

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1
June 23, 2025

A Special Board Meeting was held on June 23, 2025, at MacGowan (District Meeting Room) 18255 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI 48240.

Special
Meeting
6/23/2025

Call to Order:

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President Pridemore called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

Roll Call

Roll Call

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

Absent: None.

President Remarks:

President's Remarks

President Pridemore welcomed everyone and asked that everyone please place their cell phones on silent.

Adoption of Agenda:

**Adoption of
Agenda as Amended**

It was moved by Member Osowski, seconded by Member Martin, to adopt the Agenda of June 23, 2025, Special Meeting as presented.

Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Call to the Audience for Public Participation Regarding Agenda Items:

None.

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Public Participation
Regarding Agenda Items**

Communications Received by the Board Secretary:

None.

**Communications
Received by the Board
Secretary**

Action Items:

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

Action Items**2024/2025 Final Amended Budget**

Move by Member Martin, Seconded by Member Osowski, that the Board of Education, at the recommendation of Maria Gisting, Interim Chief Financial Officer and Jasen Witt, Superintendent approve the 2024/2025 Final Amended Budget as presented.

2024/2025 Final Amended Budget

ROLL CALL

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

Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

2025/2026 Projected Budget

Move by Member Bailey, Seconded by Member Martin, that the Board of Education, at the recommendation Maria Gisting, Interim Chief Financial Officer and Jasen Witt, Superintendent approve the 2025/2026 Projected Budget as presented.

2025/2026 Projected Budget

There were questions and answers.

Superintendent Witt stated that they have no plans to reduce the school resource officer. They talked about overall reducing school security by \$300,000. He stated that tomorrow Superintendent Witt and Miles Tomasaitis, Director of Buildings, Grounds, Transportation and Security will be meeting with the District's Security Company to talk about the allocation of dollars that the District has to work with for the coming year, and then they are going to work with the company to develop a plan to fit within that budget.

Another additional reason for the decline is this year the District had carryover money and the 31 AA grant, which is used for security that they will not have in 2025/2026.

The District will make sure they produce a plan that meets the needs of the students and staff at each building with a priority being on security during the school day and looking and they believe, based on some discussions, that that is achievable within the budget.

The Board shared their concerns about other budget items.

The discussion ensued. Questions were asked and answered.

ROLL CALL

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

Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

State Aid Note (San) Borrowing Resolution

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Move by Member Bailey, Seconded by Member Johnson, that the Board of Education, at the recommendation of Maria Gisting, Interim Chief Financial Officer and Jasen Witt, Superintendent, approve the State Aid Note (SAN) Borrowing Resolution authorizing August 2025 borrowing through the Michigan Finance Authority (FMA) in an amount not to exceed \$8.0 million as presented.

There were questions and answers.

Maria Gisting explained the borrowing is to meet cash flow needs and mentions the interest rate will be determined by the State Aid Note pool. The District's fiscal year runs from July to June, and the State Aid funding starts in October, causing cash flow deficits in January.

Superintendent Witt emphasized the importance of maintaining a balanced budget and the need for the borrowing to ensure smooth district operations.

The discussion ensued. Additional questions were asked and answers.

ROLL CALL

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

Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Portrait Of A Graduate

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Move by Member Martin, Seconded by Member Osowski, that the Board of Education, at the recommendation Jasen Witt, Superintendent approve the Portrait of a Graduate as presented.

There were questions and answers.

The document the Board received in their packet reflected the key characteristics, which is a starting point, overview of a highest level document. Within this, there will

be more work that takes place to further develop each of those areas, and there are a lot of different things that can be done.

Superintendent Witt shared an activity that he thought about regarding earning an empathy badge adding to the student's transcript.

The discussion ensued.

ROLL CALL

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

Yes: 6 No: 1 Motion: Carried

Call To The Audience: Public Participation Regarding Non-Agenda Items:

None.

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Board Of Education Communication/Discussion:

Trustee Osowski mentioned the Golf Outing.

Trustee Bailey asked Kim Crenshaw, Executive Director of Curriculum and Technology if she could show him how she calculated the number for the rebates for both last year and this year.

Trustee Bailey requested a Forensic Audit. He expressed his reasons for the request.

President Pridemore said she would bring a resolution to the board in July, and let the Board speak. If it is the will of this Board to do that, then we will do it. If it is not the will of this board, then she thinks he needs to accept that.

The discussion ensued.

Board Of Education Communication/ Discussion

Adjournment:

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM without a motion.

Respectfully Submitted

Lorna Dean
Secretary
Redford Union Schools
Board of Education