

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ROYAL OAK
1123 Lexington Blvd., Royal Oak, MI. 48073**

December 09, 2010

7:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM

PRESENT: President, Michael Hartman; Vice President, Gary Briggs; Secretary, Marty Cardamone; Treasurer, Deborah Anderson; Trustee, Lisa Bradford; Trustee, Carrie Beerer and Trustee, Jeff Brinker

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent, Thomas Moline; Executive Director Business and Personnel Services, John Schwartz; Executive Director Administrative Services, Cheryl Goodgine; visitors

ABSENT:

1. **Opening of Meeting -** Mr. Hartman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance -** The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

3. **President's Comment**

3.1 **2011 – 2012 Student Enrollment Projections - Paul Wills, Plante Moran**

Dr. Moline spoke about how important it is for schools to work with the latest data.

Paul Wills presented the Pupil Enrollment Projection 2011-2015 Study Report. The report contains general demographics, growth data & trends, and pupil enrollment projections.

3.2 **Curriculum/Instruction Update –**

3.2.1 **MI-SAAS Sarah Olson
(MI School Accreditation & Accountability System)**

Sarah Olson spoke about the new accreditation system going into effect in Michigan. The system is used to describe districts based on their growth (achievement). The purpose of the new system is to create a coherent accountability policy in MI; align Federal and State requirements; implement a system that is more transparent & credible.

Dr. Moline stated that the new system is controversial because long time high achieving districts will now be in a new analysis for grading.

3.2.2 Kindergarten Folders

Cheryl Goodgine

Cheryl Goodgine spoke about the newly created folder for Kindergarten Round up, containing standardized forms. Kindergarten Round up is taking place from December 1 – 15, 2010. Schools are no longer responsible for the enrollment process; enrollment takes place at the enrollment office. Schools have commented that they are happy about this procedure and being able to focus on the introduction to the school.

3.2.3 Zangle Student Information Management Software

Cheryl Goodgine

Cheryl Goodgine presented the new fully integrated student information system going into use 2011-12. Zangle is one system versus several interfaces. The new system is highly flexible; web enabled, encrypted access. All training and support from Oakland Schools and servers housed there as well. Implementation is underway and a cost neutral status anticipated.

3.3 Economic/Budget/Audit Update -

John Schwartz

John Schwartz stated that the budget development process has started. A budget workshop needs to be scheduled for late January, early February, preferable a Saturday.

As in previous years, this year we will face significant challenges:

- No increase in state funding
- Declining enrollment
- Increased health care & retirement costs
- No dedicated funding source for facility needs

John explained K-12 Appropriation Bill (one-time money) which main purposes were to:

- Allocate remaining Education Jobs Fund with 2x formula
- Meet Maintenance of Effort requirements
- Create a new CEPI category

The impact on Royal Oak schools leads to a \$6.00 net increase in per pupil funding.

John Schwartz spoke about the amendment process and how it is on going, done quarterly. There have been significant changes to revenue and expenditures. A lower than expected student count, and reduced state funding affects revenue. While expenses are affected by staffing adjustments, health care and retirement costs.

3.4 January Organizational and Regular Meeting Determination

The Board agreed on January 13, 2011, as next meeting date.

4. **Communications** – Mr. Cardamone received the following communications:

- Jennifer Zaffarano, letter concerning All-day Kindergarten leaving Upton.
- Fred Hallauer, expressed how happy he was with work in the district, keep up good work.

5. **Opportunity for Citizens to Speak**

If you would like to address the Board of Education:

- ❖ Please remain seated and raise your hand.
- ❖ When called on by the Board President, please come to the microphone, and state Name & Address for the record.
- ❖ You will have 3 minutes to address the Board.
Please address the Board as a whole and not individually.
- ❖ When you are finished, please sign the sign-in sheet before you return to your seat.

If you exceed your 3 minutes the Board President will ask you to please finish your comments, if you need more time you are offered a second opportunity to address the Board at the end of the meeting with an additional 3 minutes.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

- Kristen Elsner, 24856 Beierman, Warren, MI – spoke about the All-day Kindergarten program.
- Jennifer Zaffarano, 1103 E. Sunnybrook, Royal Oak, MI – spoke about the All-day Kindergarten program.

6. **Superintendent's Comments**

-Dr. Moline invited the following visitors to speak about views from Lansing:

- State Senator John Papageorge – spoke of decreasing school population and the large deficit that the new Governor is facing in 2011.
- State Representative-Elect Jim Townsend - stressed collaboration, and problem solving. All options need to be put on the table for discussion.

Both politicians thanked by the board for taking the time to come to meeting. Expressed how important education is to state and community.

-Dr. Moline congratulated Eagle Scouts, David Pariseau, Braxton Alred and William Fabrizio for their honors.

-Board was invited to attend the January 19, 2011 OCSBA meeting with guest speaker Tim Skubick at the Ferndale School District Board Office.

-Dr. Moline announced that David Barnett, science teacher from ROHS had achieved National Board Certification, teachings top milestone. He is the first teacher in the district to do so.

9.4 *Great Start Readiness Program

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the Great Start Readiness Program recommendation as presented.

9.5 *Payment of Expenditures

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby approves expenditures as processed in the amount of \$4,269,212.71 for the period of September 25, 2010 through October 22, 2010.

9.6 *2010-11 General Fund Budget Amendment

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby amends the 2010-11 General Fund Budget by a net increase in revenue of \$149,985 and a net increase in expenditures of \$422,525 to be allocated as follows:

10. REVENUE	
Local Sources	\$ (123,000)
State Sources	(1,155,200)
Federal Sources	908,880
Incoming Transfer and Other Transactions	<u>519,305</u>
Total Revenue Increase	<u>\$ 149,985</u>

10. EXPENDITURES	
Instruction	\$ (545,908)
Instructional Support	129,531
Support Services	724,723
Community Services	53,779
Capital Outlay	45,400
Outgoing Transfer	<u>15,000</u>
Total Expenditure Increase	<u>\$ 422,525</u>

9.7 *Superintendent Search Firm Selection

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approve the firm MASB to perform the superintendent search services as specified in the district's request for proposal. The amount to be paid for said services shall not exceed \$9,000.00 with NTE of \$5,000.00 for reimbursable expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Superintendent of the School District or designee is hereby authorized to execute the resulting contract with MASB, as well as any and all documents necessary and incidental to the contract on behalf of the School District.

9.8 *Qualified School Construction Bond Authorization

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the QSCB recommendation as presented.

10. **Board Action and Non-Action Items -** There were none.

12. **Opportunity for Citizens to Speak -** There were none.

13. **Board Comments/Liaison Report -**

Mr. Briggs encouraged everyone to attend the RO Historical Society Museum and view the World War II exhibit.

14. **Adjournment -** President Hartman adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marty Cardamone
Secretary, Board of Education