

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION
 REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1
 April 11, 2016

Regular Meeting 4/11/2016

A Regular meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held April 11, 2016 at the Board of Education Administrative Offices, 17715 Brady Street, Redford Township, Michigan, 48240. President Kurland called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Call to Order

Present: Caloia, Graham, Gubachy, Isabell, Kurland, Pridemore
 Absent: Doby, Student Representative Hovey

Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pledge of Allegiance

None.

Call to the Audience
on Agenda Items

President Kurland asked everyone to please up their cell phones on silent or vibrate.

President's Remarks

President Kurland thanked all that attended the Strategic Planning Retreat on Saturday, April 9, 2016.

Superintendent Shivers thanked all that attended the Strategic Planning Retreat on Saturday, April 9, 2016. She also welcomed Attorney Sherry Taylor of Dickerson Wright for being in attendance at this evening's Board Meeting. On May 3, 2016, Attorney Taylor attended the "Tea with Me" session with Superintendent Shivers and girls from RUHS. Two young ladies that are interested in being attorneys will shadow Attorney Taylor on May 2, 2016. Superintendent Shivers and Principal Nachman will join them. The young ladies will get a chance to watch and hear the process for providing legal advice for those who cannot afford to pay for services.

Superintendent
Remarks

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Caloia, to adopt the agenda of the April 11, 2016 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carries

Adoption of Agenda

None

Board Secretary
Communications

Assistant Superintendent McIntyre said that the Board previously approved the contract for Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. he was hoping that Member Doby was present just in case she had more concerns. The auditors are scheduled to start their preliminary work on June 9, 2016. He requested approval to have the contract signed by Superintendent Shivers. The Board approved.

Asst. Supt. of Business
Services

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented/amended:

Consent Agenda

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

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| • Waive the reading and approve the March 14, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education, as presented. | Regular minutes of
March 14, 2016 |
| • Approve the payment of \$972,436.25 for checks dated 3/7/16 to 3/21/2016. | Disposition of Checks
March 21, 2016 |
| • Approve the electronic transfers for the month of March 2016 in the amount of \$2,224,872.64. | March, 2016
Electronic Transfers |
| • Approve the NEW HIRE Certified requests as listed below: | |
| 1. Sarah Molnar/Speech Pathologist/RUHS/Effective 3/22/16 | Sarah Molnar |
| • Approve the NEW HIRE Non-Certified requests as listed below: | |
| 1. Venetia Vaught/Educational Assistant/MacGowan/Effective 3/9/2016 | Venetia Vaught |
| • Approve the LEAVE requests as listed below: | |
| 1. Diane Bonanno/Speech Pathologist/Beech/FMLA/Effective 4/25/16 | Diane Bonanno |
| • Approve the SEPARATIONS requests as listed below: | |
| 1. Lawrence Digon/Executive Director of Human Resources/Retirement/Effective 6/30/16 | Larry Digon |
| 2. James Reitz/Coordinator ADT/Stuckey Services/Retirement/Effective 6/30/16 | James Reitz |

PRESENTATION

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| A. Beech Priority Quarterly Report/School Presentation | Principal Susan Shelton and
Principal Andy
Christopherson |
| B. Hilbert School Presentation | |

The Board thanked Principal Shelton for her presentation.

Superintendent Shivers said there will be time at the end of the presentations to ask questions to both Principal Shelton and Principal Christopherson.

Regarding the Hilbert presentation on summer school programs, Superintendent Shivers said there will be further discussion on the cost per student. The District may ask for donations or sponsorship to cut the cost for parents. She will provide more information in her weekly update report.

President Kurland suggested that Principal Christopherson look into a field trip at the Charles H. Wright museum because they provide free bussing and discounts for groups. The only cost would be entry.

Member Pridemore suggested that Principal Christopherson add a clause into the contract stating if a student is not picked up by a certain time the parents will be charged a late fee.

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Pridemore that the Board of Education at the recommendation of Principal Andy Christopherson, approve Hilbert Middle School Field Trip Request to Chicago on May 26-27, 2016.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carries

Hilbert Middle School Field Trip to Chicago on May 26-27, 2016

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Caloia that the Board of Education, at the recommendation of Superintendent Shivers, approve the Wayne-Westland Annual Cooperative Education Program Agreement for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carries

Wayne-Westland Annual Cooperative Education Program Agreement for 2016-2017

MOVED by Pridemore, seconded by Caloia that the Board of Education, removes from the table the discussion on the school district property as recommendation at the February 14, 2016 board meeting.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carries

Remove from Table School District Property

The Board agreed to revise/remove Agenda Item 4 School District Property from a motion to vote to discussion purposes only.

School District Property For Discussion Purposes Only

The Board welcomed Attorney George Butler. Joining Attorney Butler was Attorney Sherry Taylor and Attorney Carmen Doris both are heading the transgender issue in Michigan Federal court.

Attorney Butler spoke on the land contract matter regarding New Genesis Missionary Baptist Church property at 16161 Winston Avenue, Detroit, MI and Detroit Public Schools. The land contract is very clear that the owner of the property may not be Detroit Public Schools. At this point there is nothing for Redford Union Board of Education to do.

Member Caloia would like to have a surveyor to map out the property so that the Board would know exactly what part of the land belongs to RU.

Attorney Butler suggested that the Board ask the church what do they want to do. What is their proposal. We know the status of the property. Once the church presents a proposal to the Board then the Board could vote on what they want to do.

Attorney Butler said this information tonight is just to update the Board. He will get more information on the property by doing an informal title search.

Attorney Doris spoke about to the Board about the LGBTQ next steps from the State Board of Education. The guidelines from the State will be up for approval on May 10th. The schools should begin to adopt policies to include the sexual orientation of these students. Support the LGBTQ groups and families. Provide professional development to staff. Provide resources to families. Provide resource material in the libraries. Respect the student's preferred gender titles and change the unofficial records, such as report cards, roster, etc. to the student's current titles.

None

Items removed from the
Consent Agenda

On Monday, April 18th 1st, 2nd and 3rd hours at the Hilbert, we will have a Cyber Safety Summit. Also, on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 PM, we will have a Parent Cyber Safety Summit at Hilbert M.S.

Superintendent's
Comments

President Kurland welcomed Ms. Hanna Sagaefen, resident and representative of Redford Sister City Organization which is a youth exchange program. Ms. Sagaefen was requesting assistance and new members for their program. Any student from 15-18 they would love to have. Also, they need parents that would allow German exchange students to come live with them for a period of time over the summer.

Call to Audience on
None Agenda Items

Monday, May 9, 2016 - Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Board of Education Administrative Offices, 17715 Brady Street, Redford MI 48240

Future Meeting Dates

MOVED by Graham, seconded by Isabell to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 PM.
Total: Yes: 6 No: 0. Motion: Carries.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Gubachy,
Acting Secretary
Redford Union Schools Board of Education