

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1
May 20, 2024

A Special Board Meeting was held on May 20, 2024, at MacGowan (District Meeting Room) 18255 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI 48240.

**Special Meeting
5/20/2024**

Call to Order:

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President Pridemore called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Roll Call

Roll Call

Present: Bailey, Dean (Late 6:09 PM), Martin, Miller, Osowski, Pridemore, (1) Vacancy, and Juzswik (Student Representative)

Absent: None.

President Remarks:

President's Remarks

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

President Pridemore addressed the Board about some accusations made against the Board of Education by a Trustee to the press. She will address it further at the June 10, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

President Pridemore addressed the candidates and thanked them for stepping up.

Adoption of Agenda:

Adoption of Agenda as Presented

It was moved by Member Osowski, seconded by Member Bailey, to adopt the Agenda of May 20, 2024, Special Meeting as presented.

Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Call to the Audience for Public Participation Regarding Agenda Items:

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None.

Communications Received by the Board Secretary:

None. Secretary Dean was running late.

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Received by the Board
Secretary**

Interview Applicants for Board Vacant Position:

Melanie Hamilton

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for Board Vacant
Position**

Ms. Hamilton introduced herself and shared her background and the reason for her interest in the Board vacancy. Each Board member had the opportunity to ask Ms. Hamilton up to two questions, one follow-up question, and a closing statement.

John McAfee

Mr. McAfee introduced himself and shared his background and the reason for his interest in the Board vacancy. Each Board member had the opportunity to ask Mr. McAfee two questions, one follow-up question for the purpose of clarification, and a closing statement.

The Board went into deliberation with both candidates in the room.

Action Items:

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

Action Items

Appointment Of New Board Trustee:

Moved by Member Martin, Seconded by Member Osowski, that the Board of Education, appoint John McAfee as a new Trustee of the Redford Union Schools Board of Education effective 5/20/2024. Trustee John McAfee will fill the position until the November 2024 elections are certified, after which a newly-elected member will complete the term.

**Appointment Of
New Board Trustee**

The Board thanked both candidates and encouraged them both to continue their involvement in the District. They were also encouraged to run in the election.

Roll Call:

J. Bailey: Yes, L. Dean: ABS, L. Martin: Yes, L. Miller: Yes, (1) Vacancy,
J. Osowski: Yes, E. Pridemore: Yes Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Nomination Of Treasurer:

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The member elected today will hold this officer position until the July 8, 2024, Organizational Meeting. During that meeting, elections will take place for all four officer roles.

MOVED BY MEMBER Miller TO NOMINATE Martin

SECONDED BY Bailey ACCEPTED Yes

Motion to close nominations for the Office of Treasurer.

MOVED BY MEMBER Bailey SECONDED BY MEMBER Osowski

Ayes: 5 Motion: Carried

Roll Call Vote relative to Martin (nomination) for Treasurer:

Roll Call:

J. Bailey: Yes, L. Dean: ABS, ~~R. Gray~~, L. Martin: Yes, L. Miller: Yes, New Member: J. Osowski: Yes, E. Pridemore: Yes Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

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

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Harry Kick was called to address the Board. President Pridemore gave a reminder of the Call to the Audience guidelines.

Harry Kick addressed the Board. The topic of discussion was Trustee Bailey.

Board Of Education Communication/Discussion:

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President Pridemore gave an interview to WDIV which is on their website. She will be addressing Trustee Bailey’s accusations at the June Board Meeting with the President’s Remarks. Trustee Bailey will be censured at that meeting and that will be his fourth censure if it passes. Trustee Bailey would be censured again if he is truly recording from the Board table.

Graduation will be Wednesday, May 29, 2024. Jackie Warren, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education will send the Board the graduation location, time, and other pertinent information.

President Pridemore will be interviewing with Michigan Association of School Board of Directors (MASB) this Wednesday, May 22, as a candidate to fill their vacant position. She will keep the Board updated.

President Pridemore reminded the Board that if they want to visit our building or be part of viewing programs that are taking place in this District or with conjunctions of other districts the proper channel is through Mr. Witt, Superintendent. Or at least give him the courtesy of copying him on an email address to the building administrator. She asked the Board to respect the chain of command.

Trustee Osowski gave a shout out to the girls' flag football team for winning their Championship.

The Board would like to honor the girls at the June Board Meeting.

Treasurer Martin gave clarification about the email she sent to Principal Taylor without copying Superintendent Witt.

Trustee Bailey shared news about the route to the graduation due to road construction.

Trustee Bailey asked if the Board could get a presentation on the Blue & Gold.

President Pridemore responded yes; we could reach out to them.

Graduation, May 29th at 7 PM. The board should arrive around 6 PM.

Future Meeting Dates (scheduled at this time):

Monday, June 10, 2024, Regular Meeting – 5:30 PM
The Secondary Campus (Performing Art Center), 17711 Kinloch, Redford Twp. MI 48240, Gym Entrance – Door # 26

Monday, June 17, 2024, Regular Meeting – (Final Budget Resolution & other pertinent items) – 5:30 PM, MacGowan School (District Meeting Room), 18255 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI 48240, (Door #3)

Monday, June 17, 2024, Board Workshop (Immediately following the Regular Meeting) MacGowan School (District Meeting Room), 18255 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI 48240, (Door # 3)

Superintendent Witt shared that based on successful Interest-Based Bargaining that they had today and last Friday with one of the District's units that there is a strong likelihood of having at least one Tentative Bargaining Agreement on the June 17th Board Meeting Agenda for the Board to consider. He gave thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Nachman, Executive Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations and Mrs. Crenshaw, Executive Director of Curriculum and Technology. The IBB process worked well.

Future Meeting Dates

President Pridemore shared news Dr. Vitti, Detroit Public Schools Community District is pushing for Lansing to bring some regulation regarding tobacco products, vaping, and safeties. MASB has drafted a sample Resolution because they stand behind that push. President Pridemore will be bringing the Resolution to the Board in June for their support.

Adjournment:

It was Moved By Member Osowski, Seconded By Member Martin to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM.

Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted

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Lorna Dean
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Lorna Dean
Secretary

Redford Union Schools
Board of Education