

**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**

**January 13, 2010
7:00 P.M.
BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT: President, Gary Briggs; Vice President, Deborah Anderson; Secretary, Marty Cardamone; Treasurer, Michael Hartman; 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. Briggs called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m

2. Pledge of Allegiance The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

3. President's Comments

3.1. Superintendent Search Overview -

Marie Miller, MASB

MASB consultant Marie Miller gave a brief overview of the superintendent search process. A series of open meetings will be held to gather staff, teacher and the public's input, collectively. As well as an on-line survey link on the District website. A tentative timeline was set; job posting will be up for 6 weeks, closing the end of March. Interviews will be held in May & June. The goal is to have a new superintendent in place by July 1, 2011.

3.2. Project Healthy Schools -

Maureen Elliott, Beaumont

Beaumont Hospitals, Maureen Elliott spoke about their collaboration with University of Michigan and Royal Oak Middle School, Project Healthy Schools. Lindsey Seyferth gave a brief overview of the project, which started in 2004 and targets 6th graders, it is expected to be implemented by the end of February at the middle school. The program is designed to increase physical activities and healthier food choices to reduce childhood obesity and long-term cardiovascular disease risk. Kids learn what changes they need to make and newsletters with tips and function dates provide a way for families to get involved.

3.3. Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 -

Michael Jacobs, Chartwells

Michael Jacobs and Paul Gonino from Chartwells presented an overview of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010. This authorizes funding for federal school meal and child nutrition programs and increases access to healthy food for low-income children. This particular bill reauthorizes child nutrition programs for five years and includes \$4.5 billion in new funding for these types of programs over 10 year. Chartwells standards far exceed the proposed standards. Benefits of the act are that it will provide approximately, 18 to 20K of additional reimbursement and provide new changes that we would likely move towards, healthier meals, breakfast and/or dinner programs. The act will go into effect in the 2012 -13- school year.

3.4. Curriculum/Instruction Update –

Sarah Olson

Sarah Olson gave an overview of the state accreditation program, AdvanceEd/NCA (two programs merged together). The next step in the process is to implement district wide. Royal Oak Schools meet all levels of the program there are seven standards. The curriculum advisory committee met to create a vision for RO schools for 21st century learning stating that we are on the right track working on same goals. The accreditation process has started, our request has been submitted and a formal request will be made before April 1st.

3.5. Economic/Budget/Audit Update -

John Schwartz

3.5.1. Goal Setting & Budget Workshop (Saturday) - set for February 5, 2011

John Schwartz stated that the finance process has begun. The Finance committee is in the process of drafting a five-year financial forecast. The plan will consist of considerations and recommendations on how to balance budget.

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

- Janet Fordge, letter concerning School of Choice request.
- Beth Eckstein, expressed concern about counselors and college application deadlines.
- Tim Huber, letter supporting hockey coach.

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.

- Kirby Hull, 3219 Glenview, Royal Oak, MI – spoke in support of the ROHS hockey coach.
- Thomas Dixon, 5052 Thorncraft, Royal Oak, MI – spoke in support of the ROHS hockey coach.
- Howard Thomas, 617 Devillen, Royal Oak, MI – Expressed his support for the ROHS hockey coaches.
- Charles Pride - Athletic sales manager concerned with saving money for district.

6. Superintendent's Comments

- Dr. Moline expressed gratitude towards the board members, as January is Board Member Recognition Month. Stated, their efforts do not go unnoticed, proud of board and what they have done with district, volunteer service and commitment. Priority has been to educate students.
- Student Achievements:
Business Professionals of America Regional Conference – 457 students compete at the conference from Macomb and Oakland Counties.
 - Matthew Metsker: 1st Place Computerized Accounting & 2nd Place Advanced Accounting.
 - Kamaria Smith: 3rd Place Parliamentary Procedures.
 - Cassie Haglund: 6th Place Prepared Speech.
 - Clarence Montgomery: 12th Place Extemporaneous Speech.
- The Oakland Press Royal Oak Schools supplement included in January 16, 2011 circulation of the paper. The supplement comes at no cost to the school district, and is paid for with advertisements. It is a great program by Becky McLennan highlighting the district.

7. *Consent Agenda Item Considerations

Gary Briggs requested that item 10.1 be added and 9.5.1 removed.

Consent Agenda items approved at this time

8. *Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 09, 2010.

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the minutes of the Regular Meetings of December 09, 2010.

9. Personnel/Instruction/Business

9.1. *Gifts

9.1.1. Royal Oak Middle School – Band Donation

Resolved that that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby accepts the monetary donation of \$250 for the Royal Oak Middle School Band program.

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9.2. *Regular Personnel Changes

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby approves the following regular personnel changes:

NAME	POSITION	ACTION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Jill Grady	Teacher	Leave of Absence	January 13, 2011
Tamara Yarimian	Teacher	Resignation	January 13, 2011

9.3. *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 \$6,094,250.07 for the period of October 23, 2010 through November 19, 2010.

9.4. *Property - Option to Purchase Agreement (Whittier)

WHEREAS, the School District has offered for sale certain surplus real property situated in the City of Royal Oak, Oakland County, Michigan, described as follows:

A 3.41+/- acre parcel of real property located in the City of Royal Oak, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, which is comprised of five (5) vacant platted building sites and a vacant unplatted parcel, commonly known as the former Whittier Elementary School (the "Property"),

WHEREAS, the School District has received an offer from RRES Homes, LLC ("Robertson") to enter into an option agreement, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit A** (the "Agreement"), under which the School District would grant Robertson: (1) the option to purchase the five (5) vacant platted building sites along Alexander Avenue; and (2) a right of first refusal on the remaining vacant portion of the Property, both in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement.

WHEREAS, the School District is desirous entering into the Agreement with Robertson relative to the Property on the terms generally described above and substantially similar to the those contained in the Agreement and is further desirous of authorizing the Superintendent of the School District, or his designee, to execute the Agreement with Robertson, and any and all documents necessary and incidental to the sale of the Property on behalf of the School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The School District authorizes the sale of said Property on the terms generally described above and substantially similar to the those contained in the Agreement and acceptable to the Superintendent of the School District after consultation with legal counsel.
2. The Superintendent of the School District, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement, any and all documents necessary and incidental to the sale of said Property, on behalf of the School District.

9.5. Extension Agreement

Mr. Briggs asked for removal of this item from consent agenda.

9.5.1. Royal Oak Educational Support Association (ROESA)

Moved by: Mr. Hartman

Seconded by: Mrs. Anderson

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approve the Extension Agreement between the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak and the Royal Oak Educational Support Association be extended from January 14, 2011 through February 13, 2011.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Hartman	Yes
Mr. Briggs	No
Mr. Cardamone	No
Mrs. Anderson	Yes
Mrs. Beerer	Yes
Mrs. Bradford	Yes
Mr. Brinker	Yes

Motion Carried: Yes 5 No 2

10. Board Action and Non-Action Items

Added 10.1 to consent agenda

10.1. *2011-12 New Courses at ROHS

10.1.1. Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the new Royal Oak High School course, Forensic Science 2 for 2011/12 school year. Currently Forensic Science 1 is offered. This is a one-semester course that will fulfill the state graduation requirement for Science.

10.1.2. Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the new Royal Oak High School course, Media Literacy for the 21st Century (MediaLit) for 2011/12 school year. This is an additional elective course offering.

10.1.3. Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the purchase of the following textbooks for MediaLit totaling \$747.40:

- *Literacy for the 21st Century: An Overview and Orientation Guide to Media Literacy Education 2nd edition.* Publisher: Center for Media Literacy.
- *Ad Nauseum: Survivor's Guide to American Consumer culture 2009 edition.* Publisher: Carrie McLaren.
- *Everything's an Argument, 2006 edition.* Publisher: Andrea Lunsford and John Ruszkiewicz.
- *Gender, Race, and Class in Media, 2002 edition.* Publisher: Gail Dines and Jean McMahon Humez.
- *Writing about Literature and Film, 2002 edition.* Publisher: Elizabeth McMahan, Robert Funk and Susan X. Day.
- *Consider the Source, 2007 edition.* Publisher: James Broderick.

10.1.4. Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the new Royal Oak High School course, Advanced Graphic Communications 3 & 4 for 2011/12 school year. This is an additional elective course offering.

10.1.5. Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the new Royal Oak High School course, English as a Second Language (ESL) 3 & 4 for 2011/12 school year. This course replaces ESL 1560 (ESL English) course, which has no official course description in the catalog.

10.1.6. Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the new Royal Oak High School course, High School Literacy for 2011/12 school year. This is an additional elective course offering.

11. Opportunity for Citizens to Speak

There were none

12. Board Comments/Liaison Report

Mrs. Anderson spoke about how great the Blessings in a Backpack presentation at Oakland Elementary was and suggested inviting the group to a board meeting.

Dr. Moline provided background information about the program. A National program becoming active in Michigan, it recognizes children in communities that do not have food and nutrition to extend into weekends. Meijer is a major supporter of program. Data states, 1400 children are

eligible in our district half should participate. It take approximately \$80,000 a year to run the program, therefore, fundraisers along with a payroll deduction plan to come. Contact chairperson, Marcie Dryden for more information.

Gary Briggs announced that the Royal Oak Youth Assistance will be hosting a “Sexting” program at the middle school on February 2nd, more information is available on the high school website.

13. Adjourn to Closed Session – Property Sales (Attorney/Client Privilege)

Moved by: Mrs. Bradford

Seconded by: Mrs. Anderson

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak adjourns to a Closed Session for the purpose of discussing written opinion of legal counsel as is permissible under the Open Meetings Act 15.268, Section 8, Subsection (h).

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Hartman	Yes
Mr. Briggs	Yes
Mr. Cardamone	Yes
Mrs. Beerer	Yes
Mrs. Bradford	Yes
Mr. Brinker	Yes

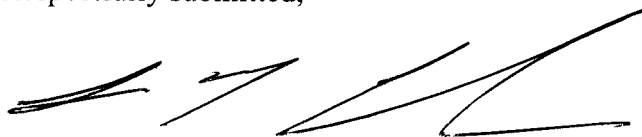
Motion Carried: Unanimously

14. Adjournment to Closed Session The Board adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

15. Reconvene The Board reconvened the Regular meeting at 9:15 p.m.

16. Adjournment President Briggs adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marty Cardamone
Secretary, Board of Education