



Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2025
Powell 9th Grade Academy – Media Center

- Called to Order** 6:00 p.m. Called to order by President, Rachel Eichhorst. 6 members present. 1 member absent with notice (Antoine).
- Pledge of Allegiance** Led by the Board
- Approved** Agenda for January 27, 2025 Regular Meeting. Rice moved. Boyer supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Agenda Approved.
- Mrs. Eichhorst requested an amendment to strike the consent action Item E (Approval of Minutes from 12-9-24 Special Meeting) and move it to a later time because it deals with a closed session from 2024 before the new board was in place. Since 4 incumbent members were not present to vote on it, which are needed for a quorum, it will be moved to a future meeting. Banach moved. Bowman supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- Presentations** None
- Bulldog Spotlight**
- o Mary Selden, Paul Essian, staff members and students presented information on Special Services Programs and shared what a typical day looks like in their classrooms. Photos were shared of students in the classroom and on the playground. Parents gave testimonials and spoke of their own experiences with the programs.
- Approved** **Consent Action Items.** Banach moved. Rice supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- General Fund Bills (check register)
 - Financial Reports (summary, revenue & expense reports)
 - Wire Transfer report
 - Purchasing Card Expenditures
 - Minutes from Organizational Meeting held on January 6, 2025
- Informational Updates/New Business**
- Communications** – None
- Committee Reports** –
- Facilities* – Mrs. Banach gave an overview of the facilities meeting. Members from Barton Malow and French and Associates were present at the meeting. They reviewed Group 2 projects and Barton Malow gave an overview of the bid response on Group 3 projects, many of which are on tonight’s agenda. They discussed change orders and spoke about the sinking fund. Mr. Storm went over some items including the Hamilton-Parsons water treatment, lawn and custodial services and the parking lot at RHS. Future action for board items were listed.

Dr. Robinson stated that the committee membership has been set for 2025.

Superintendent's Report –

Academic Services Update –

Elementary – Mr. Murray gave an elementary update. NWEA reading updates were shared including benchmarks and growth and achievement data, showing that we ascended for a second year in a row. Lower elementary ascended beyond upper elementary. Percentiles for kindergarten through 2nd grade were shared. At-risk student support is progressing and the intervention program is producing outstanding gains. High dosage tutoring is running and will span over 10 weeks which produced significant gains last year. Summer skills planning is underway and they are targeting grades 1-3 for in-person learning and trying something different for grades 4-5 using IXL for ELA and math.

Mrs. Eichhorst asked about the math pilot meetings and whether they could attend. Mr. Murray stated that they are welcome to come but mentioned that once they are ready for an adoption, they will have a representative come to a meeting to present information and answer any questions.

Secondary – Ms. McFarlane gave a secondary update. She stated that they are leveraging grants for high dosage tutoring and summer programs. NWA testing is delayed due to the cold days. The data will be shared at the next meeting. A course Guidebooks resolution is on the agenda. Changes included 2 new courses and some changes to the CTE course descriptions for the high school and for the middle school, Time Advisory moved from third period to first period. She shared events which are taking place at the high school (mini-manufacturing tours, MASSP Innovators Leader Network visit) and the middle school (non-profit exploration fair and master plan presentation).

2021 Bond Update –

Dr. Robinson listed the projects that are on the agenda tonight and those that will be brought to the February meeting. Schematics of the 9th Grade Academy renovation and the Amanda Moore, Hamilton-Parsons and Washington Playgrounds and equipment were shared.

Mr. Boyer asked if the Playtime Co. will be installing the playground equipment and Dr. Robinson responded that it is part of the sitework and they would not be the installers.

School of Choice Update -

Interdistrict SOC 105/105c – Interdistrict SOC is for students that reside in Macomb County or a contiguous neighboring county. Dr. Robinson explained that BOE approval is required annually by the state and the district is requesting approval for unlimited SOC for grades Y5-8 and limited for 9th-11th. The process used to review applications was reviewed. SOC data was shared showing the number and percentage of SOC students at each school, the average number of SOC students per class and how much revenue it generates.

Intra-district SOC – Intra-district is for elementary students who wish to attend a school other than their home school. Approval is not required by law but approved by the Board of Education. It is only permitted for special circumstances and the district reviews all applications. Intra-district SOC data was shared.

Mrs. Eichhorst thanked Dr. Robinson & Mrs. Laseke for putting the information together because it helped to answer many questions. The data shows that big class sizes are not due to schools of choice so she feels confident in passing the resolution.

Mrs. Banach spoke regarding the term “unlimited” and mentioned that unlimited means we can accept multiple numbers across but never go over the class size limits.

Public Comment

None

Mrs. Eichhorst requested an amendment to move the second public comment and board discussion before the closed session. Rice moved. Banach supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Ms. Eichhorst read a statement thanking the staff at Crowell and Hevel for highlighting the work that they do with the special education programs and stated they are a blessing to the students and families they serve. She also addressed the community regarding the importance of truth and factual evidence when reading misinformation on social media forums and expressed her concern over people engaging in this information rather than seeking actual facts. She reminded everyone that the board and administrators' emails are always open for questions and always a better source than any Facebook posts.

Approved

Resolutions

- **Employee Services Resolution #8 – Personnel Update**
Banach moved. Bowman supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Employee Services Resolution #9 – BOE Policy Update** (*policy 2007-2nd Reading*)
Rice moved. Banach supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Business Services Resolution #10a – School of Choice 2025-26 – 105/105C Interdistrict**
Boyer moved. Rice supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Business Services Resolution #10b – School of Choice 2025-26 - Intradistrict**
Rice moved. Banach supported. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Facilities Resolution #11 – 2025 Summer Roofing Project**
Banach moved. Bowman supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Facilities Resolution #12 – 9th Grade Academy Renovation Project**
Rice moved. Banach supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Facilities Resolution #13 – Fire Alarm Replacement Project**
Rice moved. Banach supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Facilities Resolution #14 – Playground Renovation Projects (Amanda Moore & Hamilton Parsons)**
Banach moved. Boyer supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Facilities Resolution #15 – RMS Phase 1 Renovation Project**
Banach moved. Bowman supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Facilities Resolution #16 – Elementary Playground Equipment**
Rice moved. Cichocki supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Facilities Resolution #17 – Crowell Preschool Classroom Furniture**
Banach moved. Cichocki supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Academic Services Resolution #18 – RHS Course Guidebooks 2025-26**
Rice moved. Cichocki supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Academic Services Resolution #19 – RMS Course Guidebooks 2025-26**
Rice moved. Cichocki supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Board Discussion/ For the Good of the District

Mrs. Banach thanked the administration, teachers and everyone involved for the gift cards she received for Board Appreciation month.

Ms. Bowman piggy-backed Ms. Eichhorst's statement about the special services programs and gave the staff props for working so tirelessly. She has lived in many different places and has never seen any programs like it anywhere else.

Mr. Boyer stated it was a great spotlight and gave kudos to the teachers that put their heart into it.

Public Comment

Mrs. Eichhorst stated she received 1 public comment form however, the person was no longer present at the meeting.

- **Closed Session – Negotiations**

Banach moved. Boyer supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

7:45 p.m. into Closed Session for the purpose of negotiations. Roll Call: 6 members present.

9:17 p.m. out of Closed Session. Into Open Session. Banach moved. Eichhorst supported. Roll call: 6 members present. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Adjournment

9:20 p.m. Banach moved. Eichhorst supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Approved by: Katherine Rice, Secretary _____