

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION

REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1
April 20, 2009

A regular meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held April 20, 2009, at the Redford Union High School, Media Center, 17711 Kinloch, Redford Township, Michigan, 48240. President Gubachy called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Regular Meeting 4/20/09
Call to Order

Present: Brenner, Caloia, Calvert, Gubachy, Isabell, Wierimaa, Wujcik, Miracle

Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pledge of Allegiance

Senator Anderson presented six books in honor of reading month. Gubachy accepted the books that will be donated to the three elementary schools. Senator Anderson thanked the Board for their work and dedication.

Senator Anderson

MOVED by Calvert, seconded by Isabell to move to closed session for the purpose of negotiation discussion. Roll call vote: Brenner-Yes, Caloia-Yes, Calvert-Yes, Gubachy-Yes, Isabell-Yes, Wierimaa-Yes, Wujcik-Yes. Vote total = 7/0. Time 7:35 p.m.

Closed Session

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Calvert to return to open session at 8:16 p.m. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried.

Return to Open Session

President Gubachy spoke to:

President's Remarks

- Thanked everyone for coming out tonight and asked that all phones be turned off or on vibrate.
- There are forms in the back if any audience member would like to speak.
- Regarding the judgment last week, a statement has been prepared and will be released tomorrow.

Superintendent Rhodes spoke to:

Superintendent's Remarks

- Read a statement from a Redford Union Alumni that has established an endowed scholarship for Redford Union graduates entering the University of Michigan. A member of the 2009 graduating class will receive the first annual four year award. One member of further graduating classes will also be awarded the John D. Novak PhD. and Julie A. Novak scholarship. John Novak was a 1957 Redford Union graduate.
- Congratulated the choirs of RUHS for their performances at recent state competition. With superior overall performance ratings in several areas.
- April 21st – 25th is Michigan school support staff week. The Superintendent thanked the custodians, bus drivers, secretaries, administrative assistants and teaching assistants make the wheels go around in the buildings and thanked them for their hands on work that support our students..

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Brenner, to approve the April 20, 2009 agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried.

Adoption of Agenda

Call to the Audience on an agenda item

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Robin Lewandowski, 20555 Centralia, Redford. Parent voiced her concern regarding the teacher contract and lawyer fees. R. Lewandowski

Debbie Miracle, 17422 Delaware, Redford. Parent voiced her concern regarding Brett Steele’s contact. Ms. Miracle read a prepared letter in support of Mr. Steele as the current Athletic Director of Redford Union Schools. D. Miracle

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Wierimaa, to waive the reading and approve the March 9, 2009 regular and closed session, and the March 30, 2009 special meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education, as presented. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried. Review and Approval of Minutes

Susan Featheringill, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the General Fund Budgetary Control report through the end of February for the Deficite Elimination Plan. The State is currently looking at budgets and the District will begin to review the 2008-2009 school year as well as budgets for the 2009-2010 school year. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Communication

Steele proposed adding several new sporting team opportunities for students in high school and middle school. The proposal would create a total of 20 team sports for students, 10 for female students and 10 for male students. The proposal would add 7th and Freshman football and a Varsity male and female bowling teams. The Board asked questions regarding the numbers of current grade levels on football teams now and the transportation costs involved. Steele also explained the creation of a Redford Union Athletic Hall of Fame that will begin in October 2009 during Homecoming week. The cell phone revenue would be used to fund the additional team costs. Wujcik acknowledged the fine athletic programs and the academic achievements of current athletics. Miracle read off current scholastic athletics and their grade point average. Presentation: Brett Steele Athletic Director

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Wierimaa, to approve the Fiscal and Budgetary Services consent agenda items as presented. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried. Fiscal and Budgetary

Approve payment of \$981,963.93 for check numbers 58991 through 59263. Disposition of Checks

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Calvert to approve Business and Operational Services consent agenda as presented: Ayes: All. Motion: Carried

Electronic transfers for the month of March 2009 in the amount of \$2,381,311.39. Electronic Transfers March 2009

MOVED by Caloia, seconded by Isabell to approve the Human Resources consent agenda items as presented. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried. Human Resources

Approve new hires: non-certified, employment, effective date shown:

- Heather Betke/JV Girls/ Softball Coach/3-9-09 H. Betke
- Lori Beyer (Hilbert Teacher)/Hilbert Girl’s Softball Coach/3-23-09 L. Beyer
- Bruce Corner/JV Boys’ Baseball Coach/3-9-09 B. Corner
- Dennis Helmer (Retiree)/Security/RUHS/3-23-09 D. Helmer
- Matthew Kornacki/JV Girls’ Soccer Coach/3-9-09 M. Kornacki
- John Owens/Girls’ Assistant Track Coach/3-9-09 J. Owens
- Phil Patterson/Temp Bus Driver/Transportation/3-30-09 P. Patterson

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- Amy Premo/Part-Time Bus Driver/Transportation/3-30-09 A. Premo
- Dennis Rogowski (RUHS Teacher) Varsity Boys' Baseball Coach/3-9-09 D. Rogowski

Approve health leave for the following effective dates as shown:

- Joey Webb, Teacher/Stuckey/4-13-09 J. Webb
- Rosemary Johnson, Teacher/RUHS/4-22-09 R. Johnson
- Susan Porter, Social Worker/EDT/4-20-09 S. Porter

Approve separations for the following effective dates as shown::

- Ken Campbell, Temp Bus Driver/3-16-09 K. Campbell
- Brenda Machleit, Bus Aide/3-23-09 B. Machieit

Approve contract extension for Brett Steele, Athletic Director, through 6/30/2011. B. Steele

MOVED by Caloia, seconded by Isabell to approve Bulman 5th grade team field trip to Walled Lake Educational Camp. Wednesday, May 6, 2009 through Friday, May 8, 2009. Caloia noted that the chaperone cost was \$75 not \$135 as listed on the field trip document. Educational Services
Bulman 5th grade Camp
May 6 – May 8

MOVED by Wierimaa, seconded by Calvert to wave the second reading of Purchasing Policy #6000. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried. Purchasing Policy 6000

Superintendent reminded that community of the Play "Grease" that will be performed at Hilbert this coming weekend. April 23rd, April 24th, April 25th. Superintendent Comments

The Superintendent congratulated all the student athletes and their accomplishments on and off the field. The District is very proud of all the academic student athletes.

The 5th grade camp from Bulman is a wonderful experience where students get hands on science and a great opportunity.

A citizens committee has been working for the bond election of May 5th. Community members are available with information for those that have questions.

Andy Christopherson, 12821 Nathaline, Redford. Teacher voiced his concerns regarding the MERC decision. Call To The Audience
A. Christopherson

Steve Losey, , Redford. Teacher voiced concerns regarding the MERC decision. S. Losey

Harry Kick, 19480 Negaunee, Redford. Parent voiced his concern regarding the teacher contract and bond proposal. H. Kick

Monday, May 11, 2009 – Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m. Future Meeting Dates
Redford Union High School, Media Center, 17711 Kinloch, Redford.

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Calvert to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Adjournment
Respectfully submitted,

Cozette Calvert, Secretary
Redford Union Board of Education