

REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Work Study Session

Monday, September 20, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Porteous Academic Center

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The Work Study Session of the RCAPS Board of Education was called to order by President Eichenberg at 6:30p.m. on Monday, September 20, 2021, held in-person and virtually.

Roll Call

Present: Members Bookwalter (El Paso, TX), Eichenberg, Franklin, C. Mund, S. Mund, Quinn, and Vanderhoof

Superintendent Sweet, Recording Secretary Battle, and Director of Finance Lukshaitis
Approximately 37 RCAPS employees and community members were present

Absent: None

Motion by Member C. Mund with support by Member Quinn to amend the agenda to include approval of the signature resolution recommendation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Communication from the Public

John Vanderhoof provided public comment. Mr. Vanderhoof was a customer bidding on items that were offered through a school equipment auction through CIS. His bid and the closing of the auction was impacted by inclement weather. He expressed his frustration with the situation.

Presentation, 2020-21 Financial Audit Summary

Mike Cool, CPA with Baird, Cotter, and Bishop P.C. provided a presentation regarding the Financial Audit Summary for 2020-21. He provided opportunities for questions and answers. Mr. Cool offered to schedule a separate meeting with the Board of Education to provide further explanation and education of the individual accounts and best practice.

Financials

Financials for the month of August were provided in the meeting materials. Member Vanderhoof had provided a list of questions in advance of the meeting and Superintendent Sweet and Director of Finance Lukshaitis provided answers to those inquiries. One question was if there is policy that outlines procedures in the event of financial variance. Mr. Sweet shared that he did not find a policy that dealt with financial variances.

Items for Discussion

The following items were reviewed for consideration and discussion for approval at the 7:00p.m. Business Meeting:

- Meeting minutes from August 16, 2021 were reviewed without question.
 - Committee Workshop
 - Work Study Session
 - Business Meeting
- The Retirement of Dave Zielinski was reviewed without question.

- New Hire Recommendations were reviewed. Member C. Mund asked if the recommendations being presented filled the remaining positions. Mr. Sweet did confirm that they do.
 - Carry Benzing, High School Secretary
 - Rodnie Cook, Payroll/Benefits Specialist
 - Matt Coppick, Middle School Science Teacher
 - Angela Lyons, Paraprofessional, Elementary School
 - Ben Kosmalski, Behavior Interventionist
 - Kati Wheeler, Behavior Interventionist
 - Jordyn Wirth, Behavior Interventionist
- Acceptance of Retirement, Sherri Beam was reviewed without question.
- Chromebook Purchase Recommendation
 - Members asked if this purchase was in the approved budget. Director of Finance Lukshaitis explained that it will be in the revised budget presented to the Board in October that will address ESSER funds as some of those were not in the original budget.
- Signature Resolution Recommendation was reviewed without question.

An inquiry was made regarding any new information to share about the city well request. Mr. Sweet explained that with the transition of City Management there was no new information to provide but he will update when information is available. The next step in the process is that Mr. Sweet will meet with city management and physically see the location that they have suggested.

Adjournment

Motion by Member C. Mund with support by Member Franklin to adjourn the Work Study Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Work Study Session was adjourned at 7:26p.m.