



Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2024

Powell 9th Grade Academy – Media Center

Called to Order	6:00 p.m. Called to order by President, Anita Banach. 5 members present. 2 members absent with notice (Conner,Young).
Pledge of Allegiance	Led by the Board
Approved	Agenda for March 18, 2024 Regular Meeting. Eichhorst moved. Antoine supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Agenda Approved.
Bulldog Spotlight	Students shared photos and gave an overview of the RMS Student Leadership Program and the Builders Club. They shared their goals, opportunities and the work they are focusing on. RMS Theater students sang a song and performed a skit from their upcoming performance of 'The Wizard of Oz'.
Presentations	None
Approved	Consent Action Items. Demas moved. Eichhorst supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried. <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 February 26, 2024• Minutes from Workshop Meeting held on March 11, 2024
Informational Updates/New Business	Communications – A letter from the MDE regarding the millage renewals and a budget presentation reminder from the MISD was shared with the board. Committee Reports – <i>Finance</i> – Ms. Eichhorst gave an overview of the meeting. Discussions took place on the need for an increase in childhood program rates, future bonding opportunities, and continuing with Yeo & Yeo to do our audit and extending the contract with them. They spoke about our service credit rating going up which allows for an increased pool of investors. Return to in person instruction and continuity of services plan – Ms. McFarlane presented on this topic as required. There has been minimal change since September – the color coding that was previously used to show virus spread has been eliminated. The CDC has new guidance and our plan is to react when the health dept. or CDC make changes. We will follow what they tell us and abide by any new laws. Superintendent's Report – <i>Academic Services</i> - Mr. Murray gave an update for the elementary level. Some elementary themed podcasts have taken place giving some insight into curriculum and

collaboration and highlighting the new CKLA curriculum. Tomorrow is the kindergarten/Young 5's night at the elementary buildings. Mr. Murray stated that he attended the MACUL conference last week and learned a lot about A/I and how it can be used in education. The March PD Day was very successful with a focus on standards-based assessment and reporting. A lot of progress was made in the conversion of report cards. They also spent some time getting feedback on CKLA from teachers.

Ms. McFarlane gave an update for the secondary level. The Academies at Romeo High School Retreat took place last week. RMS and RHS are finalizing student requests for next year's scheduling of classes. The secondary level has completed quite a few podcasts on various subjects – some are even student led. State testing begins when we return from spring break. A shout out was given to spring theatre productions – the high school will be performing Shrek and the middle school will be performing The Wizard of Oz. The visual arts teachers were also recognized because Starkweather is hosting our art show for all of our students.

Ms. Banach commented that there is partnership with the MASL group, a podcast challenge in which they give out podcast equipment to the winners. Ms. McFarlane stated that we are fortunate that MITT TV partners with us but it would be worth looking into and that the equipment could be used in other ways such as classroom use.

Mr. Antoine stated he really enjoys listening to the podcasts and stated they sound very professional.

February 27 Election Follow up – Dr. Robinson thanked all the voters from the Feb. 27th election for the overwhelming support and stated we never take it for granted.

Construction Updates - There have been some challenges with the alarm system at Croswell causing some delays. We are still hopeful that the facility will be ready for the start of the next school year. The Indian Hills project is moving forward – they are waiting for delivery of supplies for the elevator construction. They will then make a decision on some of the classes moving into the new section of the building for the last part of the school year or waiting until the next school year. RMS and Amanda Moore projects have been communicated and construction fencing has started to appear. Washington and Hevel projects will begin this spring.

March 11 Workshop – Dr. Robinson thanked the board and the leadership team. They spent time working on board priorities and had conversation about reconciliation of the 2021 bond. They found that funds are short to complete everything so there is an effort to make decisions on things that can be held off on and creating an unfunded projects list.

District Leadership Team Priorities 2024-2025

Group 1 Priorities – Dr. Robinson shared 13 Group 1 priorities which were ranked in order by leadership. This process started with over 40 priorities. The theme of the list is position retention, new positions and some materials support.

Ms. Rice asked how many Parapros we have and Ms. Butler responded that we have 48.

Dr. Robinson outlined the Group I priorities which are on tonight's agenda (Resolution 24).

**Public
Comment**

Parent Lou Welch commented that he was disappointed to learn that our school nurse is subcontracted thru EduStaff. He asked the board to make it a priority and hire her as a full-time employee with benefits rather than her working for an outside agency.

Approved

Resolutions

- **Employee Services Resolution #23– Personnel Update**
Antoine moved. Eichhorst supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Superintendent Resolution #24 – District Leadership Priorities 2024-25 Group 1**
Rice moved. Demas supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Business Services Resolution #25 – Yeo & Yeo Contract Extension**
Demas moved. Eichhorst supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
- **Business Services Resolution #26 – Rate Increase for Early Childhood Programs**
Demas moved. Antoine supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Facilities Resolution #27 – ABM Contract Extension**
Eichhorst moved. Demas supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Facilities Resolution #28 – RMS Water Main Upgrades**
Antoine moved. Rice supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Facilities Resolution #29 – Crowell Early Childhood Center Furniture Replacement – Phase 3**
Demas moved. Eichhorst supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Board Discussion/
For the Good
of the District**

Dr. Demas recommended scheduling another board workshop. Ms. Banach responded that she has it on her list for the week of April 15th, possibly after the curriculum meeting.

Ms. Eichhorst stated that the priorities were time consuming and asked if they could hold the meeting on a separate date to be sure there is adequate time.

Ms. Eichhorst thanked the middle school students and stated it was great to see them showcased.

Ms. Banach thanked the group that came last week to the meeting, thanked the voters for their support and thanked the middle school students for their performance.

Ms. Rice gave a shout out to Principal Wujczyk for putting on a great Career Day at Indian Hills.

Public Comment

Resident, Mr. Franco Folino gave an update on the GSOPS movement. They have held several successful fundraisers and they remain optimistic toward their goal of acquiring the lot. They have another fundraiser event scheduled in April.

Mr. Lou Welch commented that he is an official candidate for the Romeo Board of Education. He stated that he has been out talking to parents and there seems to be one sore subject among parents, which is holding PD days on Wednesdays. He stated that they feel their voices are not being heard and he asked if when planning the calendar, they could take that into consideration and hold PD days on Mondays or Fridays. He also asked if we have talked to the Parks and Rec Dept. about leasing the property on Prospect Street.

- **Closed Session**

7:17 p.m. into closed session for purpose of Collective Bargaining and Attorney Client Privilege. Demas moved. Antoine supported.

Roll Call: 5 members present, 2 members absent. Also present were Julia Butler, Vicki Laseke, Todd Robinson and John Gierak.
5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

9:00 p.m. out of closed session. Antoine moved, Eichhorst supported.

Roll call: 5 members present, 2 members absent.
5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

9:01 p.m. Antoine moved. Rice supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Approved by: Katherine Rice, Secretary _____