

BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1
September 12, 2022

Board Workshop
9/12/2022

A Board Workshop of the Redford Union Board of Education was held September 12, 2022, at the Redford Union High School (Library), 17711 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI 48240

President Pridemore called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

President Pridemore asked everyone to please place their cell phones on silent or vibrate.

President's Remarks

Call to the Audience: Public Participation Regarding Board Workshop Meetings
None.

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It was moved by Member Osowski, seconded by Member Gray, to adopt the agenda of September 12, 2022, Board Workshop as presented.

Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Workshop:

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2021 Capital Bond Project – Scope of MacGowan Work - Lamberto Smigliani, Plante Moran Cresa. Other Contractors in attendance and presenting: Charles Marchetti, French Associates, Robert Spiegel, Christman.

2021 Capital Bond
Project – Scope of
MacGowan Work

The Board was provided handouts and a MacGowan Floor Plan. The following items were listed on the Agenda: Goals for MacGowan Site, Overview of MacGowan Design and Board of Education Action Plan – Critical Dates.

There were questions and answers regarding the Workshop presentation.

At MacGowan, the whole head start wing is intended to be an onsite training opportunity for CTE students in Early Childhood Education.

The auto-shop work is slated to take place late December, early January 2023 through May 2023, June 2023 timeframe.

Vice-President Osowski asked for an accurate Timeline.

The goal is to have MacGowan's renovations completed by the end of May 2023 or at the latest, early part of June 2023.

There were questions and answered regarding the 2021 Capital Bond Update presented at the Regular Meeting. The Board questioned the difference of \$1.0 million dollars in the Beech Bond budget and there was some confusion with the column title(s). It was suggested that the column title(s) be changed. The discussion continued.

For the sake of time, Superintendent Witt said that the Board's concerns had been noted and that Mr. Lamberto Smigliani of Plante Moran CRESA and Mr. Mike Beltinck, Chief Financial Officer work with Sean to get the full Board an explanation about how the money has been spent at Beech.

Secretary Gubachy gave a reminder that there was going to be a resolution for the ancient Football equipment that is on the field and has not been removed.

Superintendent Witt will follow-up with Mr. Tomasaitis, Director of Facilities and Operations regarding the ancient football equipment on the field at Beech.

Secretary Gubachy also mentioned that there is an exterior door at Beech that faces both Beech Daly and Pembroke that needs a coat of paint. She asked if someone could look at it and do a little bit of maintenance on it. She also mentioned that there are some safety issues with the stage at Beech, and she notice that it was not listed.

Vice-President Osowski asked about the Bond Budget Summary by Project and the \$25 million marked for the High School. He asked what the numbers were going to be realistically.

Mr. Smigliani said that they are currently evaluating that right now and that they have gone through three different design versions with the Design Team and the Construction Team. He said that dollar amount is still a target in his book. They are also evaluating future projects against what has been successful in Keeler.

Superintendent Witt said that they are being trying to be intentional with the design plans and that they have a good bar now at Keeler for what the Facilities are able to look like by investment of dollars in them. He said that they are having a lot of intentional discussions initially amongst themselves before they ultimately bring forward something for consideration and discussion with the board to vote on it.

Vice-President Osowski asked about the track and why it is still locked. He said it is not finished.

Superintendent Witt said he would look into it. He was told that it was finished and open to the public.

President Pridemore noted her issues and concerns about the track. She said 12 weeks for a two-to-four-week project is unacceptable.

Superintendent Witt said that the high jump area should have never been demoed and is going to be redone at no cost to the District.

President Pridemore said that she had a list of things that were not done at Keeler and Beech, and it was concerning to her.

Mr. Smigliani explained that the idea of the Dashboard Report was only to demonstrate to the Board not for public what work has been designed, constructed in some queries stage of construction. He said that Keeler has a punch list. The punch list is shared with this instruction team. There is a memorandum with a list of incomplete items and the anticipated dates, and it could be shared with the Board.

Superintendent Witt said that the memorandum was shared with the Board.

President Pridemore continued with her list of issues and concerns such as no playground equipment at Keeler, low hanging branches and tree stumps, treads in the doorways being trip hazards and doors being propped open so that our staff can enter that building because there is not card reader on the door.

Superintendent Witt said that the playground equipment is on back order. The other items have been put on Mr. Tomasaitis and will be addressed.

Superintendent Witt said Safety and Security is the utmost importance and I will make sure to remind Ms. Robbins, Principal of MacGowan at Keeler to remind her staff not to prop the doors open.

President Pridemore stated for the record, that they do not know obviously what costs are going to happen when they start the renovations on the High School building. The most important thing that happens in that building is better classrooms for our kids, and if that means we do not build a \$4 million wing for administrator. We do not put a new football field back there. Because when people walk into that building, they need to see that we have done what is right, for our children and their children. And it looks like their \$25 million was spent there and so a new football field and those things are nice and pretty, but the reality is that they have outdated classrooms, outdated locker space, outdated bathrooms, and those things must be priorities.

Trustee Bailey asked about a having a scheduled tour of the building. He made comments and had questions about the interior gray color paint scheme in the building.

Superintendent Witt asked him to reach out to Jackie Warren and that they would make sure he gets a tour.

Adjournment:

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It was moved by Member Osowski, seconded by Member Gray to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM.

Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Gubachy
Secretary
Redford Union Schools
Board of Education