

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION
 REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1
 April 25, 2016

Special Meeting 4/25/2016

A Special meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held March 14, 2016 at the Board of Education Administrative Offices, 17715 Brady Street, Redford Township, Michigan, 48240. President Kurland called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

Call to Order

Present: Caloia, Doby (Arrived Late), Graham (Arrived Late), Gubachy,
 Isabell (Arrived Late), Kurland, Pridemore
 Absent: Student Representative Hovey

Roll Call

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

President's Remarks

She also stated that there has been an amendment to the agenda.
 Agenda Item IV. District School Property was amended as follows:
 IV. (a) District School Property and (b) SEMCA/MEP (Michigan Education Partnership)
 Relationship
 Attorney George Butler spoke on both items.

MOVED by Pridemore, seconded by Gubachy, to adopt the amended agenda of the April 25, 2016 Special Board Meeting as presented.

Adoption of Amended
 Agenda

Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion: Carries

None.

Call to the Audience
 on Agenda Items

President Kurland welcomed Attorney Butler to begin the discussion of the District School Property.

District School Property
 Discussion

Attorney Butler stated that they received a phone call from the Attorney representing the Church. He stated that the Church was trying to get the title to the property so they could sale the building. The Church's Attorney asked if the Board would like to make a proposal? Attorney Butler told him that he would share the updated information with the Board. The District already own the piece that they own. He also told the Attorney representing the church that he would find out if the District is no longer interested in owning the piece of property that they own. Mr. Butler asked about the condition of the building. By the attorney's tone Mr. Butler assumed that the property is not in the greatest condition. Although the church has maintained the condition of the building for their purposes. Mr. Butler asked the attorney to let us know if they get an offer on the property. Mr. Butler stated that there is nothing for the board to do at this point.

Superintendent Shivers asked if at one point we were told that the church was doing some construction to the building and adding some technology?

Assist Superintendent McIntyre stated that he was told the church was trying to get a loan and continue making improvements to the building prior to getting this updated information from Attorney Butler.

SEMCA/MEP Relationship Discussion

Assist Superintendent McIntyre began the discussion on SEMCA/MEP Relationship. He stated that there is a company (on-line education provider) called Michigan Educational Partnership but he will refer to them as MEP. This company is on the State of Michigan's radar. MEP has done business with two Public Schools Districts in Michigan; Vassar and Ithaca. MEP has been in noncompliance with the on-line rules and have cause the two schools districts to forfeit about \$1.0 million each. MEP was about to forge a relationship with SEMCA without the Superintendent or the Business Office knowledge. The Michigan Department of Education called Wayne RESA then Wayne RESA contacted Redford Union School District. The Assist Superintendent, SEMCA and Wayne RESA had a conference call to discuss this matter. Everyone voiced their concerns and it was determined in the best interest that SEMCA was not to have any relationship with MEP. MEP has since dissolved their LLC company. Assist Superintendent McIntyre met with the principal owner Mr. Garcia about a week ago. Per Mr. Garcia he has no financial or legal interest with SEMCA trying to go after the 900 or so kids that MEP once had. SEMCA desire is to enroll those 900 kids. Mr. Garcia is going to help SEMCA get the kids and Assist Superintendent McIntyre assumes it will be for some type of fee. SEMCA has informed both partners that they will not form any type of relationship with MEP. That they will try to get the 900 kids on their own. We relayed this information to the county. The county relayed this information to the State and they are satisfied. However, Assist Superintendent McIntyre state that he is not totally satisfied. Assist Superintendent told SEMCA do not cause RU any bad publicity and do not get us in a lawsuit. He also stated that he would like to see something further developed to show that there is no relationship between MEP and SEMCA.

Member Pridemore asked if the Board could adopt a resolution stating that we warned SEMCA that if they chose to go into business with MEP that is a breach in contract and we will dissolve our relationship with them.

Assist Superintendent McIntyre said that MEP has been dissolved.

President Kurland stated that we already have something similar to that in our contract.

Attorney Butler said we have the right to yes or no to any educational service provider agreement that SEMCA would enter into. And we don't have to have a reason to terminate a contract. We could connect with Vassar and Ithaca regarding the 900 students and let them know about our program.

Assist Superintendent McIntyre said MEP also had mentors and Dr. Watkins is purposing to bring them over too.

Attorney Butler said that SEMCA needs to be reminded that they cannot go into partnership with anyone to help them fulfill their commitment to us without our approval. Also if they want our assistance as their authorizer to help them come up with a plan to get the 900 students that they just have to ask.

President Kurland said we should reach out to Vassar and Ithaca.

Superintendent Shivers said SEMCA is warranted in writing to be reminded that they have to inform us before they enter into any contractual agreements.

Attorney Butler will draft the communication.

MOVED by Pridemore, seconded by Graham, to go into Closed session for the purpose to receive and consider a written opinion of counsel regarding an Amendment to Senate Bill 796 – Annexation.

Board of Education
Communication/Discussion
Closed Session

Caloia: Yes; Doby: Yes; Graham: Yes; Gubachy: Yes; Isabell: Yes; Kurland: Yes;

Pridemore: Yes. Yes:7 No: 0 Motion: Carries Time: 5:54 PM

MOVED by Pridemore, seconded by Graham, to return to Open session.

Open Session

Caloia: Yes; Doby: Yes; Graham: Yes; Gubachy: Yes; Isabell: Yes; Kurland: Yes;

Pridemore: Yes. Yes:7 No: 0 Motion: Carries Time: 7:18 PM

BOE agreed to send a letter to South Redford BOE and a press release to Redford Connection. A couple of revisions were made to both communications. Each member signed the letter and the letter will be mailed to South Redford BOE on Tuesday, April 26th. The press release will be emailed to Scott Daniel, Redford Connection on Tuesday, April 26th.

Board of Education
Communication/Discussion

Monday, April 11, 2016 - Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates

Board of Education Administrative Offices, 17715 Brady Street, Redford MI 48240

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Caloia to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Adjournment

Total: Yes: 7 No: 0. Motion: Carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Gubachy,
Acting Secretary
Redford Union Schools Board of Education