

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION
 REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1
 April 12, 2021

Regular Meeting
 4/12/2021

A Regular meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held on April 12, 2021, at the Redford Union Board of Education and Administration Building, 17715 Brady St., Redford, MI 48240. The meeting was in-person and virtually on a Zoom webinar. The following Webinar link and passcode was listed on the Agenda.

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Virtual Meeting – (Call to the Audience) Virtual Public Communication Guidelines

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<https://forms.gle/opwwhyUdGS1TriS59>

President Gubachy called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Call to Order

Present: Bailey, Caloia Gray, Gubachy, Osowski, and Pridemore
 Absent: Robinson

Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Gubachy asked that those present please place their cell phones on silent.
President Gubachy greeted everyone and thanked them for joining.

President's Remarks

Interim Superintendent Jasen Witt welcomed everyone attending. He congratulated Basketball Coach Taylor, his two assistant and the boys' basketball team for a successful season at the Western Wayne Athletic Conference Championship. Their season was cut short due to one COVID-19 case (potential close contact) which caused the team to miss out playing in the State Districts Tournaments. There will be a presentation at the May 10, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

Interim
Superintendent's
Remark

It was moved by Member Osowski, seconded by Member Bailey, to adopt the Agenda of April 12, 2021, Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Adoption of
Agenda as
presented

ROLL CALL:

J. Bailey: Yes, S. Caloia: Yes, R. Gray: Yes, L. Gubachy: Yes, J. Osowski: Yes,
E. Pridemore: Yes, J. Robinson: ABS Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Call to the Audience for Public Participation Regarding Agenda Items:

There were no in-person comments and no virtual comments.

Call to the
Audience: Public
Participation
Regarding Agenda
Items

Presentations:
None.

Presentations
None.

Superintendent Communication:

Superintendent
Communication

District Academic & Operational Updates: Superintendent Witt gave an update on the District's Academic & Operational. He shared a report on the Secondary Level Attendance with the Board. The Administrative Team will be meeting tomorrow to work on plans for Summer School. The Summer School Program will be 8-weeks, for Elementary and Secondary levels, morning sessions Monday – Thursday , Credit Recovery will also be provided. Food service will be provided all summer long.

Superintendent Witt also mentioned that this week is State Testing Week.

The District is also looking to have a 4-day work week during the summer.

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2021 District Bond Proposal: Superintendent Witt gave an update on the Bond Proposal. The Bond Proposal will be on the ballot, please vote May 4th.

Communication Received by the Board Secretary:
None.

Secretary of
the Board
Communication

Interim Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Communication:
None.

Interim Assistant
Superintendent of
Business Services
Communication

None.

Assistant
Superintendent of
Human Resources
and Labor Relations
Communication

Administrative Committee Reports:

Administrative
Committee Reports

Buildings / Facilities Committee:
Personnel / Policy Committee: None.
Finance Committee: None.
Curriculum / Achievement Committee: None

Superintendent Witt mentioned that the Policy Committee will be working to make sure policies are updated. A meeting may be scheduled next month.

Consent Agenda:

It was moved by Member Osowski, seconded by Member Pridemore, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Consent Agenda
Approved as
presented.

Waived the reading and approved March 8, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education, as presented.

Regular minutes of
March 8, 2021 as
presented.

Waived the reading and approved March 29, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education, as presented.

Special minutes of
March 29, 2021 as
presented

Approved check register list from March 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021, in the amount of \$1,184,885.74.

Check Register List
March 1-31, 2021

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Approved electronic transfers for the month of March 2021, in the amount of \$2,882,561.06.

Electronic Transfers
March 2021

Human Resources:

Approved NEW HIRE: NON-CERTIFIED request as listed below:

Ryan Rogowski/Educational Assistant/RUHS/Effective 3/18/21

Human Resources
Ryan Rogowski

Approved SEPARATIONS: request as listed below:

Yolanda Spidell/RUHS/Resignation/Effective 3/17/21

Yolanda Spidell

Approved LEAVES: request as listed below:

Carolyn Lowry/Teacher/MacGowan/Effective 3/16/2021

Carolyn Lowry

The Board had discussion.

ROLL CALL:

J. Bailey: Yes, S. Caloia: Yes, R. Gray: Yes, L. Gubachy: Yes, J. Osowski: Yes,

E. Pridemore: Yes, J. Robinson: ABS Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Action Items:

Special Consideration of an Action Item and/or Item(s) Removed from Consent Agenda:

Action Items

Resolution to Consider Designation of Electoral Representative for the June 7, 2021 Biennial Election

It was moved by Member Bailey, supported by Member Gray, that the Board of Education, adopt this Resolution to Consider Designation of Electoral Representative for the June 7, 2021 Biennial Election. (The Board will need to schedule a Special Meeting on or after May 17, 2021 but before May 28, 2021 to adopt a Resolution Designating Local District's Wayne RESA Election Representative.)

Resolution to Consider
Designation of
Electoral
Representative for the
June 7, 2021 Biennial
Election

No Board discussion.

ROLL CALL:

J. Bailey: Yes, S. Caloia: Yes, R. Gray: Yes, L. Gubachy: Yes, J. Osowski: Yes,

E. Pridemore: Yes, J. Robinson: ABS Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Cooperative Education Program Agreement (Career Technical Education) 2021-2022 (Livonia Public Schools)

It was moved by Member Bailey, supported by Member Gray, that the Board of Education, at the recommendation of Jasen Witt, Superintendent, approve the Cooperative Education Program Agreement (Career Technical Education) 2021-2022 between Redford Union Schools and Livonia Public Schools.

Cooperative
Education Program
Agreement (Career
Technical Education)
2021-2022

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ROLL CALL:

J. Bailey: Yes, S. Caloia: Yes, R. Gray: Yes, L. Gubachy: Yes, J. Osowski: Yes,
E. Pridemore: Yes, J. Robinson: ABS Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried

District COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan:

It was moved by Member Pridemore, supported by Member Osowski, that the Board of Education, at the recommendation of Jasen Witt, Interim Superintendent, approve the continuation of the District's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan including the provision of both remote instruction and any hybrid in-person learning alternative(s) that have been previously approved by the Board for District students through June 30, 2021.

District COVID-19
Preparedness and
Response Plan

ROLL CALL:

J. Bailey: Yes, S. Caloia: Yes, R. Gray: Yes, L. Gubachy: Yes, J. Osowski: Yes,
E. Pridemore: Yes, J. Robinson: ABS Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Resolution to Consider Designation of Electoral Representative for the June 7, 2021 Biennial Election:

It was moved by Member Osowski, supported by Member Caloia, that the Board of Education, adopt the Resolution to Consider Designation of Electoral Representative for the June 7, 2021 WRESA Biennial Election and appoint Evelyn Pridemore as the Representative and Rebecca Gray as an alternate for the electoral body of the ISD Biennial Election June 7, 2021.

Resolution to
Consider
Designation of
Electoral
Representative for
the June 7, 2021
Biennial Election

ROLL CALL:

J. Bailey: Yes, S. Caloia: Yes, R. Gray: Yes, L. Gubachy: Yes, J. Osowski: Yes,
E. Pridemore: Yes, J. Robinson: ABS Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda
None.

Items Removed
from the Consent
Agenda

Call to the Audience: Public Participation Regarding Non-Agenda Items:

None.

Call to the Audience:
Public Participation
Regarding Non-
Agenda Items

Board of Education Communication/Discussion:

Board of Education
Communication/
Discussion

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Trustee Bailey spoke on the WRESA letter regard the resolution for ISD Election. He requested that the Board write a letter to the State Representative asking them to address for the matter for clarification of the Revised School Code.

It was moved by Member Bailey, supported by Member Pridemore, that the Board of Education, draft a letter to State Representative Mary Cavanagh and ask that she address Section 380.612 (2) of the Revised School Code.

Discussion ensued.

The above motion was amended by Member Pridemore and moved by Member Bailey, supported by Member Pridemore, that the Board of Education, instead reach out to George Butler, District Attorney for guidance regarding Section 380.612 (2) of the Revised School Code.

ROLL CALL:

J. Bailey: Yes, S. Caloia: No, R. Gray: Yes, L. Gubachy: Yes, J. Osowski: Yes,
E. Pridemore: Yes, J. Robinson: ABS Yes: 5 No: 1 Motion: Carried

Discussion ensued regarding the Superintendent Search and MASB Representative Jay Bennett.

There was motion moved by Member Pridemore, supported by Member Caloia to remove Jay Bennett from the Superintendent Search.

There was a motion moved by Member Caloia, supported by Member Pridemore to fire Jay Bennett and hire Superintendent Jasen Witt as the permanent Superintendent.

Discussion ensued.

ROLL CALL:

J. Bailey: No, S. Caloia: Yes, R. Gray: No, L. Gubachy: No, J. Osowski: Yes,
E. Pridemore: Yes, J. Robinson: ABS Yes: 3 No: 3 Motion: Not Carried

There was a motion moved by Member Caloia, supported by Member Pridemore to fire Jay Bennett, MASB Consultant and start the Superintendent Search over again.

Discussion ensued.

ROLL CALL:

J. Bailey: No, S. Caloia: Yes, R. Gray: Yes, L. Gubachy: No, J. Osowski: Yes,
E. Pridemore: Yes, J. Robinson: ABS Yes: 4 No: 3 Motion: Carried

Discussion ensued.

There was a motion moved by Member Pridemore, supported by Member Caloia that if it is possible to move forward with a different consultant from MASB and keep the current five candidates.

Discussion ensued.

The above motion was amended by Member Gray, moved by Member Pridemore, supported by Member Caloia to move forward with MASB with a different consultant and the current candidate and amend it to remove candidate number 13 from consideration.

ROLL CALL:

J. Bailey: No, S. Caloia: Yes, R. Gray: Yes, L. Gubachy: No, J. Osowski: Yes,
E. Pridemore: Yes, J. Robinson: ABS Yes: 4 No: 2 Motion: Carried

Future Meeting Dates: (In-person and Virtual)

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 – Special Meeting (Supt Search - 3 Interviews) – 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Board of Education Administrative Offices (Gymnasium), 17715 Brady St., Redford, MI 48240
Wednesday, April 21, 2021 – Special Meeting (Supt Search - 2 Interviews) – 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Board of Education Administrative Offices (Gymnasium), 17715 Brady St., Redford, MI 48240
Wednesday, April 27, 2021 – Special Meeting (Discuss Second Round of Interviews) – 6:00 PM
Board of Education Administrative Offices (Gymnasium), 17715 Brady St., Redford, MI 48240
Monday, May 10, 2021 – Facilities Committee Meeting – 5:30 PM
Board of Education Administrative Offices (Conf. Room), 17715 Brady St., Redford, MI 48240
Monday, May 10, 2021 – Regular Meeting – 6:30 PM
Board of Education Administrative Offices (Gymnasium), 17715 Brady St., Redford, MI 48240
Monday, May 17, 2021 – Special Meeting – 6:30 PM - Virtual Only (To vote on WRESA Election)

Future Meeting
Dates

It was moved by Member Caloia, seconded by Member Osowski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM.

Adjournment

ROLL CALL:

J. Bailey: Yes, S. Caloia: Yes, R. Gray: Yes, L. Gubachy: Yes, J. Osowski: Yes,
E. Pridemore: Yes, J. Robinson: ABS Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Respectfully Submitted


Jennifer Robinson (May 10, 2021 14:04 EDT)

Jennifer Robinson
Secretary
Redford Union Schools
Board of Education