

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1
June 14, 2022

AMENDED 7/11/2022

Regular Meeting
6/14/2022

A Regular meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held on June 14, 2022, at the Redford Union High School, 17711 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI 48240.

President Pridemore called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Pridemore

President's Remarks

President Pridemore welcomed everyone for attending, asked that everyone please place their cell phones on silent. She welcomed everyone and stated that the retirees are valued.

It was moved by Member Osowski, seconded by Member Gray, to adopt the Agenda of June 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Adoption of
Agenda as presented

Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Call to the Audience for Public Participation Regarding Agenda Items:

Call to the Audience:
Public Participation
Regarding Agenda Items

None.

Presentations:

Presentations

June 2022, Retirees Recognition – Jasen Witt, Superintendent

The Retirees PowerPoint Presentation for the school years 2021 and 2022 was shown. Superintendent Witt announced each retiree by name and their years of service and presented each of them with a retirement gift bag which included an apple/engraved base. The retiree's administrator and or colleague shared a brief acknowledgement and recognized some of the contributions they have made to the district. The retirees were given a tribute from State Representative Mary Cavanagh.

Name	Position	Building	Retirement Date	Years of Service
Jill Barrett	Special Ed. Liaison/Teacher	Hilbert	06/30/22	33
Robin Klus	Secretary	RUHS	06/30/22	13
Carol LaPointe-Zastrow	Director of Student Services	Beck Center	07/31/22	49
Colleen Lowney	Registrar	Keeler	05/27/22	23
Joan Mollon	Hearing Consultant	Beck Center	06/30/22	19.5
Ann Mullins	Academic Teaching Assistant	MacGowan	06/30/22	26
Cliff Neal	Alternative Ed. Specialist	Keeler Veritas	06/30/22	33
Kelly Paquette	Teacher Kindergarten	MacGowan	06/30/22	33
Virginia Perpich	Teacher EDT	Stuckey Center	06/30/22	27
Marcie Rahill	Teacher ADT	Stuckey Center	06/30/22	16
Becky Skikiewicz	Secretary Student Services	Beck Center	09/30/22	39.5

The retirees were congratulated with a round of applause.

There was a motion to take a brief recess.

Meeting Recess

Moved by Member Osowski and Second by Member Gray, at 6:26 PM

The Board returned at 6:40 PM.

June 2022, Board Brag Book – Jasen Witt, Superintendent

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Summer School will be June 20, 2022, through July 28, 2022.

The following were recognized:

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MacGowan Elementary School –

- As part of their alphabet countdown for “W” Day, they celebrated their custodian Will.
- The students had a butterfly release, learned how to draw butterflies, and listened to a book about butterflies.
- The students were engaged with learning about chicks and went on a nature walk.

Beech Elementary School –

- They had a parent and student evening event where over 50 families come in and did a paint pour activity.
- They had a 5th grade concert
- Field Day **Dun Fun!**
- The 5th graders had an end of year trip to the roller rink.
- The students and staff had an end of year BBQ.

Hilbert Middle School –

- Student Emma Evans, 8th grader artwork was recognized.

The Superintendent will reach out to Hilbert to see if we could get the artwork to display at the new location of the Administration Offices.

Redford Union High School –

- The Underclassmen Honors Convocation was held on Thursday, June 2, 2022, to honor over 120 students for their academic achievement throughout the 2021-2022 school year. The honorees were joined by their friends and family in the auditorium. The Commencement Ceremony was held on June 1, 2022. Jacob Yousif, Valedictorian, Samuel Belanger, Salutatorian and Kaiden Tolbert, Featured Student Speaker were recognized in the Board Brag Book.

The Commencement video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGHNY6PKMrs>

Congratulations to the 2022 Graduates. A special thank you to everyone that participated in making the commencement ceremony a success.

Stuckey Day Treatment Programs –

- Students’ artwork was recognized in the Board Brag Book.

Beck Center / DHH Program –

- On May 31, 2022, DHH had their annual family/graduation picnic at MacGowan with their graduates (8th, JHS, and returning to home district.) Another of their students, Sreja Vallem, who attended the Center Program and returned to her home district has been accepted to one of the top Schools of Art in the U.S./Carnegie Mellon School of Art. RUOPDHH provides technical center (TC) services for students who enter the Center Program or continue to attend school in their local districts.
- An essay written by Samantha Provenzano, one of their students who has had a Teacher Consultant and Audiologist from the program for her K-12 school supports. Samantha’s essay was for the Deborah Love Peel – Scholarship for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing – February 27, 2022. The essay is titled “Pay It Forward.” Essay: https://www.redfordu.k12.mi.us/downloads/beck/story_of_smantha_provenzano_-_dhh_program.pdf

Redford Union Schools, Athletics, Building, Grounds and Transportation –

- Congratulation to the B&G Track Team. They placed 3rd place in the MHSAA Track Regional event which was possibly the highest finish by the RU Boys in the last 15 years. Also, the 4x100 Meter Relay team from both teams qualifying for the State Championship meet is also a great accomplishment.
- The RUSD has been a loyal partner of the Redford Goodfellows for several years. The group’s purpose of “no child without a Christmas” and their support of our community is certainly worthwhile. As part of Redford Union Schools’ support, we have given space for storage and distribution of gifts and foodstuffs. Due to the Bond Project we needed to find temporary storage for the many items they had stored at Keeler.
- Two of our Bond partners, Christman Company and Plante Moran stepped up to provide us with a temporary solution by leasing a storage pod. Another contractor for the District, Forte Construction, volunteered to provide us with space for the unit.
- On Saturday, May 14th volunteers from Christman, Plante Moran, Giant Janitorial and RUHS Student Council came to Keeler to help move a classroom full of toys and table from the north end of Keeler into the conference room.

- A special thank you to Steve Vaquera (Christman), Lamberto Smigliani (Plante Moran), Biranna Orient (RUHS StuCo), Michael Marsh and Peter Huthwaite (both from Giant) for pitching in and helping the District and Redford Goodfellows.

The Board thanked everyone.

Superintendent Communication:

Superintendent
Communication

Superintendent Witt shared a brief presentation on the 2021 Capital Bond Project Schedule. Construction and the summer projects are well underway. The presentation/information would be shared with the community. The track resurfacing project at Hilbert will begin on June 17, 2022, if weather permits.

The Keeler Administration Offices have moved temporary to the North End of the Keeler building. Signage has been posted directing visitors to the North End of the building with entrance on Brady St.

School will start on August 29, 2022.

There will be another Capital Bond Project update at the Board Workshop following the June 27, 2022, Special Board Meeting.

The Hilbert track project will take approximately two weeks if weather permits. Signage will be posted.

Due to the expected heat tomorrow, there will not be any athletic practices.

Communication Received by the Board Secretary:

Secretary of
the Board
Communication

None.

Chief Financial Officer's Communications:

Chief Financial Officer's
Communications,
Mike Beltinck

Mike Beltinck, CFO gave a brief update on the Budget, prep work for the auditors, and the upcoming year.

Assistant
Superintendent of

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Labor Relations Communication:

None.

Human Resources and
Labor Relations
Communication,
Superintendent Jasen
Witt

Executive Director of Curriculum & Technology Communications:

Kim Crenshaw, Executive Director of Curriculum and Technology gave a brief update on the audio equipment. She will email the new quote to the Board. The audio equipment purchase will be on the June 27, 2022, Special Meeting Agenda for consideration by the Board.

Executive Director of
Curriculum &
Technology, Kim
Crenshaw

There were approximately 170 students registered for the elementary summer school program and approximately 70 students registered for the middle summer school program.

Consent Agenda:

It was moved by Member Osowski, seconded by Member Gray, to approve the consent agenda items as presented below:

Consent Agenda
Approved as presented

Waived the reading and approved May 9, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education, as presented.

Regular Meeting
minutes of
May 9, 2022, as
presented

Waived the reading and approved June 6, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education, as presented.

Special Meeting
minutes of
June 6, 2022, as
presented

Approved check register list from May 1-31, 2022, in the amount of \$785,549.22.

Check Register List
May 1-31, 2022

Approved electronic transfers for the month of May 2022 in the amount of \$2,565,383.58.

Electronic Transfers,
May 2022

Human Resources Recommendations:

Approve NEW HIRE: Non-Certified as listed below:

1. Kimberly Brooks/Educational Assistant/Hilbert/Effective 5/31/22

Approve TRANSFER as listed below:

1. Sara Nolan/Academic Teaching Assistant/MacGowan to Secretary/RUHS/Secretary/Effective 6/1/22

Approve NON-RENEWAL OF CONTRACT as listed below:

1. Nathaniel Lewis/Special Education Teacher/RUHS/Non-Renewal of Contract/Effective 6/30/22

Human Resources
Recommendations
Kimberly Brooks

Sara Nolan

Nathaniel Lewis

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Approve LEAVE REQUEST as listed below:

1. Hans Wojtowicz/Behavioral Specialist/Stuckey Center/Effective 5/16/22
2. Ann Holland/Educational Assistant/Stuckey Center/Effective 5/16/22

Hans Wojtowicz
Ann Holland

Approve SEPARATIONS as listed below:

1. Dustin McMillan/Educational Assistant/Hilbert/Resignation/Effective/5/25/22
2. Andrea Williams/Teacher /Resignation/Effective/5/19/2022

Dustin McMillan
Andrea Williams

Yes: 6 No: 1 Motion: Carried

Action Items:

Action Items

Real Estate and Planning Consultant Services for the Potential Re-Development of the Bulman Property:

Real Estate and
Planning Consultant
Services for the
Potential Re-
Development of the
Bulman Property

Moved by Member Gray, Seconded by Member Osowski, that the Board of Education, at the recommendation of Jasen Witt, Superintendent and Mike Beltinck, CFO approve Jasen Witt, Superintendent to enter into the Real Estate and Planning Consulting Services Agreement for the potential re-development of the Bulman Property with Plante Moran CRESA, as presented. The anticipated cost of these consulting services is \$20,000 and, additionally, it is anticipated that the Request for Development process will include approximately \$8,000 in fees associated with due diligence requirements (title verification, property survey, etc.).

The Board had a discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

J. Bailey: Yes, R. Gray: Yes, L. Gubachy: No, H. Kick: Yes, S. McKee: Yes, J. Osowski: Yes, E. Pridemore: Yes Yes: 6 No: 1 Motion: Motion Carried

2021-2022 Amended Budget:

2021-2022 Amended
Budget

Moved by Member Gray, Seconded by Member Kick, that the Board of Education, at the recommendation of Mike Beltinck, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Jasen Witt, Superintendent, approve the 2021-2022 Amended Budget as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

J. Bailey: Yes, R. Gray: Yes, L. Gubachy: Yes, H. Kick: Yes, S. McKee: Yes, J. Osowski: Yes, E. Pridemore: Yes Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Motion Carried

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2022 Tax Rate (L-4029):

Moved by Member Osowski, Seconded by Member Kick, that the Board of Education, at the recommendation of Mike Beltinck, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Jasen Witt, Superintendent, approve the 2022 Tax Rate (L-4029) as presented.

2022 Tax Rate
(L-4029)

It was noted that the debt was 8.7500 and did not change with the new Bond. The debt remained the same as last year.

Roll Call Vote:

J. Bailey: Yes, R. Gray: Yes, L. Gubachy: Yes, H. Kick: Yes, S. McKee: Yes, J. Osowski: No, E. Pridemore: Yes Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Motion Carried

2022-2023 Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Resolution:

Moved by Member McKee, Seconded by Member Osowski, that the Board of Education, at the recommendation of Miles Tomasaitis, approve the 2022-2023 Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Resolution.

2022-2023 Michigan
High School Athletic
Association (MHSAA)
Resolution

J. Bailey: Yes, R. Gray: Yes, L. Gubachy: Yes, H. Kick: Yes, S. McKee: Yes, J. Osowski: Yes, E. Pridemore: Yes Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Motion Carried

2022-2023 Cooperative Education Program Agreement (Wayne-Westland Community Schools):

Moved by Member Gubachy, Seconded by Member Osowski, that the Board of Education, approve the 2022-2023 Cooperative Education Program Agreement between Wayne-Westland Community Schools and Redford Union Schools.

2022-2023 Cooperative
Education Program
Agreement (Wayne-
Westland Community
Schools)

The Board had a discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

J. Bailey: Yes, R. Gray: Yes, L. Gubachy: Yes, H. Kick: Yes, S. McKee: Yes, J. Osowski: Yes, E. Pridemore: Yes Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Motion Carried

2022-2023 Cooperative Education Program Agreement for Special Education Livonia Transition Program (LTP):

Moved by Member Gubachy, Seconded by Member Osowski, that the Board of Education, approve the 2022-2023 Cooperative Education Program Agreement between Livonia Public Schools (Special Education - Livonia Transition Program) and Redford Union Schools

2022-2023 Cooperative
Education Program
Agreement for Special
Education Livonia
Transition Program (LTP)

Roll Call Vote:

J. Bailey: Yes, R. Gray: Yes, L. Gubachy: Yes, H. Kick: Yes, S. McKee: Yes, J. Osowski: Yes,
E. Pridemore: Yes Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Motion Carried

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda:

None.

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

None.

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Public Participation
Regarding Non-Agenda
Items

Superintendent's Remark:

Superintendent Witt thanked everybody for taking the steps to provide our students with a more normal school year, despite the challenges and new challenges during the 2021-2022 school year.

Superintendent's
Remark:

Board of Education Communication/Discussion:

It was noted that the District lost 312 years of experience through the retirements.

It was shared that June 26, 2022 is the Golf outing and the birthday of Jackie Warren, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education.

Congratulations to Ms. Brittany Samojedny, Band Teacher, Hilbert, and Redford Union High School. She will fill 36 band and attached unit members in the fall of the 2022-2023 school year. The students have been working hard.

Congratulations to Ms. Schianti Jaramillo, Music Teacher, Hilbert, and Redford Union High School (Madrigal Chorale) for doing a wonderful job at the senior graduation and for representing the District well at State.

Board of Education
Communication/
Discussion

Future Meeting Dates:

Future Meeting Dates

Monday, June 27, 2022 – Special Meeting – 5:00 PM
Redford Union High School (Library), 17711 Kinloch, Redford, MI 48240

Monday, June 27, 2022 – Board Workshop (Capital Bond Project) – Immediately Following the Special Meeting, Redford Union High School (Library), 17711 Kinloch, Redford, MI 48240

Monday, July 11, 2022 – Organizational Meeting – 5:00 PM
Redford Union High School (Library), 17711 Kinloch, Redford, MI 48240

Monday, July 11, 2022 – Regular Meeting – Immediately Following the Organizational Meeting Redford Union High School (Library), 17711 Kinloch, Redford, MI 48240

Monday, July 11, 2022 – Board Workshop – Immediately Following the Regular Meeting Redford Union High School (Library), 17711 Kinloch, Redford, MI 48240

The June 27, 2022, Special Meeting would be to bring a recommendation for the 2022-2023 Budget Resolution to the Board for consideration.

Superintendent Witt would bring a recommendation to the Board at the July 11, 2022, Regular Meeting for consideration of having two Regular Board Meetings in the month of ~~July~~ ~~June~~ 2023 to support the approval of the final budget prior to month end.

Trustee McKee expressed her view on approving a budget at a special meeting instead of a regular meeting.

Adjournment:

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Gubachy, seconded by Member Osowski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM.

Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa Gubachy
Secretary
Redford Union Schools
Board of Education