

REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Porteous Academic Center

The regular business meeting of the RCAPS Board of Education was called to order by President Kailing at 7:01 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 in the Porteous Academic Center.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Member Fuller read the RCAPS Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Members Bookwalter, Fuller, Goodman, Johnson, Kailing, and Mund,
with Superintendent Munroe, Recording Secretary Battle

Absent: Member Eichenberg

In addition, present were approximately 45 Reed City Area Public School employees, students and community members.

Motion by Member Fuller with support by Member Johnson to approve the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications from the Public

Ms. Shelly Scharlow, President of the Reed City General Federation of Women's Clubs shared the success of the clubs programs. These programs included Katie's Kloset, Coyote Pup Pantry and their Pawtastic program.

Educational Highlights

Students shared their technology skills with individual Board Members. Students included:

Reese Dew, Andrew Kiaunis and Malley Terryn from G. T. Normal Elementary.

Nora Smoes, Tori Todd and Nathan VanAntwerp from Reed City Middle School.

Grace Johnson and Kiley Shoemaker from Reed City High School.

Dr. Munroe acknowledged the Board of Education with certificates of recognition and a token of appreciation. She recognized that Board members are "Ordinary citizens, with extraordinary dedication to community and our children". She proceeded to "applaud RCAPS Board Members for their vision and willingness to accept the responsibility of working together to prepare today's students to become tomorrow's leaders".

Consent Agenda

Motion by Member Bookwalter, with support by Member Fuller, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda included:

- RCAPS Board of Education Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2019
- RCAPS Financials, January 2019
- Second Reading and Adoption of Neola new, revised and replacement policies
- New hire recommendations

Business Items

Motion by Member Goodman, with the support by Member Bookwalter, to approve the RCHS Trip to North Manitou Island, July 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Member Mund, with the support by Member Bookwalter, to approve the RCHS European Tour, June 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Member Mund, with the support by Member Bookwalter to approve Early Notification Incentive for certified staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Early Notification Incentive would offer \$1,000 to certified staff choosing to leave the District and \$2,500 to certified staff retiring from RCAPS.

The purpose of the incentive is not to be construed as a buy-out, but rather a commitment incentive within the designated timeframe, allowing the District to move forward with budget planning and staffing for the coming school year. Incentive would be available March 1, 2019 to March 15, 2019.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Munroe advised that the County School Board Meeting, giving legislative updates will be held on April 24, 2019. Formal invite to come.

Dr. Munroe recognized the High School Special Education staff for their hard work and dedication with the tedious work of making corrections to IEPs and doing what is best for the students. Thank you to Mr. Hudson, Ms. Szymanski, Ms. Shewan, Ms. Petrailia, Mr. Sims, Ms. Lockhart and Ms. Phelps from the MOISD.

Adjournment

Having no need to enter into Closed Session, the meeting adjourned at 7:36p.m.

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