

REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT #1

May 11, 2009

A regular meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held May 11, 2009, at 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
5/11/2009
Call to Order

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

Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Gubachy spoke to:

- * Thanked everyone for coming out tonight and asked that all phones be turned off or on vibrate.
- * Announced that the Bond had passed and thanked the committee and the community for the support of the projects.
- * There are forms in the back of the room for audience members that would like to address the Board.

President's Remarks

Superintendent Rhodes spoke to:

- * Announced that there are many things to celebrate in the District this month.
- * Thanked the committee and everyone that worked so hard to help pass the Bond proposal for the children in Redford Union.
- * The Madrigals of Redford Union scored a number of "first" places at States in their area and celebrated with a pizza party. This was the first time in fifteen years for a first place rating, they worked very hard and we are very proud of them.
- * The "Bye, Bye, Birdie" play was fabulous at Redford Union High School on opening night. The play will also run the 14th, 15th and 16th and the community is encouraged to attend. Patrick Hanley is the director and it is delightful with a great deal of singing and dancing and appropriate for younger children as well.
- * Preston Tucker a Redford Union High School senior will be playing soccer in Sweden this summer and will go to college on a soccer scholarship. We congratulate Preston, his family, and the Redford Township Soccer Program.
- * We have an exciting presentation from SET-SEG for scholarships to Leadership camp for Redford Union students coming up tonight. Ashley Miracle will accept the scholarships on behalf of the Redford Union Student Council.
- * There are two settled contracts on the agenda tonight for the Board's consideration. The Food Service Management Group and the Food Service Employee Association.

Superintendent's Remarks

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Caloia, to approve the May 11, 2009 agenda as presented: Ayes: All. Motion: Carried.

Adoption of Agenda

Steven Losey, 206 Chestnut Way, Linden. As President of the RUEA questioned

Call to the Audience on an

the recall of Julie Pastula. Mr. Losey also voiced his concerns regarding membership to the Metro Bureau. The Superintendent addressed the concerns of Mr. Losey.

Agenda Item

S. Losey

Tim Brenner, 14373 Dixie, Redford. Parent expressed his concerns regarding the current softball coach and game situations.

T. Brenner

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Caloia, to waive the reading and approve the April 20, 2009 regular and closed session minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education.

Review and Approval
of Minutes

Susan Featheringill, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the General Fund Budgetary Control report through the end of March for the Deficite Elimination Plan. Mrs. Featheringill spoke to the Board regarding the Bond resolution on the agenda so the District can begin to borrow the money. In the resolution the type of sale the District will persue was explained in detail. The District will use the negotiated sale option due to the current market conditions. A timeline of dates were shared with the Board for the process needed to proceed with the Bond proposal. Mrs. Featheringill also informed the Board of the District Benefits Committee recommendations that were included in their packet.

Assistant
Superintendent of
Business Services
Communication

Andy Christopherson and Karen Caprara presented their recommendations for the purchase of new Social Studies textbooks. A new economics class will be added to the curriculum to align with the Michigan Department of Education requirements.

Presentations
Social Studies
Textbooks

Tom Longhway, Account Executive for SET-SEG, presented a check for \$1,250.00 to Ashley Miracle. The funds will be used to pay camp fees so that four students from Redford Union High School can attend at the Leadership camp held the last week in July at Albion College.

SET-SEG Educational
Foundation Leadership
Camp Award

Superintendent Rhodes presented a farwell gift to Ashley Miracle. Ashley was the student presentative to the Board of Education for the 2008-2009 school year.

Student Representative
Ashley Miracle

Caloia requested that the following actions items be removed from the consent agenda:

Action Items Removed
From the Consent Agenda

- XII, B, 2, c Recommendations of the Redford Union Benefits Committee
- XII, B, 3, a New Hires
- XII, B, 3, b Employment Extensions - Spring Coaches
- XII, B, 4, a Proposed Wayne RESA proposed budget for 2009-2010
- XII, B, 4, b Membership to the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies

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

Fiscal and Budgetary

Approve payment of \$1,379,506.86 for check numbers 59345 through 59720.

MOVED by Wierimaa, seconded by Isabell to approve the Business and Operational Services consent agenda items as amended. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried. Business and Operational

Approve electronic transfers for the month of April 2009 in the amount of \$2,238,935.48.
Adopt Bond Resolution.

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

Approve Leave Request:

CINDY PURDY/Custodian-Bus Driver/Transportation C. Purdy

Approve RUEA Layoff Recall:

JULIE PASTULA/Teacher/Pearson Alternative Ed/2-23-09 J. Pastula

Approve Separations:

PENNY ALLISON/Food Service/Hilbert/Retirement effective 6-30-09 P. Allison

CHRIS BURTON/Secretary/Hilbert/Retirement effective 8-1-09 C. Burton

LUISA MURNEY/Food Service/Hilbert/Retirement effective 6-30-09 L. Murney

Approve Food Service Contract Extensions for the Redford Union Food Service Management Group and the Redford Union Food Service Employees Association for 2009-2012. Food Service Contracts 2009-2012

MOVED by Wierimaa, seconded by Isabell to approve the recommendations of the Redford Union Benefits Committee. Caloia questioned any pre-existing conditions clause. A representative from Timberland confirmed no such clause. Motion: Carried. Recommendations RU Benefits Committee

MOVED by Wierimaa, seconded by Isabell to approve the New Hire: STACEY CHILDS/Teacher/RUHS/1-26-09. Caloia asked what classes this teacher teaches. The Superintendent explained that she teaches Home Economics and is replacing a long term substitute that taught through the first semester. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried. S. Childs

MOVED by Brenner, seconded by Isabell to approve the Employment Extensions - 2009 Spring Coaches. Caloia asked if the extensions were for this school year. Brenner explained the new policy on coaching positions as seasonal. Brenner also spoke of the steps that parents are encouraged to follow if there is a concern and/or comment regarding a coach. Building Principal, Athletic Director, Superintendent or Board may be addressed regarding concerns. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried.

JESSICA BORDER/Hilbert/Track/4-1-08 J. Border

STEVE BEAULIEU/Teacher/RUHS/Golf/3-10-08 S. Beaulieu

TOM CIUFFETELLI/Teacher/RUHS/Girls Tennis/3-10-08 T. Ciuffetelli

TOM KESSEL/RUHS/Boys Track/1-1-04 T. Kessel

JOE KNOERL/RUHS/Varsity Soccer/6-1-09 J. Knoerl

ALAN KRUCK/RUHS/Varsity Softball/10-1-05 A. Kruck

BOB OUELLETTE/RUHS/Girls Track/3-10-07

B. Ouellette

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Wierimaa to support the proposed Wayne RESA Operating Budget for the 2009-2010 school year and to authorize the Superintendent to forward a copy of the resolution to Wayne RESA prior to June 1, 2009. Caloia called for a roll call vote: Brenner-Yes, Caloia-No, Calvert-Yes, Gubachy-Yes, Isabell-Yes, Wierimaa-Yes, Wujcik-No. Total 5 Yes/2 No. Motion: Carried.

Support Wayne RESA
Operating Budget
2009-2010

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Wierimaa to approve membership of the Redford Union School District to the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies, Inc. for July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010. Caloia asked the cost of membership. The Superintendent stated \$1,100.00 plus 23 cents per student for a total of \$1905.00 Ayes: All. Motion: Carried.

Membership Metro
Bureau 2009-2010

MOVED by Wierimaa, seconded by Calvert to waive the first reading of Investment Policy 6100. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried. Policy to be posted on the website and copies will be made available upon request.

Investment Policy
6100 First Reading

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Calvert that Brenner act as elector and vote for the Wayne RESA Board. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried.

Wayne RESA Elector

Caloia commented on her attendance at 5th grade camp with Bulman Elementary and the wonderful experience for students and chaperones.

Board Comments

Brenner commented on the Athletic program and the recommendations from the Athletic Director for additional programs funded through the cell phone tower. Brenner recommended that detail to funding should be considered before programs are added. Brenner would like the Athletic Director to look into dugouts for the baseball fields.

The Superintendent thanked the committee that worked on the Bond again and the community for supporting it. The Superintendent congratulated Mr. Battistelli and his students on the scholarship award to leadership camp.

Superintendent Comments

Sue D'Arcangelo, 17203 Ryland, Redford. Parent voiced her concerns regarding girls softball at RUHS.

Public Communication
S. D'Arcangelo

Debbie Gehlhausen, 18658 Sumner, Redford. Parent voiced her concern regarding girls softball at RUHS.

D. Gehlhausen

Harry Kick, 19480 Negaunee, Redford. Parent voiced his concerns regarding the disciplinary point system that was being looked at earlier in the year. Thanked those in the audience that worked on the bond and supported the bond. Voiced his concerns regarding the teacher contract.

H. Kick

Steven Losey, 206 Chestnut Way, Linden. President of RUEA voiced his concern regarding the District Health Committee recommendation. S. Losey

Patti Bracken, 13695 Monarch, South Lyon. President of RUOSE asked who was on the District Benefit Committee. Susan Featheringill responded. P. Bracken

Barbara Nelson, 18617 Glenmore, Redford. Parent voiced her concern regarding girls softball at RUHS. B. Nelson

Kim D'Arcangelo, 17203 Ryland, Redford. Student voiced her concern regarding girls softball at RUHS. K. D'Arcangelo

Lauren Brenner, 14373 Dixie, Redford. Student voiced her concern regarding girls softball at RUHS. L. Brenner

Bev Garcia, 29778 Hoy Street, Livonia. Teacher voiced her concerns regarding insurance, specifically MESSA insurance. Caloia asked the Superintendent to respond. The Superintendent explained that MESSA had not responded to the formal RFP which had a date and time deadline for inclusion. B. Garcia

Jeff Osowski, 17061 Kinloch, Redford. Parent voiced his concern regarding coaching in the District. J. Osowski

Keith Carey, 19237 Woodworth, Redford. Parent voiced his concern regarding the teacher contract. K. Carey

Marie Gazley, 18227 Indian, Redford. Parent voiced her concern regarding coaches and the teacher contract. M. Gazley

Future meeting dates (scheduled at this time): Future Meetings

Monday, June 1, 2009 - Special Meeting/Negotiations - 6:30 p.m.

Monday, June 8, 2009 - Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Monday, June 22, 2009 - Special Meeting/Budget Review & Adoption - 6:30 p.m.

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Calvert to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Adjournment

Ayes: All. Motion: Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cozette Calvert, Secretary