

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Redford Union Schools**  
**February 10, 2025**

**Regular Meeting**  
**2/10/2025**

A Regular meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held on February 10, 2025, at MacGowan School (District Meeting Room), 18255 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI 48240, (Entrance on Curtis – Door #3)

**Call to Order:**

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President Pridemore called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

**Roll Call:**

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Present: Bailey, Johnson, Martin, Miller, Osowski, and Pridemore

Student Representative Juzswik

Absent: Dean

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**President Remarks:**

**President's Remarks**

President Pridemore asked that everyone please place their cell phones on silent. She mentioned that she will make additional remarks during Board Communications.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

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Agenda**

It was Moved by Member Osowski, Seconded by Member Miller, to adopt the Agenda of the February 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting as presented.

No discussion. The motion carries unanimously.

Yes: 6    No: 0    Motion: Carried

**Call to the Audience: Public Participation Regarding Agenda Items**

None.

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Public Participation  
Regarding Agenda Items****Presentations:****Presentations****Elementary STEAM Project-Based Learning – Jill Burch, Principal & Angela Maggioncalda, STEAM Teacher (Hilbert Elementary)**

Jill Burch, principal of Hilbert Elementary, and her STEAM teacher, Angela Maggioncalda, presented the Hydroponics System project. The project involved growing produce for school cafeterias using hydroponics, which was introduced by Mr. Winton and Ms. Angela Davis. Angela explained the concept of hydroponics, its benefits, and the involvement of students in the project. She described the hydroponics system, including the use of rockwool for seed growth. Students are involved in preparing the rock wool, watering the plants, and adding nutrients to the water. The project includes lessons on pH levels, with students testing different liquids for pH. Student testimonials were shared, highlighting their excitement and engagement with the project. A sample of the project was passed around for all to see.

There were questions and answers.

Food Service funds were used to purchase four units in the District. There are two at Beech and two at Hilbert. This whole concept was brought forward to Superintendent Witt and Mr. Belinck, CFO by our current food service director, Angie Davis. They wanted to start kind of small and see how it goes, and then if this is something they will explore into the future, based on the initial pilot at the elementary level.

There were additional questions and answers.

**2021 Capital Bond Project Update – Plante Moran Realpoint & The Christman Company**

The team shared a few slides and then concluded with the work that is kind of outstanding, getting wrapped up on the 2021 bond right now.

A couple of months ago, they commissioned a professional photographer to come out and shoot some of the spaces that are in the completed area of the secondary campus. They showed pictures of the new Redford Union eSports room, Mainstreet entrance, Mainstreet corridor, the new Multi-Purpose room with the roll up doors, new offices, new gymnasium, and the new Bob Atkins Field.

There are items that they are working to tie up and the end of the project which includes the following:

Secondary Campus: Punchlist – June 2025, Window in RUJH lunchroom – April 2025, Wall decals in RUJH Gymnasium – March 2025, Marquee sign RUJH exterior – TBD, seeking additional pricing, Final Inspections and Permit Closeout – March 2025

There were questions and answers.

Old School House: Punchlist – March 2025, Final Door Hardware – March 2025, Ramp handrail – TBD, in fabrication, Stripe parking lot and install parking bumpers – April 2025, Final Inspections and Permit Closeout – April 2025

There were questions and answers.

The plan for the Old School house is for one side to be a district meeting space and a meeting space by the community and community groups. The other side will be set up as a historical classroom space for field trip experience by our students and potentially other area districts.

There were questions and answers.

Hilbert: Punchlist – February 2025, Final Inspections and Permit Closeout – March 2025

Keeler: Kitchen mechanical unit controls – February 2025

Beech & MacGowan: Complete

There were questions and answers.

The team gave an update on the 2021 Bond Budget Summary. The total bond budget was \$66,777,99, the allocated cost to date (Bid Packs #1 - #11); was \$64,515,760 and the Unallocated Reserve Amount was \$1,785,092. Note the Unallocated Reserve Amount denotes approximate amount of interest earning, bond issuance costs, and owner contingency. Redford Union to confirm with the financial investment advisor for an exact amount upon close-out of the bond fund. A lot of the work was done in just over four years. May 2025 will be the actual four year mark.

There were questions and answers.

The project that still has to be discussed is the baseball field. Previously the Board was given three different options and approaches for the baseball field and all three had a different price tag associated with it. The discussion on the baseball field could not continue until they had the number of the remaining 2021 bond funds. And now that they have the number, they will be able to have a much more informed discussion about which of those paths to potentially take based on this

\$1.8 million. Also understanding that that \$1.8 million could go back to the general fund.

There were questions and answers.

The baseball options will be brought back to the Board for discussion.

There were additional questions and answers.

#### **Student Representative Communication:**

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Elisia Juzswik, Student Representative, shared updates on the schools' events.

- On February 7th, six seniors signed a letter of intent to play football on the college level.
- Last Friday, 10 band members went to Wayne State University to the Honors Band to perform with other students from other schools.
- Seven wrestlers were regional qualifiers and are moving on to compete this Saturday.
- National Honor Society is working on their big project which is an extracurricular fair for the eighth and ninth grade.
- Our spring athletes are starting to condition for their upcoming season.
- Channel four came last Wednesday to interview two students about the vehicles donated by Pat Millikan Ford and Bill Brown Ford.

There were questions and answers.

#### **Superintendent Communication:**

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#### **February 2025 Staff Member of the Month:**

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- Keeler Administration – (Winner) Kim Crenshaw, Executive Director of Curriculum & Technology
- Beech Elementary School – (Winner) Gino Gauci, Resource Teacher
- Hilbert Elementary School – (Winner) Ryan Cassidy, 4th Grade Teacher
- Redford Union Junior High School – (Winner) Laura Bowers, Math Teacher
- Redford Union High School – (Winner) Thomas Kasprzak, Counselor
- Keeler ADT/EDT School – (Winner) Cathy Heller, Social Worker
- MacGowan School – (Winner) Bridget MacDonald, Teacher at Veritas

#### **February 2025 Board Brag Book:**

Below are the highlighted recognitions from this month's Board Brag Book. The Brag Book and Calendar of Events will be posted on the District's Facebook.

#### **February 2025 Board Brag Book**

**Beech Elementary School:**

Beech unveiled a new playground, which, while still being finalized, is already in use and exciting for students. The accessible space includes features for students with visual or hearing needs and provides a secure, fenced area for students in the Act-18 program.

Beech launched the WatchDOG Dads program with over 75 attendees, where dads learned about the program, heard from staff, and signed up to volunteer. WatchDog shirts were raffled off and dads heard from their children about the importance of their presence at school. We already have multiple dads signed up to volunteer and our first WatchDOG had a great day at Beech! Beech is grateful for Mr. Gary Mayhew, who is the WatchDOGS parent ambassador! His efforts helped to ensure that launch was a success!

**Hilbert Elementary School:**

Watch DOGS Launch Event More than 45 families participated in the Watch DOGS launch. Fathers relished the opportunity to share dinner with their children and engage in enjoyable activities. It was truly heartwarming to witness the interactions between dads and their sons or daughters, as well as among the fathers themselves. Following an overview of the program, 24 dads enthusiastically signed up to volunteer for a day! This week, our first four Watch DOGS turned into hallway heroes, creating a fun experience for both students and dads alike!

Hilbert House System After visiting the Ron Clark Academy this fall; Hilbert had the opportunity to implement the RCA House System. Each student and staff member in grades 4-6 participated in a wheel spin to be assigned to one of our four houses: Amistad, Isibindi, Altruismo, or Reveur. Following this, the students navigated an obstacle course and were welcomed by their house members, who presented them with a shirt. We concluded our thrilling morning with several competitions to earn house points. Now, students have a chance daily to earn house points for outstanding performance, school spirit, academic excellence, good character, excellent effort, and attendance achievements.

**Redford Union Junior High School:**

Last year during a student panel, junior high students talked about wanting a debate team as a way for them to learn how to properly use their voices. This year we were able to make this a reality. Our debate team includes both junior high and high school students and is led by Umoja Debate League instructors. Our students have been training after school and will compete in monthly tournaments across the metro Detroit area. The first debate tournament will be held on Saturday, February 15th from 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. at Wayne State University Law School. We know they will make us proud!

A lot of our student athletes find themselves in a bad position right before their season when their grades are not in order, or they are extremely out of shape. We

have partnered with Sound Mind Sound Body which is an after school program five days a week for our student athletes. There is a tutoring/academic component that involves reading, writing, math, and public speaking. Students are also learning about nutrition, health, and exercise. Students work in both a classroom setting as well as the weight room for these sessions. We have noticed that participation in this after school program has already positively impacted these students' performance and conduct inside of their classrooms.

Students received their glasses this week through the Vision to Learn Program. Students were EXTREMELY excited to receive their new glasses and so were their parents. All students were vision screened and any student who qualified for glasses was able to pick out a pair of glasses, free of any cost. Some students did not have glasses at all, and others had very out-of-date prescriptions. This was honestly a life-changing experience for our students. Some of their vision was so poor they could not read a book in front of them clearly.

### **Redford Union High School:**

Redford Union High School is proud to announce that we have earned College Board's Female Diversity Award in one of our newest Advanced Placement courses - AP Computer Science Principles. This award was given to RUHS for not only having the majority of the enrollment in our AP CSP class represented by females but also for exceeding the national average for the number of females taking the exam, which awards credit(s) towards their college transcript. We are thrilled to congratulate our female AP computer science students and their teachers on this step toward equal representation in computer science education!

Our friends and community partners from Pat Milliken Ford and Bill Brown Ford officially donated a 2024 Ford Mustang and a 2024 Ford Raptor, respectively, today to the Redford Union High School Automotive Tech program. These vehicles will be used as hands-on resources for our auto tech students to investigate and analyze, strip down and re-build certain components, and learn about modernized electrical/computer systems in vehicles. Thank you to Pat Milliken Ford and Bill Brown Ford for their continuous support of Redford Union High School's automotive tech program.

February 5th was National Signing Day across the nation as student/athletes signed their letter of intent to play next year at the collegiate level. Six Redford Union High School student-athletes signed their letter of intent today in front of friends and family. RUHS will host a second signing day for late signees in April. Additionally, on May 2nd, we will host a school-wide "Decision Day" assembly for seniors who are attending college for academics or who are attending a trade school/career pathway program!

**Veritas Alternative Education Program:**

This month the Veritas staff unanimously voted to recognize Junior Hannon, a senior in the Veritas program. Junior started at Veritas two years ago and has worked hard to get on track for graduation. As an excellent student, he consistently demonstrates dedication and a strong work ethic. In addition to his academic achievements, Junior is a kind and supportive friend to his peers. His artistic talents are truly exceptional, and he has both remarkable skill and a unique style that sets him apart. Junior approaches his studies with seriousness and a genuine passion for learning. We are incredibly proud of his accomplishments and his acceptance to the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, where he hopes to further his education and build a promising future as both an artist and a valuable community member.

**Redford Union School District:**

**To our staff, students, parents, and community,** We thank our students, devoted parents, hardworking staff, local partners, and the community for their outstanding accomplishments and steadfast commitment to our District.

**GIVE US SOMEONE/SOMETHING TO BRAG ABOUT** If you know of an individual, group, or business that merits recognition for their extraordinary contributions or service within our District, please send their details along with 1-2 pictures to your building principal or the Board Office at [warrenj@redfordu.k12.mi.us](mailto:warrenj@redfordu.k12.mi.us) (Title: Brag Book) for inclusion in our Board Brag Book.

**Calendar of Events (January 14, 2025 – March 10, 2025):****Beech Elementary School:****February 2025:**

- 12th: Student Count Day
- 13th: Family University - Family Field Day - Handling Your Emotions During Playtime 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- 17th - 18th: District Closed - Mid-Winter Break
- 25th: 3rd Grade Music Concert @ 6:00 pm

**March 2025:**

- 12th: Kinder and 1st Grade Combined Concert @ 6:00
- 20th: Haft Day / PBIS Celebration - School-Wide: Tie Dye Day
- 20th: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 24th - 28th: Spring Break - No Students
- 31st: School Resumes

**April 2025:**

- 3rd: PBIS Ice Cream Celebration
- 10th: 6th Grade Music Concert
- 11th: End of 3rd Quarter

**Hilbert Elementary School:****Calendar of Events  
(January 14, 2024 –  
March 10, 2025)**

**February 2025:**

- 12th: Student Count Day / Pajama Day
- 13th: Family University - Family Field Day - Handling Your Emotions During Playtime 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm @ Beech
- 17th - 18th: District Closed - Mid-Winter Break
- 21st: 6th Grade Field Trip DIA
- 26th: Spring Picture Day

**March 2025:**

- 3rd: Read Across America
- 17th - 21st: Book Fair
- 20th: Half Day / PBIS Ice Cream Celebration
- 20th: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 24th - 28th: Spring Break - No Students
- 31st: School Resumes

**April 2025:**

- 9th: Literacy Night
- 11th: End of 3rd Quarter

**Redford Union Junior High School:**

**February 2025:**

- 12th: Student Count Day / 6th Grade Band and Choir Recruitment
- 14th: Valentine's Day Dance
- 17th - 18th: District Closed - Mid-Winter Break
- 27th: Anti-vaping Presentation

**March 2025:**

- 3rd: Read Across America Day
- 13th: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 14th: Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Day
- 24th - 28th: Spring Break - No Students
- 31st: School Resumes

**April 2025:**

- 3rd: Science Fair
- 4th: Tools for School Truck

**Redford Union High School:**

**February 2025:**

- 12th: Student Count Day
- 17th - 18th: District Closed - Mid-Winter Break

**March 2025:**

- 12th: Parent/Teacher Conferences (10:40 AM Dismissal)
  - Session 1: 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM
  - Session 2: 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
- 24th - 28th: Spring Break - No Students
- 31st: School Resumes



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**Keeler Day Treatment Programs:**

**February 2025:**

12th: Student Count Day

**March 2025:**

24th - 28th: Spring Break - No Students

31st: School Resumes

**Veritas Alternative Education Program:**

**February 2025:**

12th: Student Count Day

17th & 18th: District Closed - Mid-Winter Break

**March 2025**

6th: PAC Party (Passing All Classes)

13th: Parent/Teacher Conference

24th - 28th: Spring Break - No Students

31st: School Resumes

**April 2025:**

9th: SAT and PSAT required testing

10th: ACT WorkKeys required testing

**Communication Received by the Board Secretary:**

None.

**Communication  
Received by the  
Board Secretary  
LaKeya Martin**

**Chief Financial Officer's Communications:**

Worker's Compensation Claim Settlement

**Chief Financial Officer's  
Communications,  
Mike Beltinck**

Today Mike Beltinck, CFO shared information regarding the potential settlement on a worker's comp settlement that they have been working with our outside counsel and our workers comp company ASU group dates back to 2017. There were some claims on the plaintiff by MESA. MESA had agreed to weigh most of those costs down, which made the settlement much more palatable for the District as well and it allowed the District to keep their settlement down.

Questions were reserved until the Board discussion section of the agenda.

**Executive Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations Communication:**

None.

**Executive Director of  
Human Resources and  
Labor Relations  
Communication,  
Judy Nachman**

**Executive Director of Curriculum & Technology Communications:**

None.

**Executive Director of  
Curriculum &  
Technology,  
Kim Crenshaw**

**Future Workshop Topics**

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Workshop  
Topics**

- A. Portrait of a Graduate Development Session (February)
- B. District Code of Conduct Revision Update (February)
- C. Appointment of Committee for New BOE Member Onboarding (February)
- D. Potential Renewal of Existing Mobile Tower (February)
- E. Board Governance Revisited (March)
- F. TeachTown Experience (March)
- G. Other Topics

Career Tech Programs were added to the list of future workshop topics.

There were questions about TeachTown.

Tamaran Dillard, Executive Director of Student Services explained how the live demonstration will be in March.

**Consent Agenda:**

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It was Moved by Member Osowski, Seconded by Member Miller, to remove:

Item (C) - Total payment of \$1,240,502.61 for checks dated 1/1/2025 – 1/31/2025 from the Consent Agenda.

**Check Register  
1/1/2025 –1/31/2025  
Removed  
from the Consent  
Agenda**

The Board also removed Item (B) – Waived the reading and approved January 28, 2025, Board Workshop Minutes Minutes of Redford Union Board of Education from the Consent Agenda.

**January 28, 2025,  
Board Workshop  
Minutes  
Removed from the  
Consent Agenda**

It was Moved by Member Osowski, Seconded by Member Miller, to approve Consent Agenda as amended.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Waived the reading and approved January 13, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes of Redford Union Board of Education from the Consent Agenda.

**January 13, 2025,  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes**

Approved the electronic transfers for the month of January 2025 in the amount of \$5,140,704.02.

**Electronic Transfers  
for the month of  
January 2025**

Approved NEW HIRES: Certified as listed below:

1. Slavica Vidojevski/RUHS/School Counselor/Effective 1/27/2025
2. Lakyn Browder/Beech Elementary/Teacher/Effective 2/3/2025
3. Mairi Clow/RUHS/English Teacher/Effective 2/3/2025

Approved LEAVE REQUEST as listed below:

1. Sara Harmon/Keeler Center/Educational Assistant/Effective 1/20/2025
2. Aisha Hill/Hilbert/Educational Assistant/Effective 2/3/2025

Approved SEPARATIONS as listed below:

1. Paulette Rancour/RUHS/School Counselor/Retirement/Effective 1/31/2025
2. Hannah Paduchak/Beech/Kindergarten Teacher/Resignation/Effective 1/31/2025

#### **Action Items:**

Special Consideration Non-Consent Agenda Action Item(s):

#### **Action Items:**

#### **2025 Capital Bond Project Election Campaign and Owner's Representative Support**

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It was Moved by Member Osowski, Seconded by Member Martin, that the Redford Union Schools Board of Education at the recommendation of Jasen Witt, Superintendent and Mike Beltinck, Chief Financial Officer approve Plante Moran Realpoint to provide Election Campaign Support and Owner's Representative Support for the 2025 Capital Bond Project, contingent upon voter approval, with the understanding that the Steering Committee for such Project will include designated representatives from the Board of Education and District community

The Board had a discussion.

Some Board members expressed their concerns and desires to have the option to hear from other owner's representatives instead of selecting Plante Moran RealPoint as the District's Owner's Representative for the 2025 Bond Initiative.

Roll Call:

J. Bailey: No, L. Dean: ABS, M. Johnson: Yes, L. Martin: Yes, L. Miller: Yes,  
J. Osowski: Yes, E. Pridemore: Yes

Yes: 5 No: 1 Motion: Carried

### Resolution Calling For Full, Permanent Funding Of Idea

It was Moved by Member Miller, Seconded by Member Osowski, that the Redford Union Schools Board of Education at the recommendation of Jasen Witt, Superintendent adopted the Resolution Calling for Full, Permanent Funding of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

The Board had a discussion.

Roll Call:

J. Bailey: Yes, L. Dean: ABS, M. Johnson: Yes, L. Martin: Yes, L. Miller: Yes,  
J. Osowski: Yes, E. Pridemore: Yes

Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried

### 2025 MASB Board Of Directors Election

It was Moved by Member Osowski, Seconded by Member Miller that the Board of Education, vote for candidate Roderick Means, Three-Year Term to represent Region 8 (Wayne County RESA) school districts as a MASB Board of ~~the~~ Directors.

The candidates were:

- Jason Babbage - Allen Park Public Schools, Wayne County – Page 10
- Dr. Anisha Hannah - Pontiac School District, Oakland County – Page 11
- Paul Kolin - Bloomfield Hills Schools, Oakland County – Page 12
- Roderick Means - Westwood Community School District, Wayne County – Page 13
- Randel Meisner - Fitzgerald Public Schools, Macomb County – Page 14
- Scott Wallace - Fraser Public Schools – Page 15
- Ursula (Wester) Rogers - Romulus Community Schools, Wayne County – Page 16
- Lisa Valerio-Nowc - Clintondale Community Schools, Macomb County – Page 17

The Board had a discussion.

### Resolution Calling For Full, Permanent Funding Of Idea

### 2025 MASB Board Of Directors Election

**Roll Call:**

J. Bailey: Yes, L. Dean: ABS, M. Johnson: Yes, L. Martin: Yes, L. Miller: Yes,  
J. Osowski: Yes, E. Pridemore: Yes

Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried

**Worker's Compensation Claim Settlement**

It was Moved by Member Johnson, Seconded by Member Bailey, that the Board of Education, at the recommendation of Jasen Witt, Superintendent, Judy Nachman, Executive Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations, and Mike Beltinck, Chief Financial Officer approve the outstanding Worker's Compensation Claim for Rebecca Middleton per the settlement terms as presented.

The Board had a discussion.

Some background information was shared with the Board and some of the language was explained. This individual has been out of work since 2017.

Trustee Bailey wanted additional information to have a better view of what was occurring with this matter.

**Roll Call:**

J. Bailey: Yes, L. Dean: ABS, M. Johnson: Yes, L. Martin: Yes, L. Miller: No,

J. Osowski: Yes, E. Pridemore: Yes

Yes: 5 No: 1 Motion: Carried

**Items Removed from the Consent Agenda:**

January 28, 2025, Board Workshop Minutes:

There was a motion on the table. It was moved by Trustee Baily to amend the January 28, 2025 Board Workshop minutes to change the words on page 5 to reflect the following: Trustee Bailey wants the District to invite the people who are responsible to deal with chronic absenteeism to a Board meeting to tell him firsthand what they are doing to deal with the attendance problem. For example: The legislature, RESA, the current officer, prosecutor's office, whomever.

**Worker's Compensation Claim Settlement****Items Removed from the Consent Agenda:**

There was no support, the motion failed. The Board went back to the original minutes to approve the minutes as presented.

It was Moved by Member Johnson, Seconded by Member Osowski, to approve January 25, 2025, Board Workshop Minutes as presented.

Roll Call:

J. Bailey: No, L. Dean: ABS, M. Johnson: Yes, L. Martin: Yes, L. Miller: Yes, J. Osowski: Yes, E. Pridemore: Yes

Yes: 5 No: 1 Motion: Carried

Item C – Total payment of \$1,240,502.61 for checks dated 1/1/2025 – 1/31/2025.

There was a motion on the table to approve the total payment of \$1,240,502.61 for checks dated 1/1/2025 – 1/31/2025. It was moved by Mrs. Member Miller, Seconded by Member Osowski.

There were questions about the athletics funds.

Mike Beltinck provided the Board with an explanation of the athletic items purchased, including the specific funds those items were charged to and the associated account codes.

The Board would like to have a conversation about the budget to get a better mid-level understanding.

Superintendent Witt will put it on the list of discussions.

Roll Call:

J. Bailey: Yes, L. Dean: ABS, M. Johnson: Yes, L. Martin: Yes, L. Miller: Yes, J. Osowski: Yes, E. Pridemore: Yes

Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried

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

Ms. Patricia Clegg, addressed the Board to discuss special need students.

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

**Superintendent's Remark:****Superintendent's  
Remark:**

Communication from Prior Student to BOE

Superintendent Witt wanted to follow up on a matter that was brought to the board's attention or at least three board members who received the communication from a prior student. The email was then brought to Superintendent Witt's attention.

Superintendent Witt did some additional follow up and review, along with other members of his administration team. There was an incident where the student made a serious threat of violence towards others, and did so in a very serious manner, threatened gun violence against students in a particular program within our school. When that matter came to the administration's attention, it was late in the evening. The circumstances did not allow the District to investigate the nature of the threat to determine its potential level of being followed through upon. Therefore, school was canceled in that program the following day. The student was not expelled from the District. The student was subject to a long term suspension. But in addition to the discipline under the school, there was consideration for action by law enforcement and or the prosecutor's office, that, to my knowledge, did not materialize. Following a long term suspension, the student was restored and enrolled within our Virtual Learning Program; the student, in all estimations, did nothing to take advantage of our virtual learning program.

The student was offered an opportunity to re-enroll in the Virtual Learning program. In order to do that, the student was going to have to take some steps for enrollment. The District's Registrar/Enrollment person has contacted the student and communicated directly with the student. Principal Taylor, said he would take the steps immediately upon provision of that proof of residency as a District student to make sure the student was re-enrolled in the Virtual program, but ultimately it will be up to this student, who would have a lot of work ahead of her, to take advantage of that program.

There were questions and answers.

The expectation will be made clear to the student and also the support the student may need will be provided.

Trustee Martin expressed her concerns with the Open Meetings Act with emails.

President Pridemore explained that because they were not asking member to make a decision, they were sharing information on the process. However, she reiterated that the Board should not have back and forth, reply all conversations via emails. She also encouraged the members to send their questions to Superintendent Witt.

**Board of Education Communication/Discussion:****Board of Education  
Communication/  
Discussion**

President Pridemore shared that there are two marching bands/majorette/Color Guard, and choir fundraisers coming up. She will send the information to Jackie Warren to send out and that is : Support my Fundraiser - you could buy popcorn and other items. Also, they would like to raise some money for majorette uniforms and Color Guard uniforms.

There is a marching band fundraiser on Wednesday, February 12th, at Buffalo Wild Wings on Six Mile. She will send that to Jackie too. With this one you have to have a little thing that says you are there supporting them.

The Board should have received an email from Mike Latvis, Wayne RESA, inviting them to the February 20, 2025 Wayne County Association of School Board Meeting. This will be a networking meet and greet meeting. There will be a legislative update from Mike, but there are a lot of new board members out there and those who were just recently elected, and we felt as an executive board that we wanted something relaxed, something where they could just start to know other people in the county. He has asked for an RSVP so we could plan for food.

Trustee Osowski mentioned that the District is hosting District Basketball games.

The first game for the boys will be February 24th or the 26<sup>th</sup>. It is not known yet, because there is a chance they could actually receive a buy from the first round of games, because there are six teams. The girls district opener will start the following week.

Secretary Martin asked for the calendar updates on the upcoming games. She also mentioned that she encourages parent to call legislators to support global funding for IDEA.

President Pridemore reiterated that the District have officially been requested, by way, Michigan Association of School Boards to host the April 2025 awards dinner. It will be the night of April 24 in our beautiful new Multi-Purpose room at the Secondary Campus. She asked principal Mike Taylor and Jackie Warren for assistance. She is waiting to hear from MASB as to what they need from us. It is a wonderful opportunity for the District to showcase what we have done, and to showcase some of our students, to talk about some of our programs. It will be a catered dinner. We will have to determine the ticket price. There is a whole bunch of work to be done in a very short time frame.

Trustee Bailey asked if there was any other alternative than a virtual program for the student. His reason for asking was due to some people are comfortable working without restrictions, like in a virtual setting, and other people, like her, sound like they cannot function.



Superintendent Witt reiterated that the student's request was for placement in the virtual program, and he made it clear to other individuals, including this particular student, when they were first enrolled in the program and her parents, that our virtual program offered significant offered opportunities for in person support, and that, as far as I was concerned, our teachers within the program are on site each day, and while it is not typical for students to come here each and every day for that support, that that opportunity was certainly available to her.

Trustee Bailey requested that the Board get clarification from the Board's attorney as to what their board members can observe district practices.

Secretary Martin shared that she did have an opportunity, and she will be reaching out to Superintendent Witt to get a school visit to walk the hallway, to get a feel of it, the culture, and that community. And you might be able to talk to the principals.

President Pridemore mentioned that there is a process for school visits. It needs to go through the superintendent and the building administrators, out of respect to not just show up in their buildings. The Board had conversations about this multiple times, and board governance, which the Board will be working on in March.

#### **Future Meeting Dates:**

#### **Future Meeting Dates**

Tuesday, February 25, 2025, Board Workshop – 5:30 PM  
MacGowan School (District Meeting Room), 18255 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI 48240,  
(Door #3)

Monday, March 10, 2025, Regular Meeting – 5:30 PM  
MacGowan School (District Meeting Room), 18255 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI 48240,  
(Door #3)

Tuesday, March 25, 2025, Board Workshop – 5:30 PM  
MacGowan School (District Meeting Room), 18255 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI 48240,  
(Door #3)

**Adjournment:**

It was Moved by Member Osowski , Seconded by Member Martin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried

**Adjournment**

Respectfully Submitted

LaKeya Martin  
Secretary  
Redford Union Schools  
Board of Education