

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1
February 28, 2022

Special Meeting
2/28/2022

A Special meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held on February 28, 2022, at the Redford Union Board of Education Administrative Offices (Board Room), 17715 Brady St., Redford, MI 48240.

President Pridemore called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Roll Call

Present: Bailey, Gubachy, Kick, McKee, Osowski, and Pridemore

Absent: Gray

President Pridemore asked that everyone please place all cell phones on silent.

President's
Remarks

Superintendent Witt

Superintendent'
Remarks

Call to the Audience:

None.

Call to the
Audience: Public
Participation
Regarding Special
Meeting

It was moved by Member Osowski, seconded by Member McKee, to adopt the agenda of February 28, 2022, Special Board Meeting as amended.

Adoption of
Agenda as
Presented

The Board had a discussion.

Trustee Kick requested that Action Item # 5 be removed from the Agenda due to redundancy.

His request was agreed by Member Osowski.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried as amended

Action Items:

2021 Capital Bond Project Award of Bid(s) – Bid Package #1:

It was moved by Member Gubachy, supported by Member Osowski, that the Board of Education, at the recommendation of Jasen Witt, Superintendent, and the Redford Union Schools' Bond Team, approve the firms listed in the Christman Company recommendation letter previously provided to the Board of Education and dated February 22, 2022, for contract award as the lowest responsible bidders for Bid Package #1 (Keeler Renovations, Beech Renovations, and Transportation Parking Lot.) This award recommendation includes the following:

Hard Construction: \$5,497,015

CM Fees: \$655,768

Contingency: \$412,276

Total: \$6,565,059

This recommendation will be funded out of available 2021 Capital Bond Project proceeds and other permissible funding sources, including but not limited to, ESSER funding. The work is scheduled to start in June 2022 and to be substantially complete **in on** or before September 2022.

The Board had a discussion.

Trustee Kick said that he reviewed the numbers and per his calculations there was a difference of \$9,000 in the Variance. He had a question on Friday which had been resolved somewhat. He had concerns about the way it was presented. He requested that the numbers that the Board get come from Mike Beltinck, Chief Financial Officer and not from the Contract Managers or Plante Moran Cresa.

The discussion ensued.

Lamberto Smigliani, from Plante Moran Cresa agreed with Trustee Kick's process. Their due process going forward would be to have the collection forms available and sit down with CFO Beltinck and make sure the numbers work and are correct before they are provided to the Board.

Mr. Lamberto presented the presentation.

Electrical Bids are due on March 10, 2022. Preliminary numbers will be shared at the March 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

There were questions and answers.

Action Items

2021 Capital Bond
Project Award of
Bid(s) – Bid
Package #1

Sample display boards of colors, wall material, flooring, etc., were shown to the Board. The sample boards are setup for view in the Keeler Bond Room.

ROLL CALL:

J. Bailey: Yes, R. Gray: ABS, L. Gubachy: Yes, Kick: Yes, S. McKee: Yes
J. Osowski: Yes, E. Pridemore: Yes

Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Resolution Authorizing Request for Development of the Bulman Property:

It was moved by Member Kick, supported by Member Osowski, that the Board of Education, that the Board of Education, at the recommendation of Jasen Witt, Superintendent, authorizes representatives for the District as designated by the Superintendent to move forward with the Request for Development process for the potential redevelopment of the Bulman Property with the understanding any such redevelopment would be subject to future review, discussion, and consideration by the Board of Education.

Resolution Authorizing
Request for
Development of the
Bulman Property

ROLL CALL:

J. Bailey: No, R. Gray: ABS, L. Gubachy: Yes, Kick: Yes, S. McKee: Yes
J. Osowski: Yes, E. Pridemore: Yes

Yes: 5 No: 1 Motion: Carried

Recording of Board Meetings by the Public – Board Policy – First Reading:

It was moved by Member Kick, supported by Member McKee, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the following policy relative to the recording of board meetings by members of the public, while seated in the area provided for the general public: Pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act 15.263 section 3 Paragraph (1) the board recognizes the right of the public to attend and record (or broadcast) open meetings of the board such that it doesn't cause any disruption of the meeting. In support of this right, any form of video recording (video tape recording or digital recording), audio recording (tape recording or digital recording), live broadcast or live telecast of board meetings will be limited to any handheld device that can be used, by the public, while seated or standing in that appropriate and designated area for the general public. This notification will be published along with the agenda and signage will be posted at the meeting location entrance.

Recording of Board
Meetings by the Public –
Board Policy – First
Reading

The Board had a discussion.

There were questions and answers.

Action Items 3 and 4 were two different policies and should have been titled differently. (Reminder: Action Item # 5 was removed earlier in the meeting.)

The function of Action Item # 3 was to designate how the recordings can be done.

The function of Action Item #4 was what equipment can be used to record Board Meetings.

Secretary Gubachy expressed how the Board has always ran their meeting. She said that the purpose of this special meeting was characterized as a Bond Meeting to approve the Bids and no mention was made to the Board Policy until the posting on Friday, February 25 2022. She believes these items deserve a hearing at a regular meeting and not slid into a special meeting off schedule.

Trustee Kick said that he preferred not to table the item but if it was the will of the Board, it could be tabled.

Secretary Gubachy made a motion to table Action Items 3, 4 & 6 until the March 14, 2022 Regular Meeting.

There was no Second to the Motion. The Motion Failed.

ROLL CALL:

J. Bailey: No, R. Gray: ABS, L. Gubachy: No, Kick: Yes, S. McKee: Yes, J. Osowski: Yes, E. Pridemore: Yes

Yes: 4 No: 2 Motion: Carried

Recording of Board Meetings by the Public – Board Policy – First Reading:
Moved by Member McKee, Seconded by Member Kick, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the following policy relative to the recording of board meetings by members of the public, while seated in the area provided for the general public: Pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act 15.263 section 3 Paragraph (1) the board recognizes the right of the public to attend and record (or broadcast) open meetings of the board such that it doesn't cause any disruption of the meeting. In support of this right, any form of video recording (video tape recording or digital recording), audio recording (tape recording or digital recording), live broadcast or live telecast of board meetings that will require the uses of a camera or microphone mount (tripod, stand, boom, etc.) must be authorized by the Facilities Administrator prior to the start of the meeting to allow for sufficient time to erect the structure without disrupting the meeting. This notification will be published along with the agenda and signage will be posted at the meeting location entrance.

Recording of Board
Meetings by the Public –
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Reading

Superintendent Witt said that the titles of the Recordings of Board Meetings Policies would be modified when the Action Items are brought back to the Board for the Second Reading. The Second Readings would be at the April 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Trustee Kick expressed his concern about Trustee Bailey's tripod being a safety hazard when it is set up in the general public area and when it is not being manned. Both he and Trustee McKee stated that they almost tripped over it at the last meeting.

ROLL CALL:

J. Bailey: No, R. Gray: ABS, L. Gubachy: No, Kick: Yes, S. McKee: Yes,
J. Osowski: Yes, E. Pridemore: Yes

Yes: 4 No: 2 Motion: Carried

~~The following Action Item #5 was removed from the Agenda due to redundancy. Recording of Board Meetings by the Public – Board Policy – First Reading Moved by Member _____, Seconded by Member _____, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the following policy relative to the recording of board meetings by members of the public, while seated in the area provided for the general public: Pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act 15.263 section 3 Paragraph (1) the board recognizes the right of the public to attend and record (or broadcast) open meetings of the board such that it doesn't cause any disruption of the meeting. In support of this right, any form of video recording (video tape recording or digital recording), audio recording (tape recording or digital recording), live broadcast or live telecast of board meetings that will require the uses of additional lighting will not be allowed during the meeting. It will however be permitted before the meeting starts and when the meeting has concluded. Lighting mounts. This notification will be published along with the agenda and signage will be posted at the meeting location entrance.~~

Action Item #5 was removed from the Agenda due to redundancy.

Due to the removal of the original Action Item #5 the following Action Item # 6 will now become Action Item # 5.

Resolution of the Board of Education of the Redford Union School District for Censure of School Board Trustee Jim Bailey:
Moved by Member Kick, Seconded by Member McKee, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the Resolution of the Board of Education of the Redford Union School District for Censure of School Board Trustee Jim Bailey.

Resolution of the Board
of Education of the
Redford Union School
District for Censure of
School Board Trustee Jim
Bailey

The Board had a discussion.

Secretary Gubachy stated that it has always been this Boards practice this meeting was charized as a Bond Meeting to approve outstanding Bids. No mention was made about Board policy or this item until the posting on February 25, 2025. She believes this item deserve a hearing at a regular meeting not slid into a special off scheduled meeting.

ROLL CALL:

J. Bailey: No, R. Gray: ABS, L. Gubachy: No, Kick: Yes, S. McKee: Yes
J. Osowski: Yes, E. Pridemore: Yes

Yes: 4 No: 2 Motion: Carried

Board of Education Communication/Discussion

Board of Education
Communication/
Discussion

There were questions and answers regarding the process of the Public Bid Opening.

Superintendent Witt said that there is no Public Bid Opening process anywhere that he is aware of where the members of the Board is noticed separately, but if that is something that Trustee Bailey wanted it could be considered and discussed going forward.

Trustee Bailey requested a centralized calendar of District events.

Superintendent Witt said that he would have an internal discussions about a centralized event calendar.

Trustee Bailey asked about the head of Human Resources/position and the multiple roles that Superintendent Witt hold.

President Pridemore said Trustee Kick wrote the Censure that was presented at tonight's meeting with her feedback and input. Both Trustee Kick and President Pridemore drafted the Policies that was brought to the Board. The policies were not sent to the District Attorney. Superintendent Witt provided feedback on the policies.

Redford Union Schools Hall of Fame will be held on April 30, 2022, 4:00 PM at Burton Manor.

The Donkey Basketball may be held next year.

Future Meeting Dates (scheduled at this time):

Future Meeting
Dates

Monday, March 14, 2022 – Regular Meeting – 5:00 PM
Board of Education Administrative Offices (Gymnasium), 17715 Brady St., Redford,
MI 48240

Monday, March 14, 2022 – Board Workshop (2021 Capital Bond Project) –
Immediately following the Regular Board Meeting – Board of Education
Administrative Offices (Board Room), 17715 Brady St., Redford, MI 48240

It was moved by Member Osowski, seconded by Member McKee, to adjourn the
meeting at 6:51 PM.

Adjournment

Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Gubachy
Secretary
Redford Union Schools
Board of Education