business Services
Comments

MOVED by Calvert, seconded by Brenner, to approve the business and operational services consent agenda items as presented. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Business and Operational
Services

- Approve payment of \$1,143,677.75 for checks dated 1/11/10 to 2/5/10.
- Approve electronic transfers for the month of January 2010 in the amount of \$2,484,156.78.
- Approve bid from CTS for telephone system upgrades and NETECH for Cisco wireless, Dell servers, and Cisco switches contingent on Erate funding.
- Approve 3 year term contract with Clear Rate for local exchange carrier services.

Disposition of Checks
Electronic Transfers

CTS system upgrades

Clear Rate contract

MOVED by Brenner, seconded by Gubachy, to approve the human resource services consent agenda items as presented. Ayes: All. Motion carried

Human Resources

Approve health leaves:

Health Leaves

- KELLY GRANGE/Educational Assistant/Keeler/1-11-10
- CAROL PRUENTE/Secretary/RUHS/2-10-11

K. Grange
C. Prunte

Approve child care leave:

Child Care Leave

- KANDI KRUMINIS/Teacher/Hilbert/for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year

K. Kruminis

Approve contract extensions for the following central office exempt staff from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013:

Contract Extensions

- KAREN MOFFITT/Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- DEBRA DAHLMAN/Human Resources Coordinator
- VICKIE GALVIN/Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
- KAREN MCELMEEL/Business Services Supervisor
- DIANE SEVIGNY-LEFEBVRE/Director of Auxiliary Services

K. Moffitt
D. Dahlman
V. Galvin
K. McElmeel
D. Sevigny-Lefebvre

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Approve RUEAA layoff recalls effective February 1, 2010:

- LAURA GREEN/Educational Assistant/Kaselemis Center
- CHAREEN GOVEN/Educational Assistant/Kaselemis Center

RUEAA Layoff recalls
L. Green
C. Goven

Approve separations:

- AMY TRIPP/Teacher/Beck/12-17-09
- MILES TOMASAITIS/Varsity Football Coach/RUHS/1-4-10

Separations
A. Tripp
M. Tomasaitis

Brenner read the academic achievement procedure to be used at RUHS to award academic letters for high level of accomplishment. MOVED by Brenner, seconded by Wierimaa to support the academic achievement procedure proposed. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried.

Educational Services
Academic Achievement

Board discussion regarding the RUHS attendance and exam policy was addressed. MOVED by Caloia, seconded by Wierimaa that all high school students from this day forward take high school exams no matter what their grades or attendance. Calvert amended the motion to adopt the RUHS attendance and exam policy as a replacement to policy 5860R, seconded by Caloia. MOVED by Wierimaa, seconded by Brenner to table motion and present as policy at the March meeting. Roll call vote: Brenner: Yes, Caloia – Yes, Calvert – Yes, Gubachy – Yes, Wierimaa – Yes, Isabell – Yes. Total: 6-0. Motion: Carried.

RUHS Attendance and
Exam Policy

Calvert expressed her concern regarding the traffic situation at Pearson Education Center with David Ellis Academy parents. The Superintendent commended the administrators at David Ellis Academy for working with their parents and trying to correct the parents that are using the Pearson parking lot as a way to circumvent the light on the corner.

Board of Education
Communication/Discussion

Goulet informed the Board of a leadership day to be held at Pearson Education Center on March 17th for 50 students from South Redford and 50 students from Redford Union.

Call to the Audience
A. Christopherson

Andy Christopherson, 12821 Nathaline, Redford. Teacher inquired about the chief negotiator for Redford Union.

Evelyn Pridemore, 15518 Leona, Redford. Parent supported the administrators at RUHS and that all students take exams. Parent voiced her concerns regarding the imposed contracts on teachers and secretaries. Parent is requesting attorney fees.

E. Pridemore

Steve Losey, 206 Chestnut Way, Linden. RUEA President offered invitation to the board to attend bargaining sessions. Brenner asked if the union would put the invitation to the board in writing.

S. Losey

Future meeting dates:

Future Meeting Date

- Saturday, February 20, 2010 – Superintendent Search Special Meeting – 10:00 a.m. John C. Raeside Administrative Building, 18499 Beech Daly Road
- Monday, March 8, 2010 – Regular Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m. John C. Raeside Administrative Building, 18499 Beech Daly Road
- Wednesday, February 24, 2010 – Strategic Planning Meeting – 6:30 p.m. John C. Raeside Administrative Building, 18499 Beech Daly Road

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President Isabell would like all future meetings to be held at the John C. Raeside
Administrative Building.

MOVED by Caloia, seconded by Wierimaa to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Ayes all.
Motion carried

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Gubachy, Secretary
Redford Union Board of Education