

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1  
 September 14, 2015

Regular Meeting  
9/14/2015

A Regular Meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held September 14, 2015, at the Board of Education Administrative Offices, 17715 Brady Street, Redford Township, Michigan, 48240. President Kurland called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Present: Caloia, Doby, Graham, Gubachy, Isabell, Kurland, Pridemore

Roll Call

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pledge of Allegiance

D. Batistelli – Senator Knezek/merger - Per President Kurland this item is not an agenda item, so he will be called again at the end of the meeting.

Call to the Audience  
on Agenda items

S. Losey – Consent Item I- New Certified Hires; he is questioning why we are hiring new teachers when we have two certified and qualified teachers currently on layoff.

President Kurland asked everyone to please put their cell phones on silent or vibrate. She wished those who are Jewish, a happy, healthy and sweet New Year. She then welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Superintendent Sarena Shivers.

President’s Remarks

Superintendent Shivers thanked her, the board and all of the staff and community for welcoming her to the district, and for a smooth opening of the new school year. She wanted to thank Assistant Superintendent McIntyre for a fantastic Welcome Back tailgate last Friday evening. She then asked Mr. Digon, Executive Director of Human Resources to report out on our preliminary enrollment numbers. Digon reported that the “Actual Students in Attendance” counts reported to him by our buildings per data in MIStar are: MacGowan Elementary - spring 2015 was 376, now at 387; Beech Elementary - spring 2015 was 645, now at 693, Hilbert Middle - spring 2015 was 577, now at 633, RU High School – spring 2015 was 725, now at 936, VERITAS Alt. Ed. – spring 2015 at 75, now at 76, Stuckey ADT & EDT – spring 2015 was at 138, now at 137; for a district total of 2862. He stated Schools of Choice is now closed, but we are still enrolling in district students. Superintendent Shivers thanked everyone for all of their hard work, stating we will be watching the numbers closely as we move forward.

Superintendent  
Remarks

**MOVED** by Isabell, seconded by Pridemore, to approve the September 14, 2015 agenda as presented. Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion Carries.

Adoption of Agenda

State Senator David Knezek presented his Legislative update. He started out by giving some detail on his background information, a brief resume. Senator Kenezek had handouts that were passed out to the board and to many of the

State Senator  
David Knezek  
Legislative update

audience members so that they could follow along as he reviewed SB 447, what it does and how it would be beneficial for all Redford Township students. He also stated he believes that we should be having conversations as to why this will work for all of our students. He encouraged anyone who had any questions to please contact him on his personal cell #313-854-0161. There were questions and statements between Senator Knezek, Dr. Shivers and Board members.

Lynda Scheel stated (on Trustee Isabell's behalf) that a letter was received from a community member regarding the new start and stop times of our schools. She stated that the American Medical Association recently completed a study of adolescent sleep needs which she will forward at a later date. A large amount of printed material was also received which will be available in Lynda Scheel's office for all to view.

Assistant Superintendent McIntyre thanked Superintendent for her comments regarding the Welcome Back tailgate, and will pass them on to the team who helped pull this event together.

Building/Facilities – Next meeting is TBD.

Curriculum – Next meeting is TBD.

Finance – Next Finance meeting is TBD.

Personnel – No meeting last month as planned, next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 5th.

Policy – Next meeting is TBD.

**MOVED** by Gubachy, seconded by Caloia, to approve the consent agenda items as presented. President Kurland asked HR Exec. Dir. Mr. Digon if he would comment on the question received from S. Losey during Audience Communications, and he said No, not at this time. Yes: 6 No: 1 (Pridemore). Motion Carries.

- Waive the reading and approve the August 10, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education as presented.
- Waive the reading and approve the August 10, 2015 Closed Meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education, as presented.
- Waive the reading and approve the August 11, 2015 Special Meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education as presented.
- Waive the reading and approve the August 12, 2015 Special Meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education as presented.
- Waive the reading and approve the August 15, 2015 Special Meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education as presented.
- Waive the reading and approve the August 24, 2015 Special Meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education as presented.
- Approve the payment of \$883,087.81 for checks dated 8/05/2015 to 9/08/2015.
- Approve the electronic transfers for the month of August 2015 in the amount of \$811,183.99.
- Approve New Hires: Certified listed below:
  1. Robert Curtiss/Teacher/RUHS/Science/Effective 9/3/15
  2. Jamaal Lewis/Teacher/VERITAS Alt. Ed./Math/Effective 9/2/15
  3. Brittlen Wallgren/Teacher/3rd Grade/Beech/Effective 9/2/15

Communications from  
Board Secretary

Assistant  
Superintendent of  
Business Services

Administrative  
Committee Reports

Consent Agenda

Regular Minutes of  
August 10, 2015  
Closed Minutes of  
August 10, 2015  
Special Minutes of  
August 11, 2015  
Special Minutes of  
August 12, 2015  
Special Minutes of  
August 15, 2015  
Special Minutes of  
August 24, 2015  
Disposition of Checks  
August, 2015  
Electronic Transfers  
August, 2015

R. Curtiss  
J. Lewis  
B. Wallgren

- Approve New Hires: Non-Certified listed below:
  1. Andrea Blount/Educational Assistant/Beech/Effective 9/8/15 A. Blount
  2. Vernon Carr/Behavioral Specialist/Stuckey/Effective 9/2/15 V. Carr
  3. Nakia Cole/Educational Assistant/MacGowan/Effective 9/8/15 N. cole
  4. Debbie Fitrakis/Educational Assistant/Beech/Effective 9/2/15 D. Fitrakis
  5. Brittany Johnson/Secretary/Beech/Effective 8/24/15 B. Johnson
  6. Timothy Johnson/Educational Assistant/Hilbert/Effective 9/8/15 T. Johnson
  7. Nicole Lewandowski/Educational Assistant/Beech/Effective 9/2/15 N. Lewandowski
  8. Stephanie Piechota/Educational Assistant/RUHS/Effective 9/2/15 S. Piechota
  9. Bonika Singleton/Educational Assistant/EDT/Effective 9/15/15 B. Singleton
  10. Susan Small/Educational Assistant/Beech/Effective 9/3/15 S. Small
- Approve the Separations listed below:
  1. Kristie Ghedotte/Educational Assistant/Resignation/Effective 8/17/15 K. Ghedotte
  2. Robert Kohn/Teacher/Stuckey ADT/Retirement/Effective 6/22/15 R. Kohn
  3. Beth Olko/Teacher/Beech/Resignation/Effective 8/27/15 B. Olko
  4. April Skelton/Psychologist/Termination/Effective 8/26/15 A. Skelton

None Action Items  
Items removed from the  
Consent Agenda

Superintendent Dr. Shivers stated that she had a draft of a press release to hand out to board members for their review only, not to be disbursed. Please let her know by noon tomorrow of any recommended changes. Superintendent's Comments

D. Batistelli – Was called, but he was not in the room. Call to the Audience on  
Non Agenda Items

M. Pridemore spoke to give a student's perspective regarding the consolidation / annexation of Redford Union and South Redford School Districts.

T. Graham spoke to thank the businesses who donated carpet squares for Beech Elementary rooms; Sue Shelton then interjected to thank Trustee Graham and Francis Yousif for reaching out to these businesses to bring to fruition. E. Pridemore mentioned that RUHS Homecoming game would be happening soon, and encouraged all to come out to support the football team and marching band. President Kurland mentioned the RUHS golf outing coming up soon, along with the Drive for our School Fundraiser for the Blue & Gold Club. Board of Education  
Communication / Discussion

A. Monday, October 12, 2015 – Regular Meeting - 7:30 PM Future Meeting Dates  
Board of Education Admin. Offices, 17715 Brady Street, Redford, MI 48240

**MOVED** by Caloia, seconded by Isabell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM Adjournment  
Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Isabell, Secretary,  
Redford Union Schools  
Board of Education