

# REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Minutes of Business Meeting

Monday, August 16, 2021

7:00 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 7:00p.m. on Monday, August 16, 2021, held in-person with the option of joining virtually. After the Pledge of Allegiance roll call was performed.

#### Roll Call

Present: Members Eichenberg, Franklin, C. Mund, S. Mund, Quinn, and Vanderhoof with Superintendent Sweet, Director of Finance Lukshaitis, and Recording Secretary Battle  
Approximately 20 administrators and community members were also present.

Absent: Member Bookwalter

**Motion** by Member Franklin with support by Member Quinn to approve the proposed agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Communication from the Public

Teresa Sims expressed her appreciation that the Board of Education and Superintendent Sweet listened to the public regarding their wishes to provide families choices as we return to school. Ms. Sims also encouraged the public to be involved and attend Board meetings regularly.

Debbie Todd expressed her appreciation for receiving the complete Board meeting materials. Ms. Todd also shared her concerns regarding children at the MOISD. She specifically expressed concerns regarding a wheelchair bound student and their lack of a wheel chair ramp.

#### Board Goals/Professional Development *(Standing Agenda Item)*

The possible restructure of Board meetings was discussed at the Committee Workshop and Superintendent Sweet will present options at a future meeting. He also shared the current processes being implemented to provide School of Choice information to the Board of Education.

- Restructuring of meetings and respective agendas
- School of choice
- Student attendance
- Student proficiency
- Kindergarten data points

#### Consent Agenda

**Motion** by Member Franklin with support by Member Quinn to approve the proposed consent agenda items.

Motion carried unanimously.

Items included in the consent agenda:

- Acceptance of the June financials as presented
- Acceptance of the July financials as presented
- Approval of the Meeting Minutes, July 12, 2021
  - Business Meeting
  - Closed Session

- Acceptance of Retirement, Dave Zielinski, Middle School Science Teacher
- Approval of New Hire Recommendations:
  - Tammy Pruden, High School, ELA Teacher
  - Stephanie O'Neil, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher

### **Business Items**

**Motion** by Member Chris Mund with support by Member Vanderhoof to approve the Finance Proposed Projects. Motion carried unanimously.

- ESSER II Funds were approved for payment for the 3D printer
- Concrete Project, High School Gymnasium Entrance
- Asphalt Project, High School Upper Parking Lot & GTN Lower Lot

**Motion** by Member S. Mund with support by Member Vanderhoof to approve the proposed Chromebook Policy/Handbook.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** by Member Franklin with support by Member Vanderhoof to approve the proposed L4029 form as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** by Member Quinn with support by Member C. Mund to approve the METS contract extension/addendum as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** by Member Franklin with support by Member S. Mund to approve the Sex Education Curriculum and Purchase of Health Textbooks.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Sweet provided district updates. He shared that he is completing a welcome back letter that will be shared with staff and community as the start of the school year approaches. Members have had an opportunity to review the letter. Mr. Sweet thanked Dave Zielinski for 25 years of service to the district. Members can expect to receive an invitation to a 1:1 meeting with the Superintendent in the next few months. Each month, Mr. Sweet will be meeting with a different Board member. Superintendent Sweet requested direction regarding new hires as we near the start of school. As hiring gaps are being closed, it may not be possible to recommend new hires to the Board of Education prior to the start of school. Members expressed support that if all mandatory new hire paperwork is received (fingerprinting/background check and disclosure of unprofessional conduct) and in appropriate order, the Superintendent could use judgement for start dates to not delay progress. Formal Board of Education recommendation for hire will still take place at the very next meeting.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion** by Member Quinn with support by Member C. Mund to adjourn the Business Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 7:19p.m.