

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1  
 March 8, 2010

A regular meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held March 8, 2010, at the John C. Raeside Administration Building, 18499 Beech Daly, Redford Township, Michigan, 48240. President Isabell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting 3/8/10  
 Call to Order

Present: Brenner, Caloia, Gubachy, Isabell, Wierimaa, Goulet

Roll Call

Absent: Calvert, Wujcik

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pledge of  
 Allegiance

President Isabell spoke to:

President  
 Remarks

- Shared with the audience that the Redford Chamber of Commerce recognized the Redford Union School District #1 with a plaque and certificate for 35 years as a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Superintendent Rhodes spoke to:

Superintendent  
 Remarks

- Senator Anderson will be attending the Board meeting tonight at a later time.
- Michigan did not receive the “Race to the Top” funds. Michigan can reapply in June, it is unsure what funds will be available in the second round of RTTT money. Legislation passed as part of the requirements for RTTT will remain in place and is law now regardless if money is received by Michigan or not. PA101-105.
- The contribution rate for retirement on employee wages, beginning on 10/1/2010 through 9/30/2011, will be 19.41% which is a 2.47% increase from this school year. This is the highest increase ever seen in the state by financial and business managers.
- Andy Christopherson and complimented his work with grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> on the METS Project. We appreciate the professionalism and the time he volunteered.
- There will be a rally organized by the SOS (Save Our Students) on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Attendees can attend morning meetings at the Lansing Center with a march to the capitol at 1:00 p.m.
- On Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a live wax museum at Stuckey Elementary and everyone is invited.

Senator Anderson stopped by to drop off books for the elementary schools in recognition of March reading month. Senator Anderson thanked the Board of Education and the educational staff for all the hard work that they do for students.

- Dr. French, the Director of our Hearing Impaired program in Redford Union, wrote and published of a book titled “Fixing Education.” The Superintendent looks forward to sitting down and reading it soon.

MOVED by Wierimaa, seconded by Caloia, to approve the March 8, 2010 agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Adoption of  
 Agenda

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Steve Losey, 206 Chestnet Way, Linden. On behalf of the RUEA welcomed Mr. Ron Stoneman to the district as the new Superintendent.	Call to the Audience on an agenda item: S. Losey
<u>MOVED</u> by Gubachy, seconded by Wierimaa, to waive and approve the February 8, 2010 regular meeting minutes and the February 20, 2010 special meeting minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education, as presented. Brenner asked for an amendment to the February 8, 2010 minutes, page 49, the policy number should be 5860-R not 5860. Ayes: All. Motion carried.	Review and Approval of Minutes
David Battistelli, Leadership/Student Council, RUHS Teacher/Advisor and the students presented the concepts of the class and the benefits of having such a class to accomplish the projects and goals of the student council. Students from each grade level presented on their class projects, fund raising, and fund balances.	Presentations
Dan Krita from Wold Architects presented the summer projects to be worked on throughout the district. Krita wanted to give the Board a courtesy review of the first phase. Wold has been working very closely with the District Communication Team and Administration to come to this point and prioritizing projects. The first phase that will begin this summer and will include new roofs for Stuckey, Beck, Hilbert, and Redord Union High School. Due to the construction, all summer programs will be housed at Bulman Elementary.	
Sue Stanley, principal of Bulman Elementary presented on early learning success through the county with the use of developmental reading assessment. There has been a marked increase in student success. "Our vision, our study, and our practice and reflection is leap years of where we were five years ago" stated Stanley.	
Karen Moffitt, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, reviewed with the board the 2009-2010 budget and the estimated fund balance along with the 2010-2011 school year projections. Moffitt spoke with the board regarding her thoughts to examine the possibility of switching banks and comparing rates and fees. National school breakfast week is March 8 <sup>th</sup> through the 12 <sup>th</sup> , we are putting together a promotion to encourage students to eat breakfast. There will be a raffle for mountain bikes donated for middle and high school students who participate in the breakfast program.	Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Comments
Brenner requested item XII, 2, e. be removed from the consent agenda. Wierimaa requested item XII, 3, b. be removed from the consent agenda.	Special Consideration of an Action Item
<u>MOVED</u> by Wierimaa, seconded by Gubachy, to approve the business and operational services consent agenda items as presented. Ayes: All. Motion carried.	Business and Operational Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve payment of \$1,033,352.68 for checks dated 2/8/10 to 3/5/10.</li> <li>• Approve electronic transfers for the month of February 2010 in the amount of \$2,509,032.80.</li> </ul>	Disposition of Checks Electronic Transfers
<u>MOVED</u> by Wierimaa, seconded by Brenner, to approve the human resource services consent agenda items as amended. Ayes: All. Motion carried	Human Resources
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## Approve health leaves:

- MARCIA JONES/Bus Driver/Transportation/1-27-10
- KYLE MUSTON/Teacher/Hilbert/3-4-10
- CAROLE PRUENTE/Secretary/RUHS/2-22-10
- BRUCE ZASTROW/Teacher/Kaselemis Center/2-23-10
- NANETTE ZEZAWA/Bus Driver/Transportation/2-25-10

## Health Leaves

M. Jones  
K. Muston  
C. Prunte  
B. Zastrow  
N. Zezawa

## Approve employment extensions – Spring Coaches:

- DENNIS ROGOWSKI/Varsity Baseball Coach/RUHS
- BOB MURRAY/Volunteer Baseball Coach/RUHS
- BRUCE CORNER/JV Baseball Coach/RUHS
- HEATHER BETKE/JV Softball Coach/RUHS
- JOE KNOERL/Girls Varsity Soccer Coach/RUHS
- MATT KORNACHI/JV Girls Soccer Coach/RUHS
- TOM KESSEL/Varsity Boys Track-Field Coach/RUHS
- BOB OUELLETTE/Varsity Girls Track-Field Coach/RUHS
- JOHN OWENS/Assistant Girls Track-Field Coach/RUHS
- TOM CIUFFETELLI/Varsity Girls Tennis Coach/RUHS
- STEVE BEAULIEU/Boys Golf Coach/RUHS
- JESSICA BORDER/Head Track Coach/Hilbert
- JOHN MCAFEE/Assistant Track Coach/Hilbert
- LORI BEYER/Softball Coach/Hilbert

## Spring Coach Extensions

D. Rogowski  
B. Murray  
B. Corner  
H. Betke  
J. Knoerl  
M. Kornachi  
T. Kessel  
B. Ouellette  
J. Owens  
T. Ciuffetelli  
S. Beaulieu  
J. Border  
J. McAfee  
L. Beyer

- Approve contract extension for Cliff Neal, Coordinator of Alternative Education, through June 30, 2012.

## Administrative Extension

C. Neal

## Approve separations:

- CHAREEN GOVEN/Educational Assistant/Kaselemis Center/2-26-10
- SALLY TAYLOR/Educational Assistant/Bulman/5-1-10
- MICHAEL PAIELLI/Teacher/Kaselemis Center/12-1-09

## Separations

C. Goven  
S. Taylor  
M. Paielli

**MOVED** by Wierimaa, seconded by Caloia, to approve the educational services consent agenda items as amended. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

## Educational Services

Field trip request from RUHS to attend MASC conference in Traverse City, March 27, 2010 through March 29, 2010.

## Items Removed From

Brenner wanted the audience to be aware that after review of the contract of the new Superintendent he had concerns because it is above the salary of the current Superintendent. Further discussion of the board clarified that there had not been a 2% increase taken by the current Superintendent over the length of her tenure in her position. **MOVED** by Gubachy, seconded by Wierimaa, to approve 3 year contract for Ronald Stoneman, Superintendent of Redford Union Schools. Roll call vote: Brenner-Yes, Caloia-Yes, Gubachy-Yes, Isabell-Yes, Wierimaa-Yes. Total: 5/0. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda  
R. Stoneman

**MOVED** by Caloia, seconded by Wierimaa, to support the RUHS attendance and exam policy as presented by Karen Moran, Principal of RUHS. Roll call vote: Brenner-Yes, Caloia-  
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RUHS Attendance and  
Exam Policy

Yes, Gubachy-Yes, Isabell-Yes, Wierimaa-Yes. Total: 5/0. Motion carried.

Wierimaa congratulated Mr. Stoneman on his new position and congratulate Mrs. Rhodes on her retirement. Excited as Wierimaa is to see Mr. Stoneman to come in, he is going to miss Mrs. Rhodes and states she has done a remarkable job as Superintendent. Gubachy commented that it has been a great pleasure knowing and working with Mrs. Rhodes. Rhodes thanked everyone and noted that she will miss everyone, appreciates the friendships that were developed, the challenges we faced together, and hoped that the district will be able to overcome the continuing struggles facing public education in the future. "The students are the ones that are most important" stated Rhodes. Isabell noted the 36 years of service by Mrs. Rhodes and her many accomplishments.

Board of Education  
Communication/Discussion

James Bailey, 15427 Wakenden, Redford. Resident thanked the Board of Education and Superintendent Rhodes for allowing candidates night in Redford Union Schools.

Call to the Audience  
J. Bailey

Kitty Schecter, 17711 Kinloch, Redford. Counselor at RUHS voiced her concerns regarding staffing and scheduling of students for the 2010-2011 school year. Schecter also spoke on behalf of Karen Moran, Principal of Redford Union High School, and her professional and passionate leadership.

K. Schecter

Evelyn Pridemore, 15518 Leona, Redford. Parent expressed her concern regarding the security at the elementary school. Parent believes there should be staff at the front door of every elementary door.

E. Pridemore

Andy Christopherson, 12821 Nathaline, Redford. Teacher questioned the 1% payment to the teachers and the budget.

A. Christopherson

Future meeting dates:

Future Meeting Date

- Monday, April 12, 2010 – Regular Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m. John C. Raeside Administrative Building, 18499 Beech Daly Road
- Thursday, March 11, 2010 – Strategic Planning Committee-6:30 p.m. John C. Raeside Administrative Building, 18499 Beech Daly Road

**MOVED** by Gubachy, seconded by Wierimaa, to move to closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations. Roll call vote: Brenner-Yes, Caloia-Yes, Gubachy-Yes, Isabell-Yes, Wierimaa-Yes. Total: 5/0. Motion carried. Time: 8:54 p.m.

**MOVED** by Wierimaa, seconded by Gubachy, to return from closed session at 10:05 p.m. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**MOVED** by Caloia, seconded by Wierimaa to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 p.m. Ayes all. Motion carried

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Gubachy, Secretary  
Redford Union Board of Education

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