

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1  
 August 10, 2015

Regular Meeting  
8/10/2015

A Regular Meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held August 10, 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, Kurland, Pridemore

Roll Call

Absent: Isabell

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pledge of Allegiance

None

Call to the Audience  
on Agenda items

Please put cell phones on silent or vibrate.

President's Remarks

Interim Superintendent Digon reviewed the updated Superintendent's committees, which now included our new board member, Christine Doby.

Interim Superintendent  
Remarks

**MOVED** by Pridemore, seconded by Caloia, to approve the August 10, 2015 agenda as presented. Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion Carries.

Adoption of Agenda

State Representative Leslie Love presented her Legislative update. She also went into detail on her background information, a brief resume. She passed out handouts to the board to review the good that has been done for our district and her constituents. She tried to explain why she was able to bring \$95,000 back to South Redford and only 10,200 back to Redford Union, how the decision was made and where the money came from.

Rep. Leslie Love  
Legislative update

None

Communications from  
Board Secretary

None

Assistant  
Superintendent of  
Business Services

Building/Facilities – Next meeting is TBD.

Curriculum – the next Curriculum meeting is TBD.

Finance – the next Finance committee TBD.

Personnel – Interim Superintendent Digon stated that this committee met on Monday August 3rd to review staffing for 2015-2016.

Policy – A policy committee meeting was held on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Discussed VERITAS and RUHS policy revisions on the Agenda this evening. The policy committee also

Administrative  
Committee Reports

recommended that the Board Meeting Calendar be switched from a calendar year to a fiscal year. Currently the Board Meetings are approved through the first meeting in January 2016. In January, the Board will approve Board meetings through to the first meeting in July, 2016. At the July 2016 Board Meeting a full fiscal year Board Meeting Calendar will be approved.

**MOVED** by Gubachy, seconded by Graham, to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Yes: 6 No: 0. Motion Carries.

- Waive the reading and approve the July 13, 2015 Organizational Meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education as presented.
- Waive the reading and approve the July 13, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education, as presented.
- Waive the reading and approve the July 27, 2015 Special Meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education as presented.
- Waive the reading and approve the August 3, 2015 Special Meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education as presented.
- Approve the payment of \$1,029,936.21 for checks dated 7/08/2015 to 8/04/2015.
- Approve the electronic transfers for the month of July 2015 in the amount of \$1,464,185.83.
- Approve New Hires: Certified listed below:
  1. Lori Bennett/Hilbert/ASD Classroom/Effective 9/1/15
  2. Quida Wardia/RUHS/Spanish/Effective 9/1/15
- Approve the Leave Request listed below:
  1. Susan Rothermel/E A/Stuckey ADT/Health Leave/Effective 9/1/15
- Approve the Separations listed below:
  1. Jennifer Reader/Teacher/RUHS/Resignation/Effective 7/21/15
  2. Joann Sims/Hearing Impaired TC/Resignation/Effective 7/28/15
  3. Laurene Nathan/Teacher/Beech/Retirement/Effective 6/30/15
- Approve the 60 day notice of termination to Interim Superintendent Larry Digon, required to be given at a regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting.
- Approve the 2015-2016 agreement between Livonia Public Schools and Redford Union Schools for students to receive special education services in the Livonia Transition Program provided by and through Livonia Public Schools in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Consent Agenda

Organizational Minutes of  
July 13, 2015  
Regular Minutes of  
July 13, 2015  
Special Minutes of  
July 27, 2015  
Special Minutes of  
August 3, 2015  
Disposition of Checks  
July 2015  
Electronic Transfers

L. Bennett  
Q. Wardia

S. Rothermel

J. Reader  
J. Sims  
L. Nathan

Interim Superintendent Digon  
Notice of termination

Livonia Transition Program  
For the 2015-2016 SY

Action Items

**MOVED** by Gubachy, seconded by Pridemore, that the Board of Education approve the revision to Board Policy #5200 – High School Graduation Requirement to incorporate the attached resolution for VERITAS, our Alternative High School, graduation requirements effective for the 2015-2016 school year.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of VERITAS  
revision to Board Policy  
#5200 High School  
Graduation Requirements

Roll Call Vote: Caloia: Y; Doby: Y; Graham: Y; Gubachy: Y; Isabell: ABS; Kurland: Y; Pridemore: Y. Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carries

**MOVED** that the Board of Education approve the attached revision(s) to Board Policy #5805, Electronic Communication Devices - Students, and to 5805 R, the Administrative Rules which guide this policy, for High School students only effective with the 2015-2016 school year, as presented.

1st Reading of revision to Board Policy #5805 & 5805 R Electronic Communication Devices – for High School students

Roll Call Vote: Caloia: Y; Doby: Y; Graham: Y; Gubachy: Y; Isabell: ABS; Kurland: Y; Pridemore: Y. Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carries

None

Items removed from the Consent Agenda

Interim Superintendent Digon stated that a group met at RUHS to interview a new School Resource Officer for the District, as Officer Boeth retired. Officer Mike Cracchiolo was chosen. We are in the process of negotiating a contract with the Township. Mr. Digon also wished to thank all of the teachers who have retired or resigned that were listed on the consent agenda.

Interim Superintendent's Comments

J. Brenner asked if the full page ad, which has appeared more than once in the Redford Observer, was at a cost to the district. If so, how are we tracking-how will we know/determine if the money we have spent on this expense has been worth it.

Call to the Audience on Non Agenda Items

MASB – Marie Miller – Superintendent Search Discussion. All Board members have their candidate information. All candidates will be referred to by number, not by name. Marie asked everyone to refrain from using job title and where they live. Marie began the process of getting input from the Board Members. They then discussed the merits of different candidates. There was one candidate who requested that their information be discussed in closed session.

Board of Education Communication / Discussion

**MOVED** by Pridemore, seconded by Doby, to go into closed session to discuss one candidate who requested their information be discussed in closed session.

Closed Session

Roll Call Vote: Caloia: Y; Doby: Y; Graham: Y; Gubachy: Y; Isabell: ABS; Kurland: Y; Pridemore: Y. Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carries Time: 9:09 PM

**MOVED** by Gubachy, seconded by Pridemore, to return to open session.

Open Session

Roll Call Vote: Caloia: Y; Doby: Y; Graham: Y; Gubachy: Y; Isabell: ABS; Kurland: Y; Pridemore: Y. Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carries Time: 9:31 PM

Further discussion regarding candidates took place. The board again reiterated their willingness to conduct an interview by skype or phone if necessary. After all of the discussions, the board chose 5 candidates to interview. All candidates will be contacted by Marie this evening, and appointments set for Tuesday or Wednesday. A schedule of the appointments, along with the candidate names will be sent to the board members and Mrs. Scheel when complete. Marie asked the audience to give Mrs. Scheel time in the morning to get the information posted on the district website, the Superintendent Search page. This information should be posted by 11:00 AM.

- A. Tuesday, August 11, 2015 – Special Meeting - 6:00 PM  
Board of Education Admin. Offices, 17715 Brady Street, Redford, MI 48240
- B. Wednesday, August 12, 2015 – Special Meeting - 6:00 PM  
Board of Education Admin. Offices, 17715 Brady Street, Redford, MI 48240
- C. Saturday, August 15, 2015 – Special Meeting - 9:00 AM  
Board of Education Admin. Offices, 17715 Brady Street, Redford, MI 48240
- D. Monday, August 24, 2015 – Special Meeting - 6:30 PM  
Board of Education Admin. Offices, 17715 Brady Street, Redford, MI 48240
- E. Monday, September 14, 2015 - Regular Meeting - 7:30 PM  
Board of Education Admin. Offices, 17715 Brady Street, Redford, MI 48240

Future Meeting Dates

**MOVED** by Doby, seconded by Pridemore, to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 PM  
Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carries.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Gubachy, Vice President,  
Redford Union Schools  
Board of Education