

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1  
 July 13, 2009

A regular meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held July 13, 2009, at the John C. Raeside Administration Building, 18499 Beech Daly, Redford Township, Michigan, 48240. President Gubachy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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 Call to Order

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

Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Gubachy spoke to:

President's Remarks

- Welcomed everyone for coming out tonight and asked that all phones be turned off or on vibrate. Hopes everyone is enjoying their summer.

Superintendent Rhodes spoke to:

Superintendent's  
 Remarks

- The media center at the high school is being renovated and should be finished by the time school starts in the fall. A class set of computers will be installed for use in the center.
- We have reinstated language at the middle school. 6<sup>th</sup> grade will explore world languages and cultures. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades will have Spanish available which will be helpful with the foreign language requirement in high school.
- In the Board packets this evening is the Governors dropout challenge. Each building will take part in the challenge by identifying potential students at risk and work to improve the district's drop out rate.
- Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> there is a Bond meeting at 6:30 p.m.. Bond projects will be discussed and a timeline of projects over the next two years will be laid out.
- Susan Featheringill, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services will be retiring. Susan's job was posted today with Wayne RESA, MSBO, The Metro Bureau, and on our website. It will be sad when she leaves but she has done a wonderful job for us.
- Al and Reva Wujcik shared the sad news of Barb Dempster who passed away on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July. Ms. Dempster was a teacher at Redford Union High School as was her husband.

**MOVED** by Isabell, seconded by Caloia, to approve the July 13, 2009 agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Adoption of Agenda

Harry Kick, 19480 Negaunee, Redford. Would like the purchase of the 5 bus purchase discussed prior to a vote.

Call to the Audience:  
 Public Participation  
 Regarding Agenda  
 Items

**MOVED** by Isabell, seconded by Wierimaa, to waive the reading and approve the June 8, 2009 special, regular, and closed meeting minutes, the June 15, 2009 special meeting

Review and Approval of  
 Minutes

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minutes, and the June 22, 2009 special meeting, minutes of the Redford Union Board of Education, as presented. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Nothing at this time.

Communications

Featheringill provided the Board the control report for May 2009. The auditors were in the office last week for a preliminary audit and returning the last 2 weeks of August for the full yearly audit. All bonds from the bond proposal have been sold and money was received on 6/29/09. Investigation into the investment of the bonds is proceeding. Wujcik questioned the gas bill for Roosevelt for June 2009. Featheringill will check into the situation with a report back.

Monthly Budgetary Control  
Report

Caloia **MOVED** to remove item XI, B, 3, a, from the consent agenda. (Schedule for facility group rental fees)

Action Items:

Wierimaa **MOVED** to remove Item XI, B, 1, c, from the consent agenda. (Purchase of 5 buses per bid information provided at the Board meeting)

Special Consideration of an  
Action Item from Consent  
Agenda

**MOVED** by Isabell, seconded by Wierimaa, to approve the Business and Operational Services consent agenda items as amended. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Business and Operational  
Services

Approve payment of checks dated 6/12/09 to 6/30/09 for \$976,055.35 and checks dated 7/1/09 to 7/10/09 for \$411,310.73. Total amount \$1,387,366.08.

Disposition of Checks

Approve electronic transfers for the month of June 2009 in the amount of \$2,199,360.91.

Electronic Transfers

**MOVED** by Isabell, seconded by Caloia to approve the Human Resources consent agenda items as presented. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Human Resources

Approve personal leave effective date as shown:

- Kaci Vanhollebeke/Educational Assistant/Beck/2009-2010 school year

Approve health leave effective on the date shown:

- Susan Gloster/Secretary/Pearson/6-22-09
- April Julian-Paris/Teacher/Pearson/2009-2010 school year

Approve separations:

- Roxanne Eaves/Childcare/Pearson/7-6-09
- Susan Jerore/Secretary/RUHS/7-1-09

**MOVED** by Isabell, seconded by Wierimaa to approve the rental lease agreement with Livonia Public Schools for the Redford Union Adolescent Day Treatment program. Ayes: All. Motion Carried

Board – Administrative  
Services  
ADT Rental Lease  
Agreement

Item XI, B, 1, c. was reintroduced. **MOVED** by Wierimaa, seconded by Isabell to approve the purchase of 5 buses per bid. Susan Featheringill, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, informed the Board of the need for one special needs bus for \$99,119.00, and 4-77 passenger regular buses at \$81,244.00 per bus. Featheringill explained the new emissions requirements mandated on buses purchased after January 2010. Buses purchased with the newer emissions standards will cost 8-11% more than the current bid.

Items Removed From  
Consent Agenda

Bus Purchase

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Waiting to purchase buses could cost the District \$30,000 more if not purchased before the new emissions requirement. Featheringill asked the Board for permission to investigate the interest rate for financing. Vote taken for purchase: Ayes: All. Motion: Carried.

**MOVED** by Wierimaa, seconded by Calvert to have Ms. Featheringill to investigate financing. Calvert requested that at least 3 different options be investigated and presented to the Board. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried.

Bus Financing

Item XI, B, 3, a., was reintroduced. **MOVED** by Caloia, seconded by Isabell to approve the schedule for facility group rental fees. Caloia questioned if the fees included parent clubs. Superintendent Rhodes explained that the fees would not pertain to parent clubs and that the District is being approached for building use often. The old fees did not cover the cost of building maintenance by custodial staff. Wujcik asked what fees were going to be charged for Pearson. The Superintendent explained that the large gym would be charged at the high school fee and the smaller gym would be charged at the middle school fee. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried.

Schedule of Building Fees

Superintendent Rhodes welcomed Melissa as the student representative to the Board and is looking forward to her report after returning from leadership camp. The Superintendent thanked Mr. Battistelli and appreciate him writing the grant to allow four of the students from Redford Union High School to attend.

Superintendent  
Communication

Harry Kick, 19480 Negaunee, Redford. Parent voiced his concern regarding the negotiation process and the teacher contract.

Call To The Audience  
H. Kick

Michelle Glowacki, 22545 Maywood Dr., Farmington Hills. Teacher voiced her concerns regarding her current lay off status.

M. Glowacki

Monday, August 10, 2009 – Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
John C. Raeside Administration Building, 18499 Beech Daly Road, Redford.

Future Meeting Dates

**MOVED** by Isabell, seconded by Caloia to adjourn meeting at 8:06 p.m. Ayes: All. Motion: Carried.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Cozette Calvert, Secretary  
Redford Union Board of Education