

REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Monday, January 18, 2021

7:00 p.m.

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The Business Meeting of the RCAPS Board of Education was called to order by President Eichenberg at 7:25p.m. on Monday, January 18, 2021, held virtually.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Superintendent Sweet shared the RCAPS Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Members Bookwalter (Reed City, Michigan), Eichenberg, (Chase Township), Franklin (Reed City, Osceola County), C. Mund (Chase Township), S. Mund (Chase Township), Quinn (Pinora Township), and Vanderhoof (Lincoln Township)

Absent: All Present.

Motion by Member C. Mund with support by Member Quinn to amend the agenda to include the approval of the authorization of IRS form 2848.

Motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of the Extended Continuity of Learning Plan

Superintendent Sweet shared student attendance numbers for the District, from December, with Members and provided a reminder of the transition to remote learning.

Motion by Member Franklin with support by Member C. Mund to accept the Extended Continuity of Learning Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications from the Public

- There was no communication from the public.

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing to discuss the adoption of the Thrun Law Anti-Bullying Policy (5207) was opened at 7:30p.m., consistent with Revised School Code, Section 1300b, MCL 380.1310b. The hearing was held with the intention of repealing the existing anti-bullying policy (5517.01) and adopting recommended Thrun Anti-Bullying policy 5207. Hearing no public comment, the hearing was declared closed at 7:32p.m.

Motion by Member Bookwalter with support from Member Quinn to repeal the existing anti-bullying policy and adopt recommended policy, 5207.

Motion carried unanimously.

Coyote Pride

- Superintendent Sweet celebrated the Reed City Area Public School Board of Education in observation of Board Appreciation Month. Book purchases were made in honor of Members

and given to the district libraries for students to enjoy. The books were selected from the 2020 Michigan Notable Books.

- Thank you to Ms. Kris Griffin for her collaboration with the Health Department to coordinate the COVID-19 vaccination clinic made available to all RCAPS employees.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Member C. Mund with support from Member Quinn to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included items:

- December 14, 2020 Minutes
 - Workshop Committee
 - Work Study Session
 - Business Meeting
 - Closed Session
- Financials, December, 2020
- New Hire Recommendation, Jennifer Lucht, Para Educator Elementary School

Business Items

Motion was made by Member C. Mund with support from Member Quinn to approve the RCAPS Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member Quinn with support from Member Franklin to approve the amount of \$2,500 for the Early Retirement Notification Incentive with a window of opportunity from March 1, 2021 until March 5, 2021 at 3:00p.m.

A roll call vote was requested and produced the following results (6-1):

Ayes: Members Bookwalter, Eichenberg, Franklin, S. Mund, Quinn, and Vanderhoof

Nays: Member C. Mund

Motion was made by Member S. Mund with support from Member Quinn to approve the Establishment of Fund 29.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member C. Mund with support from Member S. Mund to approve the acceptance of Superintendent Contract Extension with no change to salary.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member Quinn with support from Member C. Mund to approve the Letter of Agreement between RCEA and RCAPS regarding the Compensation for Quarantine Leave.

Member Bookwalter and Member Vanderhoof abstained from voting and both members cited conflict of interest (family member with potential financial interest).

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member Quinn with support from Member C. Mund to approve the Letter of Agreement between RCEA and RCAPS regarding the Early Release Wednesday Continuation through March 17, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member Franklin with support from Member Quinn to approve RCHS Early Graduation for 2020-2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Member S. Mund with support from Member Bookwalter to approve the authorization of signature on the IRS from 2848.

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Sweet provided District updates to the Board of Education. He reminded the District that we should remain diligent as we continue to navigate this pandemic and education. A thank you was extended to Ms. Griffin for her work with the Covid-19 vaccination clinic. RCAPS 9th grade student, Grace Jacobson, is 1 of 10 semifinalists in the Write Michigan Teen contest for her short story, "The Littlest Chickadee". Good luck Grace!

Adjournment

With no need to enter into closed session, the Business Meeting was adjourned at 7:53p.m.