

REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Business Meeting

Monday, September 20, 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 7:26p.m. on Monday, September 20, 2021, held in-person with the option of joining virtually. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was performed.

Roll Call

Present: Members Bookwalter (El Paso, TX), Eichenberg, Franklin, C. Mund, S. Mund, Quinn, and Vanderhoof
with Superintendent Sweet, Director of Finance Lukshaitis, and Recording Secretary Battle
Approximately 55 administrators and community members were also present.

Absent: None.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Communication from the Public

Maggie Walcott shared public comment virtually. She shared that her children have been impacted by Covid and that she supports mask mandates in an effort to mitigate the spread of Covid. She requested that the Board of Education consider making masks mandatory.

Heide Thomas shared her concerns regarding quarantines and her feeling that they are not necessary.

Pete Schebil shared his opinion that masks and other Covid measures are unnecessary.

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

Superintendent Sweet discussed and presented an option for restructuring the meeting schedule. A trial Committee of the Whole meeting will be scheduled for Monday, October 4, 2021 at 5:30p.m. The Board will provide feedback regarding changing the 2021-22 meeting schedule. Any change would be formally approved by the Board of Education.

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

Coyotes Pride

Middle School Assistant Principal, Danielle Breedlove, celebrated the RCAPS 5th grade teaching team as part of Coyote Pride. Mrs. Breedlove shared that the 5th grade team has done an outstanding job with the transition to the middle school building and because of their flexibility and hard work, the move has been successful for students and staff. The recognized team consists of Evelyn Webster, Heather Knoth, Kalee Hensel, Gina Nettleman, and Myra Stern.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Member Quinn with support by Member Vanderhoof to approve the proposed consent agenda items, with the exception of the August financials as there was a variance question that required feedback with an invoice and payment. The August financials will be tabled and brought back to the Board of Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

Items included in the consent agenda:

- Approval of the Meeting Minutes, August 16, 2021
 - Committee Workshop
 - Work Study Session
 - Business Meeting
- Acceptance of Retirement, Sherri Beam
- Approval of New Hire Recommendations:
 - 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

Business Items

Motion by Member Quinn with support by Member Bookwalter to approve the proposed Chromebook Purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Member Vanderhoof with support by Member Franklin to approve the proposed Signature Resolution Recommendation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Sweet congratulated Sherri Beam on her retirement and thanked her for her years of service as support personnel and coach in the district. The Collins and Blaha evaluation training has been scheduled for Members and Administrators and will be held on October 26th at the MOISD. Mark Watkins, OCEMD met with RCAPS staff to discuss the district Emergency Operations Plan and explained that RCAPS is “ahead of other districts”. He commended the district for their EOP. Building dashboards are being constructed. Superintendent Sweet will share preliminary information regarding the dashboards with the BOE at the 10/4 meeting.

Other

Member Bookwalter commented that there is a lack of custodial services being provided by GRBS. He specifically referenced G.T. Norman regarding his observation and staff feedback.

Member Vanderhoof asked how RCAPS addressed the aftermath of the storm and evacuation of G.T. Norman. Superintendent Sweet provided what he witnessed between staff and students at the elementary school, the day following the storm. It was suggested that RCAPS could look into what support services could be offered to students in the event of another storm or like situation. Mr. Sweet will provide feedback to members regarding this opportunity. He will review the EOP to determine if adding something to that plan would be appropriate.

Adjournment

Motion by Member S. Mund with support by Member C. Mund to adjourn the Business Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 8:07p.m.