



Board of Education Study Session Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

Powell 9th Grade Academy – Media Center

<p>Called to Order</p>	<p>5:44 p.m. Called to order by President Anita Banach. 4 members present. 2 members absent with notice (Conner, Rice), 1 member absent without notice (Young).</p>
<p>Pledge of Allegiance</p>	<p>Led by the Board</p>
<p>Approved</p>	<p>Agenda for August 12, 2024 Study Session Meeting. Demas moved. Antoine supported. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Agenda Approved.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Study Session</p>	<p>The following topics were reviewed and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o RMS Transformation - Update and Discussion The administrative team from RMS along with new Academy Coach Jennifer Raicevich gave a presentation to the board on past planning and year 1 implementation efforts with the Academies at Romeo Middle School transformation. They outlined the key elements of their planning work and the emphasis on strengthening some of their current structures. Specific mention was given to their grade level interdisciplinary teaming model where teams will assume their own identity. Additionally, there was discussion on the importance of the advisory period which will now be called “R Time” and move to the first period of the day. Board members asked questions on the structure of advisory and the team talked about it’s importance to the Academies effort and that it is foundational to the research around effective middle schools. The team spoke about the Capturing Kids Hearts program they are incorporating into the staff professional development this year. Additionally, with the lack of support from the board on Character Strong they have further researched the Lead Worthy program from CKH that is really going to be more directly connected to the transformation efforts. Monthly themes that emphasize 21st Century Work Skills and _____ will incorporate into R Time well. Additionally, the program offers service learning activities that are at the heart of the Academies of RMS goals. The team centers the structure of their efforts around Embrace, Engage, Empower. This outlines the learning and experiences students will have in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. Mrs. Raicevich talked about her work to support teacher understanding and begin to build a network of nonprofit and community service organization partners. o Bond Planning Update Mrs. Laske updated the board members on the current plan to sell the second series of the 2021 Bond. PFM the district’s financial advisor has recommended split the second series in to two parts with a \$15million sale this fall and the

	<p>remaining \$12 million in the spring of 2025. This will prevent excess arbitrage refunding.</p> <p>Dr. Robinson updated the board on the receipt restart on planning for the next Bond Issue. The district had done some initial conversation about the timing and of the future bond when they updated the Facilities Assessment in preparation for the recent Sinking Fund Millage renewal. Current plans project the district going out to the voters for an extension of the current facilities bond in May of 2025. The board reviewed that timeline and specific discussion and decision making points for the board as it aligns with both committee and regular meetings this fall.</p> <p>Efforts are underway to design the bond program (Treasury Application) that will begin with the Deferred Projects from the 2021 Bond and also include priority projects from the Facilities Assessment that can't be achieved with SFund and GFund dollars. There will also be some funding for new facility needs and wants. Dr. Robinson noted additional learning space at RHS, Special Education learning space at Hevel and the potential for a new cafeteria at Washington Elementary some draft ideas in consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Board Member Topics Mr. Antoine addressed two questions with the administration. The first was what the responsibilities for Mr. Bennett would be this fall until he retires in November. Dr. Robinson explained that the majority of his time would be supporting Mrs. Selden in the Special Services Department in developing the role of a future Supervisor position that was part of the Leadership Priorities for this year. He will work collaboratively with Mrs. Selden to assume responsibilities that would then transition to this prospective future role for the district. Mr. Bennett will also be supporting the Technology Department and the rollout of the new classroom display systems in all K-8 buildings. The second question spoke to the difference in cost for the reduction in the contract for HS and MS ELA curriculum adoptions from the proposed 6 year agreements to the approved 2 year authorization. Mrs. McFarlane shared it was an additional \$9 per student license for the MS contract and an additional \$4 per student for the HS agreement. <p>Closed Session - Attorney Client Privilege Eichhorst moved. Demas supported. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.</p> <p>7:25 p.m. into Closed Session for the purpose of Attorney Client Privilege. Roll Call: 4 members present.</p> <p>7:57 p.m. out of Closed Session. Into Open Session. Banach moved. Antoine supported. Roll call: 4 members present. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.</p>
Adjournment	7:58 p.m. Banach moved. Antoine supported. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
	Approved by: Katherine Rice, Secretary _____