



**Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**October 28, 2024**  
**Powell 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy – Media Center**

- Called to Order** 6:02 p.m. Called to order by President, Anita Banach. 6 members present. 1 member absent (Young).
- Pledge of Allegiance** Led by the Board
- Approved** Agenda for October 28, 2024 Regular Meeting. Demas moved. Antoine supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Agenda Approved.
- Dr. Robinson requested a slight amendment to the agenda to move the Board discussion and public comment before the closed session.
- Presentations** None
- Bulldog Spotlight**
- Hamilton-Parson students presented on student leadership and demonstrated a lesson they learned from 'Capturing Kids Hearts' which involved sharing good news of the day. Students spoke on their positivity project and open-mindedness and played a guessing game with the audience.
  - Indian Hills students shared photos of their new creative spaces – art, music, STEM, indoor and outdoor common spaces and new blacktop spaces to play on.
- Approved** **Consent Action Items.** Demas moved. Conner 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 Regular Meeting held on September 23, 2024
  - Minutes from Special Meeting held on September 30, 2024
  - Minutes from Workshop Meeting held on October 14, 2024
- Informational Updates/New Business**
- Communications** – Meeting dates for November and December were shared.
- Committee Reports** –
- Safety* - Mrs. Rice gave an overview of the meeting. She stated that they had discussions with the new Safety Director, Mike Thomas and that he is impressed with the district's level of preparedness regarding school safety. He has visited all the buildings, reviewed safety plans and had meetings with Principals. He has taken part in the AVERT training and will be attending behavioral assessment training. They spoke about having fire, EMT and police tour all the buildings to become familiar with them and discussed the tabletop exercise outcomes and fine tuning of the reunification process. Cardiac response was reviewed and they set a plan to update it. The Macomb County EOP is being updated. Emergency communications were reviewed and the team is working toward putting some

standard protocols together.

Ms. Eichhorst mentioned a safety concern that was brought to their attention regarding a food delivery and mentioned if there is ever a threat or immediate safety concerns, they should call law enforcement rather than leave messages at a building office.

### **Superintendent's Report –**

#### *Academic Services Update –*

*Elementary* – Mr. Murray gave an elementary update and spoke about how fortunate we are to have received an L&L Foundation grant in the amount of \$10,000 to enhance and replace some STEM equipment. He thanked them for their continued advocacy. He gave a reminder that there is no school on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> as it is a PD Day for teachers. Teachers will be working on ELA, math, culture and will be given collaboration time. He gave a math pilot update which started with a group of administrators, coaches and teachers envisioning what math should look like and working in conjunction with the MISD. They have arranged for 3 vendors at the elementary level to come in to share what their product can offer. They hope to take 2 of those to pilot into the winter and spring and then work to get board approval.

Ms. Eichhorst asked who will be reviewing the products and Mr. Murray responded that everyone on the visioning team and also some teachers that aren't piloting the product so that they can provide feedback before a decision is made.

*Secondary* – Ms. McFarlane gave a secondary update and gave an Academies at Romeo high school and middle school update. She mentioned many events that are and have taken place. October is manufacturing week for grades 10-12 and students visited several places. Career day took place last week. The Academy Advisory meeting will take place on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade will be going to Career Quest. Middle school continues to work on a profile of a middle school scholar. They are working to find non-profit and community-based partners. On November 8<sup>th</sup> there will be an Academy name reveal. Work continues on 'Capturing Kids Hearts'. November 6<sup>th</sup> is a PD Day and they will be creating agendas with teacher needs in mind. The middle school will have AVERT training and the high school has department PLC time and will continue teacher-led sessions. A math pilot update was shared. They are bringing 3 vendors in. Several teachers and Mr. Martz will be present for that.

*Construction – Facilities Bond Update* – Updates were given on Group 2 work (Croswell playground/renovations/addition, Hevel STEM room, Amanda Moore & Washington additions, RMS Stem-Robotics Center, RMS athletics facility and Admin. Building renovation) and Group 3 projects (parking lots, fire alarm & plumbing upgrades, 9GA renovation, RHS HVAC & courtyard, elementary playground project-phase 1 and roofing repairs).

Mrs. Eichhorst thanked Dr. Robinson and the team and stated that the workshop was helpful and appreciated.

**Public Comment**      None

**Approved**              **Resolutions**

- **Employee Services Resolution #80 – Personnel Update**  
Eichhorst moved. Demas supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Technology Services Resolution #81 – Desktop Computer Replacement Proposal**  
Antoine moved. Conner supported. 5 Ayes (Banach abstained). 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- **Facilities Resolution #82 – Administration Building Furniture Proposal**  
Rice moved. Eichhorst supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Conner mentioned that the MISD will be holding a story time and he will share the details. He also thanked everyone for sending him to the conference in Lansing.

Dr. Robinson stated that on Saturday he went to Cross Country regionals and what he saw was the most dominating performance he's ever seen. The 7 girls on our team finished 1<sup>st</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned how humble the students were while being interviewed by the Macomb Daily. He also gave kudos to the boy's team which finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and are headed to the state finals.

**Public Comment**

Parent Mandy Williams expressed concerns over new elementary curriculum. She stated that 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are learning about various religions. They have watched videos of Gods that don't look like normal people and have been exposed to death rituals and human sacrifices. She stated what they are learning is deep and dark and has caused anxiety in her children. She asked for them to look into this and if it will not be removed, then allow people to opt-out. She encouraged parents to look into the curriculum and stated this curriculum is disrupting kids' peace.

- **Closed Session – Collective Bargaining**

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

7:00 p.m. into Closed Session for the purpose of legal opinion. Roll Call: 6 members present. Todd Robinson, Vicki Laseke and Dana Abrahams (Clark Hill) were also present.

8:00 p.m. out of Closed Session. Into Open Session. Demas moved. Antoine supported. Roll call: 6 members present. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

8:01 p.m. Rice moved. Antoine supported. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Approved by: Katherine Rice, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_