

REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Porteous Academic Center

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The Committee of the Whole of the RCAPS Board of Education was called to order by President Eichenberg at 5:31p.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, held wholly in-person.

Roll Call

Present: Members Bookwalter, Eichenberg, Franklin, C. Mund, S. Mund, Quinn, and Vanderhoof with Superintendent Sweet, Director of Finance Lukshaitis, Director of Facilities Lawrence, and Recording Secretary Battle
Approximately 3 community members were also in attendance

Absent: None

Motion by Member Franklin with support by Member Quinn to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

Communication from the Public

There was no communication from the public.

Financials

Financial information for August was tabled at the September 20, 2021 meeting. Updated August financials were provided by Director of Finance Lukshaitis for review.

Motion by Member Franklin with support by Member Bookwalter to approve the August financials.
Motion carried unanimously.

Items for Action

The following items were reviewed for consideration and discussion for approval:

Motion by Member Bookwalter with support by Member Quinn to approve the September 20, 2021 Work Study Session and Business Meeting minutes as proposed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Member Vanderhoof with support by Member C. Mund to approve the September 27, 2021 Special Meeting and Closed Session minutes as proposed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Member C. Mund with support by Member Quinn to approve the New Hire Recommendations as proposed.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Daniel Battle, Facilities Technician
- Brittany Schooley, Paraprofessional, G.T.Norman Elementary

Members requested to know the para to student ratio as well as paraprofessional assignments. Superintendent Sweet will obtain that information and report back to the Board of Education.

Members discussed and reviewed a proposed template for revising the Board of Education meetings to include Committee of the Whole Meetings approximately 2 weeks prior to the Business Meeting with the exception of holidays. A second draft will be proposed to Members with the goal of presenting for vote at the next Business Meeting.

Motion by Member Quinn with support by Member Vanderhoof to continue livestreaming the Board of Education meetings until further notice.

Motion carried unanimously.

The potential of providing a community reminder of regular BOE meetings was presented through Superintendent Sweet. This is supported if the practice can be sustained.

Superintendent Sweet provided a presentation regarding the building dashboards. He shared the format and explained how the information will be populated and used. Members asked if they will have access to view the dashboards and if they can receive periodic updates. Mr. Sweet confirmed that he will bring updates back to the Board.

Directors of Finance and Facilities discussed the opportunity of purchasing a dust collection system for the shop program. Members inquired about the number of high school and middle school shop students. This information will be provided.

Directors of Finance and Facilities presented the status of the bio-dome. Mrs. Lukshaitis explained that an insurance claim has been submitted. Panels were damaged during a recent storm. There have been ongoing structural issues due to aging conditions. The current issue is that the panels cannot be reattached as the structure is rotting. Direction is being requested as to the intention of the bio-dome. Does the District wish to remove, repair, or replace the structure? A decision should be made prior to winter so that the structure can withstand a snow load if being repaired. Members asked how many classes are impacted by the bio-dome and if it provides other student opportunities. It was suggested that Mr. Smith be invited to a meeting to discuss the bio-dome. Members would also like to know the cost of operation of the structure.

Compiling a list of facility needs and priorities was suggested. Soliciting input was recommended. A possible BOE tour of the buildings was mentioned as an option to establish needs and opportunities as well as possible priority of projects.

Member Franklin asked for guidance regarding adding an agenda item. President Eichenberg encouraged members to provide her with desired items for discussion. Member Franklin inquired about the opportunity to place the topic of alternative high school on an upcoming agenda. Member Franklin will connect with President Eichenberg.

Member Quinn provided a PTO meeting update. She thanked the popcorn days sponsors and reported that the fundraiser color run was successful. The PTO is considering ways to improve for next year.

Adjournment

Motion by Member Bookwalter with support by Member Quinn to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

With no reason to enter into closed session, the Committee of the Whole Meeting was adjourned at 7:00p.m.