

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION
 REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1
 May 8, 2017

Regular Meeting
5/8/2017

A Regular meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held May 8, 2017, 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, Doby, Graham, Gubachy, Kurland, Pridemore
 Absent: Isabell

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 place their cell phones on silent or vibrate.

President's Remarks

Supt. Shivers thanked staff members and members of the community that gave up their Saturday to attend the Strategic Planning Year One Review meeting on Saturday, April 29, and she also thanked the people that went to the high school to participate in the Color Run for Autism directly after the Strategic meeting.

Superintendent
Remarks

Supt Shivers said she had the opportunity to watch the high school student's performance of "Ain't Misbehavin" on Sunday, May 7th and it was phenomenal. She thanked everyone that was able to come out over the weekend to support RU.

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Caloia to adopt the agenda of May 8, 2017, Regular Board Meeting as presented. Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carries

Adoption of
Agenda

None.

Board Secretary
Communications

Assistant Supt of Business Services Greg McIntyre said he wanted to circle back and talk about the Winston Property again. The Winston property is still titled to Redford Union Schools, but Detroit Public Schools (DPS) has been leasing the property to New Genesis Baptist Church. The church entered into an agreement with DPS on May 5, 2007, and they have been renting at a rate of \$3,200 a month for 119 months.

Asst. Supt. of Business
Services
Winston Property

Assistant Supt McIntyre asked the board for direction. He asked how the board would like for him to proceed.

The board agreed to have an appraisal, to find out what the potential legal fees may be, and to ask the church if they want to rent from RU District.

President Kurland said the appraisal should be done in between now and the Special Board meeting scheduled for June 1, 2017. At that time, they will have more information, and they will have another discussion on this matter.

There were other questions, answers, and comments.

None

Administrative
Committee Reports

Consent Agenda

- Waive the reading and approve April 10, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education, as amended.
- Waive the reading and approve April 24, 2017, Special Meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education, as presented.
- Waive the reading and approve April 29, 2017, Special Meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education, as presented.
- Approve the payment of \$1,208,256.99 for checks dated 4/3/2017 to 4/28/2017.
- Approve the electronic transfers for the month of April 2017 in the amount of \$2,365,550.22.

Regular minutes of
April 10, 2017,
Meeting as amended
Special minutes of
April 24, 2017
Meeting as presented
Special minutes of
April 29, 2017
Meeting as presented
Disposition of Checks
April 28, 2017
Electronic Transfers
April 2017

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as amended:

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

Superintendent Shivers gave a PowerPoint presentation on the district's instructional leadership team going to China in about a month-and-a-half.

Academic Highlights

There were questions, answers, and comments.

Instructional
Leadership Team
Presentation

Supt Shivers presented the Board with a PowerPoint Presentation of the Technology Demonstration Classroom. She started with a little background of part of the recommendation that came out of the Technology Taskforce which started in November 2016. She said there are two main purposes of the demonstration classrooms: 1) Try before they buy key technology, software, and hardware across the district. 2) Teachers that applied will showcase usability, functionality, feasibility, the application and the overall performance of technology before purchase.

Technology
Demonstration
Classroom
Presentation

Action Items

MOVED by Gubachy, seconded by Doby, that the Board of Education, at the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Sarena Shivers, approve the nomination of Ms. Linda MacClinton as the representative of Redford Union for the Parent Advisory Committee.

Parent Advisory
Committee

Ms. La Pointe, Director of Beck Center, said Ms. MacClinton had planned to attend but something happened, and she was not able to come.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carries

MOVED by Pridemore, seconded by Caloia that the Board of Education, at the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Sarena Shivers, approve the Wayne-Westland Cooperative Education Program Agreement for the 2017-2018 school year.

Wayne -Westland
Cooperative Education
Program Agreement

Supt Shivers provided the board with information regarding the Wayne-Westland Cooperative Education Program.

There were questions, answers, and comments.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carries

MOVED by Gubachy, seconded by Graham that the Board of Education, at the recommendation of Assistant Supt McIntyre, approve the Food Service Spending Plan for the 2016-2017 school year.

Food Service Spending
Plan

Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carries

Regular Board Meeting: 5/8/17

Supt Shivers said that there would be a need to have any board meeting this month. She said one topic in particular that she does not want to wait until June is Mark Booth. Mr. Booth has been in the district doing their Special Education Review. He met with the full team on May 5th, and he would like an opportunity to address the board along with Ms. La Pointe.

Superintendent's
Communication

She said that they are in the process of beginning the RFP process for the Technology support and if there needs to be the first read and a second read or an opportunity for the board to ask questions and for them to go back and gather more information before it is finalized she certainly wouldn't want to wait until June. Especially because she will not be at the July Board Meeting because she will be in China. Supt Shivers said one option would be to wait until after Memorial Day and do another meeting at the end of this month. Or they could do two meeting in the month of June.

She also needs to bring in front of the board the Strategic Plan recommendation from Ms. Stair (MASB). She said the leadership team would be looking at them on Wednesday, May 10th when they meet in their monthly Leadership Team Meeting. She said that they would also be bringing in front of the Board some recommendations for year two of their Strategic Plan. They also have the naming request that needs to be heard as well.

Supt Shivers said she would like to hear from the board on perhaps when they could have another meeting.

Trustee Caloia said things that are normal business should be taken care of at the board's regular meetings. She does not like having a special board meeting where they are conducting normal business. She does not feel like they are transparent. She feels like they have a special board meeting to maybe slip something through which they are not. However, she does not want it to appear that way.

The board decided on May 23, 2017, as the Special Meeting at 6:00 PM.

Supt Shivers said she would send the board a confirmation after she makes sure it will work for Mr. Booth and Ms. La Pointe. She will figure out what else needs to go on the Agenda.

President Kurland asked the board if they would be ok with having the proposal for the Alumni on May 23rd. The renaming proposal. She said that their request is to make a decision as soon as possible (by the end of the year).

The board agreed to have the Alumni proposal at the regular meeting.

None.

Call to the Audience
on Agenda Items

Treasure Pridemore said that she too had the privilege of attending the Spring Musical and she said that it was one of the best that the district had done. She was impressed by what she saw.

Board of Education
Communication/
Discussion

May 17th is the Band/Choir Concert.

May 18th Drive 4UR School at the High School, 2-7PM. Test drive a car, and the Blue and Gold will get \$20 per test drive.

President Kurland said that the board needs to be training on the New Superintendent Evaluation Tool. Supt Shivers gave her the dates that are available from MASB.

The board agreed to have the Superintendent Evaluation Training on June 1st at 5:30 PM.

Tuesday, May 23, 2017 – Special Meeting at 6:00 PM
Board of Education Administrative Offices, 17715 Brady Street, Redford MI 48240

Future Meetings
Dates

Thursday, June 1, 2017 – Regular (BOE MASB Workshop) Meeting at 5:30 PM
Board of Education Administrative Offices, 17715 Brady Street, Redford MI 48240

Monday, June 12, 2017 – Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM
Board of Education Administrative Offices, 17715 Brady Street, Redford MI 48240

MOVED by Caloia, seconded by Doby to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM.
Total: Yes: 6 No: 0. Motion: Carries.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia J. Isabell,
Secretary
Redford Union Schools Board of Education