

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1  
 March 11, 2013

Regular Meeting 03/11/13

A Regular Meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held March 11, 2013, at the Board of Education Administrative Offices, 19990 Beech Daly, Redford Township, Michigan, 48240. President Wierimaa called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Call to Order

Present: Caloia, Graham, Gubachy, Isabell, Kurland, Pridemore, Wierimaa  
 Absent: Student Representative John McAfee

Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pledge of Allegiance

Please put cell phones on silent or vibrate.

Presidents Remarks

None

Superintendent Remarks

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Kurland, to approve the March 11, 2013 agenda as presented. Yes: 7 No: 0. Motion carries.

Adoption of Agenda

Bond Committee – Superintendent Stoneman asked the Bond Committee, H. Kick, J. Osowski and F. Gustafson to come forward. Harry and Jeff then surprised Frann, by reading a list of her many accomplishments; and presented her with the “Panther of the Year Award”. Frann was given a silver apple and was presented a plaque engraved with her name which will remain at central office. K. Robbins spoke of Frann’s involvement in Redford Union Schools from the MacGowan days. Frann was very surprised, extremely grateful and thanked everyone for the award.

Presentations

Food Service – M. Rodriguez, J. Smith and P. Shuffler presented a brief outline of the food service program along with the changes in the food offerings being served to our students. They brought in a sample of some of the snack food choices and backpack food offerings that we are utilizing. Students at Beech participated in an art project relating to foods, and three students were chosen to display and talk about their artwork at this time.

None

Call to the Audience on  
Agenda items

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Graham, to waive the reading and approve the February 11, 2013 Regular Meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education, as presented. Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carries

Review and Approval of  
Minutes

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Caloia, to waive the reading and approve the March 7, 2013 Special Meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education, as presented. Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carries

MOVED by Isabell, seconded by Kurland, to waive the reading and approve the March 7, 2013 Closed Meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education, as presented. Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carries

None	Communications received by Board Secretary
None	Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
Building/Facilities-Pat stated that building reviews have been started with Chuck Martin, Greg McIntyre and three representatives from GRBS. This is to help determine minor and major concerns, item to follow up on and to make sure all are on the same page. Curriculum-Evelyn stated that they were reviewing adjustments/improvements needed to help our students achieve in their education. Finance- No meeting. Personnel-Larry stated they reviewed contract negotiations and general employee information. Policy- No meeting.	Administrative Committee Reports
Item XIII. B. 1. a. was removed from the consent agenda by S. Caloia.	Action Items Items Removed from Consent Agenda
<b><u>MOVED</u></b> BY Pridemore, seconded by Isabell, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent and/or his designee to accept the recommendation of Metro Technology Services IT, Inc. and RMS Associates to review and/or enter into contracts with: <b>1) AmComm for Low Voltage Cable</b> – in the Base Bid amount of \$237,900.00; <b>2) CTS Companies for Telephone System Upgrade</b> - in the Base Bid amount of \$148,772.48; <b>3) Netech Corporation for Wireless Infrastructure</b> – in the Base Bid amount of \$307,781.61; and <b>4) Netech Corporation for High Speed Network Infrastructure and Servers</b> – with the Base Bid amount of \$717,064.56. <u>NOTE</u> : As these are E-Rate Bid Projects, all contracts are null and void if the E-Rate funding in the amount expected is not approved. Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carries	Technology Service Bids Metro Technology Services
<b><u>MOVED</u></b> BY Kurland, seconded by Isabell, to approve the second and final reading of the Parent Involvement Policy - Administrative Rules #2210-R as presented. Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carries	Second/Final Reading Parent Involvement Administrative Rules
<b><u>MOVED</u></b> by Isabell, seconded by Pridemore, to approve the fiscal and budgetary consent agenda items as presented. Yes: 7 No: 0. Motion Carries.	Business and Operational Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved electronic transfers for the month of February 2013 in the amount of \$2,341,788.55.</li> </ul>	Electronic Transfers
<b><u>MOVED</u></b> by Isabell, seconded by Graham, to approve the Human Resource consent agenda items as presented. Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carries	Human Resources
<p><b><u>a. NEW HIRES: Non-Certified</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Joshua Frei/BIC/ MacGowan/Effective 3/4/13</b></li> <li><b>2. Alison Mineau/Title I Assistant/MacGowan/Effective 3/7/13</b></li> <li><b>3. Kenya Rashed/EA/Beech/ AI Classroom/Eff 3/6/13 (prev Title I Asst)</b></li> <li><b>4. Katherine Snyder/Title I Assistant/MacGowan/Effective 2/25/13</b></li> </ol>	J. Frei A. Mineau K. Rashed K. Snyder

**5. Lakwauna Hawkins-Tinsley/EA/Beech AI Classroom/Eff 3/6/13**

L. Hawkins-Tinsley

**b. LEAVE REQUESTS**

1. **Andy Christopherson**/Academic Technology Coordinator/  
Professional Growth Leave Ext. from RUEA/Eff 2013-14 school year.
2. **Thomas French**/Teacher/ADT Stuckey/Health Leave/Eff 3/13/13
3. **Kelly Thompson**/EA/ADT Stuckey/FMLA/Effective 2/26/13

A . Christopherson

T. French

K. Thompson

**c. SEPARATIONS**

1. **Colleen Wright**/Speech & Language/RUHS & Beech/Resignation  
Effective 2/22/13

C. Wright

**MOVED** by Kurland, seconded by Isabell, to approve the Educational Services consent agenda items as presented. Yes: 7 No: 0. Motion Carries

Educational Services

- a. Field trip request from RUHS Choir for a multi-day over night field trip to New York, New York from Wednesday, May 2, 2013 to Monday, May 6, 2013.

**MOVED** by Isabell, seconded by Gubachy, to approve the checks from fiscal and budgetary agenda items as presented. Yes: 6 No: 1 (Caloia). Motion Carries.

Removed from  
Consent Agenda

- Approved payment of \$571,743.24 for checks dated 2/11/2013 to 3/06/2013.

Disposition of Checks

Trustee Kurland spoke about the mentor program, stating that the meeting for those interested would be in April. She had the volunteer sign up form on the Agenda table, and she asked for any interested mentors to please sign the form. She also spoke of her recent day spent at Beech Elementary, and thanked everyone for spending time with her. She also expressed her *personal* concern with the donkey basketball event at RUHS. Vice President Gubachy spoke about the Academic Tournament that the students from Beech had just attended last week, how proud she was of all of them and she thought they did well. President Wierimaa wished both of his sons a Happy Birthday, as they are within a few days of each other.

Board of Education  
Communication / Discussion

Superintendent Stoneman spoke about how well our RUHS band performed at Festival last week, and congratulated everyone.

Superintendent Comments

S. Losey spoke about the diversity group at RUHS and some of the great things they are doing, along with fundraisers. He stated that the RUEA and other groups had partnered to do a can drive last fall for Redford Interfaith, and they just finished a personal care items drive. They have decided that they would like to work specifically with Redford Interfaith as they in-turn directly held the families that attend our schools. Mr. Losey also asked for everyone to stay tuned for information regarding a clothing drive that they are hoping to initiate shortly.

Call to the Audience

## Future meeting dates:

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Monday, March 18, 2013 – Special Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Board of Education Administrative Offices, 19990 Beech Daly, Redford

Monday, April 8, 2013 – Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Board of Education Administrative Offices, 19990 Beech Daly, Redford

**MOVED** BY Isabell, seconded by Caloia, to go into closed session for the purpose of an Attorney's Opinion.

Closed Session

Caloia: Yes; Graham: Yes; Gubachy: Yes; Kurland: Yes; Isabell: Yes;

Pridemore: Yes; Wierimaa: Yes. Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carries Time: 8:12 p.m.

**MOVED** by Isabell, seconded by Graham, to return to Open Session.

Open Session

Caloia: Yes; Graham: Yes; Gubachy: Yes; Kurland: Yes; Isabell: Yes;

Pridemore: Yes; Wierimaa: Yes. Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carries Time: 9:10 p.m.

**MOVED** by Isabell, seconded by Kurland, to reaffirm Board Policy No. 2312, Complaints Concerning School Personnel, which was adopted 10/9/1978, revised on 10/11/1982, and last reaffirmed on 5/10/1993.

Re-Affirmation of  
Board Policy #2312  
Complaints Concerning  
School Personnel

Caloia: Yes; Graham: Yes; Gubachy: Yes; Kurland: Yes; Isabell: Yes;

Pridemore: Yes; Wierimaa: Yes. Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carries

Michigan law requires that this board act only as a board. Only the vote of a majority of this board's members creates action by this board. Under Section 1201 of the *Revised School Code*, we as trustees are only to exercise our power and perform our duties as trustees when doing so collectively and only at a regular or a properly called special meeting. In light of the fact that Michigan law requires that we act as a board, and only take action collectively, I am concerned regarding the community's interpretation of recent actions of Sherri Caloia, a single member of our board. In light of those concerns, it is

Disclaiming Acts  
of an Individual  
Board Member

**MOVED** by Isabell, seconded by Pridemore, that the actions of a single member of this board are not the actions of this board of trustees. That the community and its members be placed on notice that unless specifically authorized by motion of this board, an individual trustee of this board holds the power of and expresses his or her opinion as an individual community member and that such individual's opinion should not be construed as the opinion of the board of trustees.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Caloia: Abstain; Graham: Yes; Gubachy: Yes; Isabell: Yes; Kurland: Yes;

Pridemore: Yes; Wierimaa: Yes. Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 1 (Caloia) Motion: Carries

**MOVED** by Isabell, seconded by Kurland, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

Adjournment

Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Isabell, Secretary  
Redford Union Board of Education