

BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1
October 24, 2023

A Board Workshop of the Redford Union Board of Education was held on October 24, 2023, at MacGowan (District Meeting Room)., Redford Twp., MI 48240.

Board Workshop
Meeting
10/24/2023

Call to Order:

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President Pridemore called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call

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Present: Bailey, Dean, Martin, Miller, Osowski, and Pridemore

Absent: Moores

President Remarks:

President's Remarks

President Pridemore welcomed everyone and asked that everyone please place their cell phones on silent.

Adoption of Agenda

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Agenda as Amended

It was moved by Member Osowski, seconded by Member Bailey, to adopt the Agenda of October 24, 2023, Board Workshop as amended.

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.

Workshop (Items for Discussion Only):

Capital Bond Project Update – Plante Moran Realpoint, The Christman Company, & French Associates

A PowerPoint presentation was shown. The team gave an overview of the 2021 Capital Bond Improvement Program - Dashboard Report – October 24, 2023 (Objects & Goals). The Dashboard reflected Work Substantially Completed, Work Awarded & In Progress, and Projected Future Work. The presentation included pictures of completed projects at Keeler Day Treatment, completed projects at Beech Elementary, and completed projects at MacGowan Veritas/Head Start. The presentation included in-progress pictures at Hilbert Elementary, in-progress pictures of the Secondary Campus. The presentation also included Budget Summary Sheet, the total Bond Budget Spending – Original vs. Current Projection, and the Cost to Complete Report – Forecast 10/2/2023.

The team reported on the Old Schoolhouse projects. They are doing a lot of the exterior work in the current scope and a lot of that is windows, the new concrete ramp is partially constructed. The cupola is down and being reconstructed. The team did know the exact schedule for the cupola to come back to the District. The original cupola is going to be shared with the Historical Society because they have asked for pieces.

Superintendent Witt asked Elisia Juzswik, Student Representative on the Board of Education what are her impressions of the renovations.

Ms. Juzswik said that it looks good, and it is such a difference between the last. She said that it is vibrant and makes her feel good to see it especially when she walks in first thing in the morning.

There were questions and answers about the Bond Budget.

President Pridemore spoke on the Beech bus loop which she thought the redesign was going to cost the District additional money. She was good with the redesign if it was not costing the District more money. She does not want it to appear to Wayne County as if the District was trying to circumvent them. She wanted it on record saying that the Board had discussed that with the Bond team.

The construction team responded to President Pridemore's concern. Their fee is all inclusive and there is no additional fee if it has to be redesigned. They are reducing the amount of affected area that is going on at Wayne or on this site so that they do not have to bring the city sewers up to code, but Wayne County wanted them to do it. The work that Wayne County needed done they wanted the District to pay for it. Instead, what the construction team is doing is limiting the amount of construction that they are doing at Beech, so that it is under the threshold. They have submitted the plans and are awaiting approval right now.

The Board discussed the ball field and dugouts. Through a partnership with the Township, the District is looking at doing something at Claude Allison. It came up

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that the District might be able to have full access to a field and pay for part of the renovations, and during the school year, our baseball team would have a very nice field to compete on. As part of that partnership, it would be clear that it is a Redford Union field. We can get signage and banners and windscreens and everything else to make it clear.

The Board had a discussion.

The Board requested pictures of the cupola.

Trustee Osowski discussed the wall/ramp at the Old Schoolhouse and shared his disappointment in the current look of the ramp. He also spoke of the increase in the budget that has gone from the original budget of \$500,000 to almost \$700,000.

Trustee Osowski requested a breakdown of the cost of the Old Schoolhouse projects.

The tall wall of the ramp will be fixed. It was never supposed to be like that. It will be fixed sometime next week.

The Bond team/Board can look at other options for the look of the concrete.

The Bond Team showed a video walkthrough of the secondary campus projects.

There were questions and answers.

A recommendation for a Change Order Request will be brought to the Board for approval at the November Board Meeting regarding the rerouting of a sanitary pipe. The team gave an overview of the issue to the Board.

There were questions and answers.

Potential Extension of Existing Cell Tower Agreement:

Mr. Mike Beltinck, Chief Financial Officer, gave a brief overview of the information in the Board's packet. Also, at the request of the Board at the last meeting, they were provided with the results of a reading from Arch Environmental Group. Mr. Tomasaitis, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation reached out to Arch Environmental who the District utilized for a lot of different things around the District. Some are even bound project related in different instances, but we work with Arch, and they came out and took the readings. The RF readings are well below acceptable limits for that cell tower structure and that is what that document reflects.

There were questions and answers.

Trustee Bailey has some more leases, both municipal and schools, which are coming in and he will share that information with the Board/District.

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The discussion continued.

Board Policy Review – Section 3000 – Curriculum & Instruction

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Section 3000 –
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There were questions and answers.

The District’s goal would be that every four to five years, the curriculum would be reviewed and updated, in each subject area. They are trying to break it off into smaller chunks where they can focus on one or two subject areas at a time in a given year and then move on to the next. The District is trying to look at coming up with the curriculum plan for any given subject area that makes sense and makes the most sense and builds off of concepts kindergarten through 12th grade.

President Pridemore gave a reminder that some time ago the Board had appointed a Member of this board as per law to a Health Curriculum Committee, and that member is no longer here.

It will be included on the future Agenda. Trustee Bailey asked for the names of committee members and that information will be provided to the full Board when they receive an update on the status.

If a family has a request to review the curriculum, the District will provide it to them.

Trustee Martin asked for the regulations on parents observing their student in a classroom. She asked if there is a policy for the length of time teachers have to respond back to parents.

The District does not have a formal policy that within 48 to 72 hours or whatever a response will be given to a parent.

Board Policy – Section 4000 – Personnel

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This section was just provided mostly for the Board to review in advance of the next Workshop.

Superintendent Witt acknowledged that he did receive Mrs. Martin’s email and that he would get her the information.

Regular Board Meeting(s) Time Change:

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Time Change

The Board had a discussion. President Pridemore asked the members if they felt rushed to get to the meetings at 5:00 PM. A couple responded yes; others said it did not matter.

A 5:30 PM start time is more workable from the administrator perspective. It will be on the agenda in November along with a revised calendar.

Onboarding Packet & Process for Future Board Members:

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Process for Future Board
Members

Superintendent Witt said that he could bring some people together and prepare a plan or agenda for topics that should be covered for future Board members Onboarding.

Trustee Martin would like to be on that committee.

Trustee Bailey suggested that when people sign up, they are contacted and provided with a packet. The packet would include the Open Meetings Act, the handbook, What school boards do which is from MASB website and Seven signs of package school board members.

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Is that an idea of the range of things that they?

Other Item(s):

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Friday, October 27th at 7:00 PM is the home playoff game.

Congratulations to the Boys Cross Country. They won the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

Trustee Bailey mentioned the Michigan Constitution from the school code that has to be posted in the District.

That information has already been posted at the buildings/main offices and will be posted in the District's Board Room.

Trustee Bailey mentioned that at the last meeting he was not allowed to make a motion during the Board of Education Communication/Discussion. He referenced meeting minutes from March 8, 2021, when Mrs. Pridemore made a motion during that same time in that meeting.

President Pridemore said if that happened, she apologized, and she will stand corrected.

Future Meeting Dates:

Future Meeting
Dates

Tuesday, October 24, 2023, Special Meeting – Immediately Following the Board Workshop, MacGowan School (District Meeting Room), 18255 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI 48240

Monday, November 13, 2023, Regular Meeting – 5:00 PM
MacGowan School (District Meeting Room), 18255 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI 48240

Adjournment:

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It was Moved by Member Osowski, Seconded by Member Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Respectfully Submitted

Lorna Dean
Secretary
Redford Union Schools
Board of Education