

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1
September 26, 2023

A Special Meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held on September 26, 2023, at MacGowan (District Meeting Room) 18255 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI 48240.

Special Meeting
9/26/2023

Call to Order:

Call to Order

President Pridemore called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Roll Call

Roll Call

Present: Bailey, Dean, Miller, Moores, 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.

President Pridemore reminded the board that since they have 6 members, in order to seek a new board member, they will need 4 votes in that person's favor. They are not obligated to seat someone tonight if they feel like they do not have enough. But for them to keep that they are coming up against October 1st quickly and if they do not know how Wayne RESA would intervene.

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of
Agenda as presented

It was moved by Member Osowski, seconded by Member Dean, to adopt the Agenda of September 26, 2023, Special Meeting as presented.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Call to the Audience for Public Participation Regarding Agenda Items:

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Public Participation
Regarding Agenda Items

None.

Communications Received by the Board Secretary:

Communications
Received by the Board
Secretary

Secretary Dean reminded the board members to check their emails regarding some virtual and in-person educational opportunities through MASB.

Action Items:

Action Items

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

Appointment of New Board Trustee:

Appointment of New
Board Trustee
Kiana Schuster
(Motion Failed)

There was a motion Moved by Member Osowski, Seconded by Member Pridemore, that the Board of Education appoint Kiana Schuster as a new Trustee of the Redford Union Schools Board of Education effective 9/26/2023. The motion stated that Trustee Schuster would fill the position until the November 2024 general election has been held and certified; then, a newly-appointed individual will be sworn in to fill the remainder of the position's term.

The Board had an extensive round of ensuing discussions about the candidate. Additional questions were asked of the candidate and answered.

The Board talked about tabling the appointment. More discussion ensued.

Superintendent Witt stepped out to make a phone call to Wayne RESA for clarification. He spoke with Dr. Colbert who said if a selection were not to be made by October 1st, then the process goes to Wayne RESA. Wayne RESA would post the vacancy and go through their process which is similar to what the Board had done. Wayne RESA would do interviews of anyone who applies, and it would not be limited to the 2 candidates. The candidates would apply to Wayne RESA then the Wayne RESA board would conduct the interviews, make a selection, and appoint a member to the Board.

It was also recommended that the Board members could state their own ranking of where they are based on what they have heard at this point in time between the two applicants. And then that might. Lead them to a spot.

Roll Call:

J. Bailey: No, L. Dean: No, L. Miller: No, T. Moores: No,

J. Osowski: Yes, E. Pridemore: Yes Yes: 2 No: 4 **Motion: Failed**

Appointment of New Board Trustee:

Second Motion
Appointment of New
Board Trustee
LaKeya Martin
(Motion Carried)

There was a second motion Moved by Member Bailey, Seconded by Member Moores, that the Board of Education appoint LaKeya Martin as a new Trustee of the Redford Union Schools Board of Education effective 9/26/2023. The motion stated that Trustee Schuster would fill the position until the November 2024 general election has been held and certified; then, a newly-appointed individual will be sworn in to fill the remainder of the position's term.

The Board had an extensive round of ensuing discussions about the candidate.

Roll Call:

J. Bailey: Yes, L. Dean: Yes, L. Miller: Yes, T. Moores: Yes,
J. Osowski: No, E. Pridemore: No Yes: 4 No: 2 **Motion: Carried**

The Board congratulated Ms. Martin.

The Board took a short recess for Ms. Martin to complete the Acceptance of Office and Oath of Office, which was administered and notarized by Terry Arriola, the District's Notary.

The Board returned to session.

There was a motion to Recess and a motion to Return to Open Session on the Agenda, but the motions were not necessary and were therefore skipped.

Nomination of Vice-President:

Nomination of
Vice-President

There was a motion MOVED BY Member Moores, SECONDED BY Member Bailey TO NOMINATE Member Miller, Motion ACCEPTED

There was a motion to close the nominations for the Office of Vice-President.

MOVED BY Member Bailey, SECONDED BY Member Dean

Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carries

Roll Call Vote relative to Miller for Vice-President:

J. Bailey: Yes, L. Dean: Yes, L. Miller: Yes, T. Moores: Yes, J. Osowski: Yes,
E. Pridemore: Yes, L. Martin: Yes Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

2023 MASB Call for Delegates and Alternates:

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There was a motion Moved by Member Martin, Seconded by Member Bailey, that the Board of Education, approve Bailey as Delegate to represent Redford Union Schools Board of Education. MASB's 2023 Delegate Assembly will begin Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 7 p.m. at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan. Delegates selected by boards of education across the state will decide MASB's positions on a wide variety of issues affecting education.

ROLL CALL

J. Bailey: Yes, L. Dean: Yes, L. Miller: Yes, T. Moores: No, J. Osowski: No,
E. Pridemore: No, L. Martin: Yes Yes: 4 No: 3 Motion: Carried

There was a motion Moved by Member Bailey, Seconded by Member Moores, that the Board of Education, approve Pridemore as Alternate to represent Redford Union Schools Board of Education.

ROLL CALL

J. Bailey: Yes, L. Dean: Yes, L. Miller: Yes, T. Moores: Yes, J. Osowski: Yes
E. Pridemore: Yes, L. Martin: Yes Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

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

None.

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Items

Board Of Education Communication/Discussion:

None.

Board Of Education
Communication/
Discussion

Future Meeting Dates (scheduled at this time):

Future Meeting Dates

Monday, October 9, 2023, Regular Meeting– 5:00 PM
MacGowan School (District Meeting Room), 18255 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI 48240,
(Door #3)

Tuesday, October 24, 2023, Board Workshop – 5:30 PM

Special Meeting: 9/26/2023

MacGowan School (District Meeting Room), 18255 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI 48240,
(Door #3)

Adjournment:

Adjournment

It was Moved By Member Osowski, Seconded By Member Gray to adjourn the
meeting at 7:18 PM.

Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Respectfully Submitted

Lorna Dean
Secretary
Redford Union Schools
Board of Education