

REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Business Meeting

Monday, July 12, 2021

5:00 p.m.

Porteous Academic Center

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The Business Meeting of the RCAPS Board of Education was called to order by President Eichenberg at 5:00p.m. on Monday, July 12, 2021, held in-person with the option of joining virtually.

Roll Call

Present: Members Bookwalter (*Jay, Oklahoma. Virtual attendance due to medical reason*), Eichenberg, Franklin, C. Mund, S. Mund, Quinn, and Vanderhoof
with Superintendent Sweet, Director of Finance Lukshaitis, and Recording Secretary Battle
Approximately 27 administrators and community members

Absent: None

Motion by Member C. Mund with support by Member Franklin to amend the agenda to include the new hire recommendation of Ryan Hansen as the Athletic Director/Teacher/CPM Coach.

Motion carried unanimously.

Communication from the Public

Written communication was shared from parent Nicole Woodside and Brandy Andrews.

President Eichenberg expressed that the practice of reading all written communication submitted will no longer take place. Everyone is encouraged to attend and welcome to participate in public communication.

Heidie Thomas participated in public comment and expressed that she is a spokesperson for a group of community members and parents asking about the start of the 2021-22 school year regarding masks, vaccinations, quarantining, and Covid-19 testing. A request was made that the school communicate the intentions regarding these pieces as soon as possible so personal decisions could be made regarding enrollment.

Financials

Financial information for the month of June was not available for review by members at the time that meeting materials were shared. Information will be shared directly from the Department of Finance and brought for formal approval at the August Board meeting.

Consent Agenda (A request was made to have these items approved individually.)

Motion by Member Franklin with support by Member Quinn to approved the proposed meeting minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

- June 21, 2021 Workshop Committee
- June 21, 2021 Work Study Session
- June 21, 2021 Business Meeting
- June 30, 2021 Workshop, Board Self-Evaluation

Motion by Member Chris Mund with support by Member Vanderhoof to approve the new hire recommendations (contingent upon the completion of mandatory onboarding paperwork):

Motion carried unanimously.

- Amber Feltman, Elementary Teacher

- Cheryl Wright, Elementary Teacher
- Mallorie Taylor, Elementary Teacher
- Carrie Webb, High School Math Teacher

Motion by Member Chris Mund with support by Member Spencer Mund to accept the resignation of Sarah Prins.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Member Chris Mund with support by Member Franklin to approve the new hire recommendation of Danielle Breedlove as Middle School Assistant Principal. A roll call vote was requested as motion did not carry unanimously:

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

Nays: Member Bookwalter

Motion passed 6 to 1 to approve the new hire recommendation of Danielle Breedlove as Middle School Assistant Principal.

Motion by Member Spencer Mund with support by Member Franklin to approve the new hire recommendation of Ryan Hansen Athletic Director/Teacher/CPM Coach. A roll call vote was requested as motion did not carry unanimously.

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

Nays: Member Bookwalter

Motion passed 6 to 1 to approve the new hire recommendation of Spencer Mund as Athletic Director/Teacher/CPM Coach.

Business Items

Motion by Member Chris Mund with support by Member Quinn to approve the Authorized Signature Resolution as proposed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Member Chris Mund with support by Member Franklin to approve the Authorized Depositories as proposed for 2021-22.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Member Quinn with support by Member Chris Mund to approve the proposed Memberships as proposed for 2021-22.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Member Quinn with support by Member Vanderhoof to approve Thurn Law Firm as Legal Counsel for 2021-22.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Member Chris Mund with support by Member Quinn to approve the use of Baird, Cotter, Bishop PC as the Auditor for 2021-22.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Member Quinn with support by Member Spencer Mund to approve the delegation of posting notices of public meetings to the Superintendent and Recording Secretary for 2021-22.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Member Franklin with support by Member Vanderhoof to approve the delegation of the Superintendent and Recording Secretary as Election Officials for 2021-22.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Member Chris Mund with support by Member Quinn to approve \$18 per meeting for Board Compensation, not to exceed \$1404 per year for 2021-22.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Member Chris Mund with support by Member Vanderhoof to approve the cost of \$3 per month for hard copies of the Board meeting materials, being picked up by the subscriber for 2021-22.

Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the potential utilization of sign-on incentive practices and opportunities. No decisions or motions were made. This will be revisited in the future to determine if this is a practice that the Board wishes to adopt and what that process would look like.

Motion by Member Quinn with support by Member Chris Mund to approve the 2021-22 proposed District Provided Professional Development plan. This approval also includes the allowance of District Provided Professional Development to be used as instructional time.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Member Quinn with support by Member Spencer Mund to approve the Financial Considerations that were proposed, with the exception of the purchase of a 3D printer for the Robotics Program as that purchase was tabled pending further explanation of the impact on curriculum and Mr. Brad Smith's presentation for purchase.

Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were discussed and set to motion for approval:

- Sale of district owned busses, equipment, and furniture
- Refinishing of the middle school gymnasium floor
- U.S. History textbooks, high school
- Social Studies textbooks, middle school
- Band instrument proposal, middle school

Meetings will continue to be livestreamed for public access through the month of December and will be revisited as guidelines change.

The start of the 2021-22 school year was discussed. Superintendent Sweet shared the current CDC recommendations that are not, at this time, mandates. Superintendent Sweet expressed that he wants families to have a choice regarding all of the areas that were impacted last year such as sports, masks, cohorts, testing, quarantining. He explained that he is listening to parents and community members and understands their requests and wants to provide those choices.

Closed Session

Motion by Member Quinn with support from Member Vanderhoof pursuant to section 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining.

Motion carried unanimously

Roll call vote produced the following results:

Ayes: Members Bookwalter (Jay, Oklahoma), Eichenberg, Franklin, C. Mund, S. Mund, Quinn, and Vanderhoof.

Nays: None.

The Reed City Area Public Schools Board of Education entered into closed session at 6:45p.m.

The Reed City Area Public Schools Board of Education returned to open session at 7:34p.m.

Motion by Member Spencer Mund with support from Member Chris Mund to approve the proposed Reed City Education Association Master Agreement 2021-2024.

Ayes: Members Eichenberg, Franklin, Chris Mund, Spencer Mund, and Quinn

Nays: None.

Abstaining: Member Bookwalter and Member Vanderhoof abstained from voting citing being married to teaching staff in the district.

Motion passed with support of 5 to 0 and 2 Members abstaining.

Adjournment

Motion by Member Spencer Mund with support by Member Quinn to adjourn the Business Meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.m.