

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REETHS-PUFFER SCHOOLS – MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN
April 17,2023

A regular meeting of the Reeths-Puffer Board of Education was called to order by President Kim Bramer at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023 at the Educational Services Building, 991 W. Giles Road, Muskegon, Michigan.

The following members were present:

Kim Bramer, President	Chris Brown, Treasurer
Jennifer Romanosky, Vice President	Susan Blackburn, Secretary
Alex Keefe, Trustee	Joan Vincent, Trustee

Absent: Sonya Hernandez, Trustee

Others present:

Steve Edwards, Superintendent
Rob Renes, Assistant Superintendent
25 Others

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve Edwards opened the meeting with thanking Tracey French and her team in receiving the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The MAISD Biennial Election was considered and discussed.

It was moved by Susan Blackburn and supported by Alex Keefe to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously. The consent agenda follows:

1. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2023
2. Approve Closed Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2023
3. Approve Closed Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2023
4. Approve Personnel Report
5. Approve High School Athletics Handbook Revisions – 1st Reading
6. Approve Purchasing Report for Epson Projectors
7. Approve Purchasing Report for PRESIDIO Camera System Refresh

The meeting was open to the public.

- None

Communications – Superintendent:

- Steve presented a video of the R-P Winter Guards performance at the World Championship. They competed at a world class level against 110 groups and took 9th in the World. Our students were competing at the highest level. We are so very proud of the R-P Winter Guard team. Congratulations!
- Steve started out with saying how proud he is of the people in this room along with all of our staff. The School Finance Collaborative adequacy study sent out a report indicating that it would cost \$4.5 billion to bring districts to funding adequacy based on estimates updated from 2018. Schools are vastly underfunded. Reeths-Puffer Schools are below adequacy by a total of \$15,146,684.00 and \$3,969 per pupil. For our staff to do what they've done and opening their arms to our kids, while being underfunded, is nothing short of heroic.

Communications – Board Members:

- None

It was moved by Alex Keefe and supported by Susan Blackburn to move to a closed session for an expulsion hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 5:57 pm.

It was moved by Kim Bramer and supported by Susan Blackburn to accept the recommendation of administration that the student identified as Student BF2223-4, be expelled, permanently, subject to possible reinstatement after 180 school days from Reeths-Puffer Schools for the reason that he has failed to follow the rules and regulations contained in the Student Code of Conduct resulting in a disruption of the education process for both student BF2223-4 and others and such behavior is sufficient to warrant expulsion pursuant to Section 1311(2) of the Michigan School Code. The Board of Education finds that the best interests of the school district are served by this action. The Administration is authorized to communicate to the parent/guardian the terms for possible reinstatement. During the time of expulsion, the student shall not be on school grounds or attend any functions at Reeths-Puffer Schools unless approved in advance by the Superintendent of Schools. The motion passed unanimously.

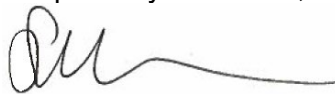
It was moved by Jennifer Romanosky and supported by Chris Brooks to move to a closed session for an expulsion hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 6:10 pm.

It was moved by Kim Bramer and supported by Susan Blackburn to accept the recommendation of administration that the student identified as Student CH2223-5, be expelled, permanently, subject to possible reinstatement after 180 school days from Reeths-Puffer Schools for the reason that he has failed to follow the rules and regulations contained in the Student Code of Conduct resulting in a disruption of the education process for both student CH2223-5 and others and such behavior is sufficient to warrant expulsion pursuant to Section 1311(2) of the Michigan School Code. The Board of Education finds that the best interests of the school district are served by this action. The Administration is authorized to communicate to the parent/guardian the terms for possible reinstatement. During the time of expulsion, the student shall not be on school grounds or attend any functions at Reeths-Puffer Schools unless approved in advance by the Superintendent of Schools. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Jennifer Romanosky and supported by Chris Brooks to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Susan Blackburn, Secretary