

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION
REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1
May 23, 2023

A Special meeting of the Redford Union Board of Education was held on May 23, 2023, at Redford Union High School, 17711 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI 48240.

Special Meeting
5/23/2023

Call to Order:

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President Pridemore called the meeting to order at 9:33 PM.

Roll Call

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Present: Bailey, Dean, Gray, Miller, Moores, Osowski, and Pridemore
Absent: None.

President Remarks:

President's Remarks

President Pridemore welcomed everyone and asked that everyone please place their cell phones on silent.

Adoption of Agenda

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Agenda as presented

It was moved by Member Osowski, seconded by Member Gray, to adopt the Agenda of May 23, 2023, Board Workshop as presented.

Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Call to the Audience for Public Participation Regarding Agenda Items:

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None.

Workshop:

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2021 Capital Bond Project – Bid Package 6 Introduction (Secondary Campus Addition & Site Work)

Lamberto Smigliani, Plante Moran Cresa, Joe Luther, The Christman Company, Robert Spiegel, The Christman Company and Jessica Walter, French Associates. She is part of the design team reported on the Secondary construction package.

Mr. Smigliani said that a high-level bid package 6 is coming their way. As mentioned earlier, there is a construction package that is going out to bid. They are vetting through meeting with the contractors to vetting through the final cost. This is our major package of work at the secondary campus. Tonight, he will walk the Board through in advance of the actually financial information that they will be asked to act on.

The Board will be asked to vote on Bid Package 6 at the June 12, 2023, Board Meeting. Early June 23, immediately following that, if they get a positive result, they will start working on the bid on this bid back at six because bid package six as I mentioned, it is going to take a lot of time to get that all done before the start of the 2025 school year.

High Level Sequence Schedule:

June 12, 2023, RUSD BOE Action Item – Bid Pack #6 award
Early June 2023 – construction begins, site prep, grass clearing
August 2023 – Foundation work begins
Late Fall 2023 – Exterior building is enclosed
Winter 2023-24 – Interior rough in work continues
Spring 2024 – Exterior Athletic Work Begins
August 2024 – Substantial Completion for 2024/25 School Year

Superintendent Witt said that this information will be in the system and if the Board need assistance in accessing it, please let them know. He said more specific detailed sequencing on the schedule, and everything will be input on the system.

There were more questions and answers.

Superintendent Witt is working to identify some options for when the board members might be able to walk any of the construction sites at either McGowan or RU. Something will be sent out to the Board Members to get them scheduled.

School Security Contract Staffing:

Superintendent Witt said he did send out an e-mail regarding this information. He wanted to give a quick overview of what they are considering and is being considered. He said that we do have a good group of our own hall monitors and security staff/security. But we do not have the expertise. He said not that we do not make school safety and security a priority because we would not have those people in place. But with everything else that is the primary focus of our positions. The District is considering potentially shifting the third-party contract staff partner to a group called Safe Ed and they are throughout Oakland County working since 2009. Roughly, in districts like Troy Schools, Rochester Schools, Avondale Schools. They are currently in Royal Oak Schools.

Superintendent Witt stated that he would like to know what questions and or concerns the board members potentially have with the District potentially moving in this direction. He will answer as many of those questions as possible tonight. If he needs to follow up, he will do so.

There were questions and answers.

Treasurer Gray shared her concern with the law enforcement background which could mean different things to different people. It also carries risk of harm. That law enforcement officers also have a pattern of harming civilians. To bring that background into schools, she understands some of the training benefits for and especially with emphasis on de-escalation to have that work standardized, to have more support for existing home monitors. She mentioned when she brought up during the last budget cycle about having this funding. She asked could we staff more mental health professionals and was told that we do not need that. She said in some instances we have expanded our mental health professionals and in other instances we have positions posted that unfortunately we have not been able to fill.

Superintendent Witt shared that the lead on site person from Safe Ed that actually is himself a firearms trainer and a former law enforcement officer. Our recommendation would be that he is licensed to carry and that he would carry on site.

The Board had more discussion and there were questions and answers.

Superintendent Witt mentioned that arrangements could be made for a Board member to visit a school where Safe Ed is working in.

President Pridemore would certainly be interested in the near future to hear a presentation from Safed and to also and know how much money it is going to cost.

Superintendent Witt will follow up and get that information.

Future Meeting Dates:

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Dates

- A. June 12, 2023 – Public Budget Hearing – 5:00 PM
Keeler School (Gymnasium), 17715 Brady St., Redford Twp., MI 48240
- B. June 12, 2023 – Retirement Reception – 5:15 PM
Keeler School (Gymnasium), 17715 Brady St., Redford Twp., MI 48240
- C. June 12, 2023 – Regular Meeting (Retirement Recognition) – 5:45 PM
Keeler School (Gymnasium), 17715 Brady St., Redford Twp., MI 48240
- D. June 19, 2023 – Regular Meeting (Final Budget Resolution and other
pertinent items) – 5:00 PM, Keeler School (Gymnasium), 17715 Brady St.,
Redford Twp., MI 48240

Adjournment:

It was Moved by Member Osowski, Seconded by Member Gray, to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 PM.

Adjournment

Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Respectfully Submitted

Lorna Dean
Secretary
Redford Union Schools
Board of Education