

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

Called to Order

6:03 p.m. Called to order by President, Rachel Eichhorst. 7 members present. 0

members absent.

Pledge of Allegiance Led by the Board

Approved

Agenda for May 27, 2025 Regular Meeting. Banach moved. Antoine supported. 7 Ayes.

0 Nays. Motion Carried. Agenda Approved.

Bulldog Spotlight

o RHS Band State Solo & Ensemble students performed for the board and audience.

The 2025 RCS Teachers of the Year were introduced and congratulated.

Presentations

None

Mrs. Eichhorst asked for an amendment to Item G in Action Items. She stated the location on the May 12th special meeting minutes was incorrectly stated as Croswell when it should have been the 9th Grade Academy.

Approved

Consent Action Items A-I. Rice moved. Antoine supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- General Fund Bills (check register)
- Financial Reports (summary, revenue & expense reports)
- Wire Transfer report
- Purchasing Card Expenditures
- Minutes from Special Meeting held on April 28, 2025
- Minutes from Regular Meeting held on April 28, 2025
- Minutes from Special Meeting held on May 12, 2025
- Minutes from Study Session held on May 12, 2025
- Policy Update First Reading: Policy 6002 Safety and Security, 6003 Firearms and Other Weapons, 6004 School Crisis, Response and Closure, 8002 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

Informational Updates/New Business

Communications – Thank you cards from IAM graduates and a MISD Biennial Election memo were shared with the board.

Committee Reports -

Finance – Mr. Antoine gave an overview of the meeting. Topics of discussion included a food service position which has been approved and the excess fund balance for Food Services. The Food Service Dept. needed a new truck which is a resolution on the agenda tonight.

Policy – Mrs. Rice stated discussions took place on a number of policies that are up for a first reading. They discussed policy 2006 which is not up for a first reading but some

districts have taken action on banning cell phones throughout the school day. There is a proposal under consideration with Michigan legislature so they are discussing potential policy changes for the future. Policy 6002 pertains to safety & security. The Governor recently signed legislation to enhance classroom safety by establishing a behavior threat assessment and management team but we have these things in place and are compliant. Policy 6003 pertains to firearms and other weapons. The Governor signed legislation aimed to protect students from gun violence by mandating safe storage of firearms. A letter will be sent to parents to educate them on the safe storage of firearms in the home. Policy 6004 pertains to school crisis. Recently signed legislation standardized terminology by schools in response to emergency situations. We are in compliance with the required language and the Michigan County EOP. Policy 8002 pertains to ADA & Section 504. Since there has been an increase in districts seeking policy statements on therapy dogs, they are ensuring that the language is streamlined under administrative regulations.

Facilities – Mrs. Banach stated the first order of business was a follow-up from the special meeting where they discussed the future bond & treasury application to make sure there were no further questions. Group 2 projects were discussed which included the Administration building renovation, RMS sitework and the outdoor athletic facility. They discussed sitework at the Croswell parking lot, 9th grade renovations of locker rooms and the fire alarm renovation project. Projects starting soon are the Ham-Par parking lot and playground, Hevel parking lot, Amanda Moore & Washington Playground, RHS renovations and drinking fountain replacements. Discussions took place on difficulties with the RHS courtyard project which they altered some things on and which is on tonight's agenda. They reviewed change orders and discussed the Director's report pertaining to elevator issues at the Admin. Bldg. The Community Engagement Summary Report from the focus groups was discussed and will be shared soon electronically and eventually posted on the web page.

Superintendent's Report -

Strategic Planning – Year 3 Update

Dr. Robinson, Ms. McFarlane & Mr. Murray gave an update on the Strategic Plan and explained the "Three Strands" (transforming teaching & learning, transforming the Culture, systems & structures of schools & transforming partnerships between school and community), where we have implemented them and why we would consider expanded use of them. Goals and strategies on how they would implement the strands at different grade levels were discussed. Information regarding the Year 3 Update will be posted to the website.

2024-25 Leadership Priorities

Group 2 projects pertaining to Resolution 56 (Implementation of CKLA Version 3 and RVA Coordinator Position) were listed and explained. The implementation of CKLA Version 3 will provide upgraded content, reduction of daily lessons, more intense focus on writing and embedded engagement strategies and EL supports. The new RVA Coordinator position will support the RVA Supervisor and Program in an effort to support program expansion and SOC recruiting.

Facilities Bond Update -

The RHS Courtyard Renovation sitework approval is on the agenda. The determination was made to pursue the turf option for the courtyard.

2025 Bond Planning Update-

A Community Engagement Report summarizing the focus group feedback & community survey results will be shared and put on the website.

The Board is in support of moving the application forward to the Dept. of Treasury.

Upcoming Meetings

A list of future board meeting dates and locations was shared. June and July board meetings will be held at Croswell due to building renovations at the 9th Grade Academy.

Approved

Resolutions

- Employee Services Resolution #52 Personnel Update
 Banach moved. Bowman supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- Business Services Resolution #53 MISD Biennial Election
 Banach moved. Antoine supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eichhorst stated she will be the delegate & Mrs. Banach is the alternate. The board agreed to support incumbents Farley & Hubler.

- Business Services Resolution #54 MISD Budget Approval
 Antoine moved. Bowman supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- Business Services Resolution #55 Food Service Truck Purchase Banach moved. Boyer supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- Academic Services Resolution #56 District Leadership Priorities Group 2
 Cichocki moved. Rice supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Resolution #57 Policy 6009 Authority Approval Boyer moved. Banach supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- Facilities Resolution #58 2021 Bond Project Approval RHS Courtyard Renovation

Banach moved. Cichocki supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eichhorst requested a slight amendment to move the Board Discussion and Public Comment before the closed session. Rice moved. Antoine supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried. Amendment approved.

Board Discussion/ For the Good of the District

None

Public Comment

Parent Valerie Cahoon expressed concerns about school safety. She read a threatening text her daughter received aloud. She mentioned that the aggressor was allowed to go back to school after 8 days. Her daughter has been traumatized and does not want to return to school. She thought Safe Ed would help in protecting her daughter but she came to realize they were not aware of the situation. She feels there was a lack of communication and feels the length of discipline does not fit the threat. She asked that the process for handling student-to-student threats be improved upon.

Closed Session – Collective Bargaining
 Antoine moved. Banach supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

7:10 p.m. into Closed Session for the purpose of collective bargaining. Roll Call: 7 members present. Julia Butler and Todd Robinson were also present.

7:47 p.m. out of Closed Session. Into Open Session. Banach moved. Cichocki supported. Roll call: 7 members present. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

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7:48 p.m. Banach moved. Cichocki supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Approved by: Katherine Rice, Secretary	/
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