



**Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2024
Powell 9th Grade Academy – Media Center**

Called to Order	6:00 p.m. Called to order by President, Anita Banach. 6 members present. 1 member absent with notice (Conner).
Pledge of Allegiance	Led by the Board
Approved	<p>Agenda for July 22, 2024 Regular Meeting. Demas moved. Antoine supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Agenda Approved.</p> <p>Mrs. Banach mentioned moving the 'Board Discussion/For the Good of the District' and 'Public Comment' before closed session on the agenda since there will be no action after the closed session.</p>
Presentations	None
Bulldog Spotlight	None
Approved	<p>Consent Action Items. Demas moved. Rice supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Fund Bills (check register)• Financial Reports (summary, revenue & expense reports)• Wire Transfer report• Purchasing Card Expenditures• Minutes from Regular Meeting held on June 24, 2024
Informational Updates/New Business	<p>Communications – <i>The board received a letter from the MASB regarding the 2024 Delegate Assembly with a request for Delegate and Alternate names to be submitted. Mrs. Banach mentioned that Mr. Conner expressed an interest and stated if anyone else was interested to let her know.</i></p> <p>Committee Reports – <i>Facilities – Mr. Antoine gave an overview of the Facilities Committee meeting. Discussions took place on 2021 Group 1 & 2 projects. The rain has impacted outdoor work. They are working to set a date with the state for an elevator inspection at Indian Hills. At Croswell, ceiling, painting and floors are being worked on and there is a change order on the agenda tonight. They are working on dugout roofs for the athletic fields and waiting on scoreboards. Sitework is continuing at the Robotics Center. They are working on the new addition at Washington, roofing at Amanda Moore and installing windows and underground plumbing at Hevel. Group 2 projects that were discussed included the Administration renovation project and asbestos abatement. Some change orders were discussed and Mr. Antoine explained that each project has contingency funds set aside for unknown costs that may arise. Mr. Storm gave his directors report at the meeting. He is making progress on replacing equipment and is recommending the purchase of a CAT</i></p>

960 loader which has been rented in the past. It's been bid out and the resolution is being brought forward tonight.

Mrs. Eichhorst asked if we could review the Amanda Moore playground work and get some feedback and whether there is anything that can be done to move that project up.

Dr. Robinson stated that playground work involves site work and not only equipment. None of the playgrounds have had significant investment outside of parent groups or fundraisers to purchase equipment. In the winter they reconciled the remaining projects and the principals were actively involved in prioritizing remaining projects. They also had a meeting with the principals to come up with a baseline so that the buildings have uniformities. There may be some differences between buildings due to space. Amanda Moore is currently undergoing interior renovation. Mr. Storm has been working on having playground inspections done which has led to equipment repairs. Dr. Robinson stated he would take the concern back to the construction team.

Mrs. Rice mentioned the cost for the Administration Building renovation and asked if they could move Administration to another location due to the age of the building and the costs associated with it.

Dr. Robinson responded that there is not enough space in any building for the Administration staff and that not having facilities in Romeo is a concern for the community. He mentioned that we are able to take advantage of more competitive pricing during the school year and that the project is still under budget.

Mrs. Banach also mentioned the benefit of having central enrollment at the administration building rather than at school buildings during the busy school day.

Mrs. Rice asked about the heating/cooling at RMS and Dr. Robinson replied that it's underway and that they are about 2/3 of the way done.

Mrs. Rice questioned why we can't buy a used loader instead of brand new. Dr. Robinson stated we used to rent this equipment and that it has a long life and that it will improve the efficiency of snow removal.

Mrs. Rice asked if it would be more advantageous to buy another truck instead. Dr. Robinson mentioned that this equipment can remove snow much more efficiently and has attachments that could be used to complete other tasks.

Mr. Storm explained the efficiency that this equipment would add and explained that speed and longevity also come into play. He stated that buying new will give us a 5-year warranty and that we receive a large discount when buying new equipment through MIDeal for schools. Mrs. Rice asked the price to rent and Mr. Storm responded that we paid \$12,500 last year.

Superintendent's Report –

Academic Services Update – Summer school concludes this week for all levels. Dr. Robinson stated that it was successful and that he is grateful to our staff for working with our kids. High-dosage tutoring was also offered and we designed some programming which now gives us a model to move forward on for next year.

Hiring Update – Dr. Robinson shared updates on open positions for professional and support staff.

2024-2025 – Initial Calendar Information – An initial calendar for the 2024-2025 school year was shared. Negotiations continue with the REA. There was a clerical error which has been corrected on the ½ day dismissal time at the high school. The correct dismissal is 10:30 (not 10:25). Additional communication for Bulldog days will be sent soon.

Public Comment

None

Approved

Resolutions

- **Employee Services Resolution #56 – Personnel Update**

Antoine moved. Demas supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Evva Dossin was introduced and Dr. Robinson stated he is grateful and excited to move her into the full-time CTE Director position.

- **Employee Services Resolution #57 – Non-Affiliate Contracts 2024-27**

Demas moved. Eichhorst supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Academic Services Resolution #58 – LEGO STEM Purchase**

Demas moved. Antoine supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Mrs. Rice asked how we determine the numbers needed and asked what we are purchasing. Ms. McFarlane stated that they are purchasing Lego kits – some permanent kits for classrooms and personal learning kits for students. This is a shift in funding source from a federal grant to the 31A At-Risk state grant. Mrs. Eichhorst asked if the students are able to keep the kits and Ms. McFarlane responded that they are able to keep the personal learning kits and that the bigger kits will be kept in the classroom.

Mrs. Rice asked how long they last and Ms. McFarlane responded that it depends on how much they are used but she knows we have some that are at least 3 years old.

- **Facilities Resolution #59 – Administration Bldg. Renovation Project Contract Approvals**

Antoine moved. Eichhorst supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Facilities Resolution #60 – Administration Bldg. Abatement Contract Approval**

Eichhorst moved. Antoine supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Facilities Resolution #61 – Croswell Change Order Approval – Hicks Construction**

Antoine moved. Rice supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Facilities Resolution #62 – Operations Department Equipment Purchase – CAT 960 Loader**

Antoine moved. Banach supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried. Roll call: Antoine, Banach, Demas, Eichhorst . Rice Nay. Young Nay.

Public Comment

None

Board Discussion/ For the Good of the District

Ms. Banach congratulated Ms. Dossin and mentioned that she is frequently at the Top 10 breakfast which is a testament to the impact she has on students.

- **Closed Session – Collective Bargaining**

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

6:45 p.m. into Closed Session for the purpose of collective bargaining. Roll Call: 6 members present. Todd Robinson and Julia Butler were also present.

7:08 p.m. out of Closed Session. Into Open Session. Demas moved. Antoine supported. Roll call: 6 members present. Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Adjournment

7:09 p.m. Demas moved. Antoine supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Approved by: Katherine Rice, Secretary _____