

REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAVENNA BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

February 14, 2022

Administration Building at 5:30 p.m.

1. Regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Bob Becklin. Present: Justin Bamford, Bob Becklin, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson and Fred Rosel. Absent Brent Chalko and Jim Shull.
2. Motion by Bamford, support by Rosel to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Justin Bamford, Bob Becklin, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson and Fred Rosel. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Motion by Pierson, support by Bamford to approve the Consent Agenda. Items on the Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting and Closed Session Board of Education Meeting on January 10, 2022
  - b. Approve the Hire of Katie Korson, Middle School Administrative Assistant
  - c. Approve the Hire of Melissa Olsen, Part Time Instructional Paraprofessional in ECSE Classroom
  - d. Accept the Retirement/Resignation of Scott McFarren, High School Teacher
  - e. Approve the Hire of Liz McDonald, Middle School Full Time Instructional Parapro
  - f. Approve the Hire of Lauren May, Beechnau Part Time Non Instructional Parapro
  - g. Approve the Hire of Maria DeVoogd, Beechnau Part Time Instructional Parapro
  - h. Accept the Resignation of Randy Helsen, JV Baseball Coach
  - i. Accept the Retirement/Resignation of Sheila Radford, Custodian
  - j. Approve the Hire of Eric Cumberland, Track Assistant Coach
  - k. Approve the Hire of Chad Olsen, JV Baseball CoachAyes: Justin Bamford, Bob Becklin, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson and Fred Rosel. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Correspondence
  - a. Superintendent Helmer shared a letter from Senator Jon Bumstead.
  - b. Superintendent Helmer shared a booklet provided by members of the American Legion. The American Legion has partnered with Beechnau Elementary to provide elementary students educational opportunities around patriotism, flag etiquette and honoring veterans.
  - c. Superintendent Helmer shared a letter written and signed by DLT members thanking the Board of Education for their support of the administrative team.
5. Reports - Finance
  - a. (Shull arrived 5:50 p.m.) John Kraus, Director of Instructional Services at MAISD and Ginger Rowher, Regional Director at MiSTEM provided the Board of Education with a Rural Tech Project presentation. The Rural Tech Project combines competency-based education, technology education and distance learning to increase access and encourage mastery of advanced technology skills. Both presenters were very complimentary of Ravenna staff members who are engaged with the Rural Tech Project.
  - b. Motion by Pierson, supported by Rosel to approve the expenditure of \$210,975.44 from the General Fund, \$23,405.10 from the Food Service Fund

and \$136,724.31 from the Capital Project Fund check registers. Ayes: Justin Bamford, Bob Becklin, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson, Fred Rosel and Jim Shull. Motion carried 6-0.

6. Superintendent Report

- a. Superintendent Helmer updated the Board on funding coming from the State of Michigan which seems to be favorable.
- b. Covid-19 data was shared. Numbers are trending downward.
- c. Superintendent Helmer shared information about a community celebration on May 14th which will include a 5K run, carnival, food trucks, concert, parade and fireworks.
- d. Benchmark assessments were shared with Board members.

7. Old Business

- a. None
- b.

8. New Business

- a. Motion by Pierson, support by Rosel to Approve the Purchase of a 2023 IC CE 77 Passenger Bus. Ayes: Justin Bamford, Bob Becklin, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson, Fred Rosel and Jim Shull. Motion carried 6-0.
- b. Board requested information about the easement at Beechnau Elementary between Ravenna Public Schools and the Village of Ravenna. Superintendent Helmer will provide information.
- c. Motion by Bamford, support by Rosel to Approve the Contract with Merchandise Equipment & Supply for the High School Kitchen Addition and Renovation. Ayes: Justin Bamford, Bob Becklin, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson, Fred Rosel and Jim Shull. Motion carried 6-0.

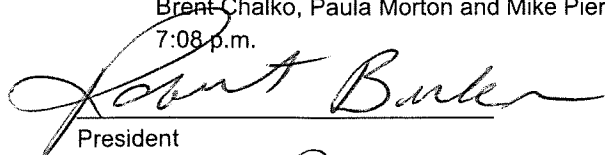
9. Closed Session

- a. Motion by Rosel, support by Shull to Move to Closed Session for the Purpose of Attorney Consultation on Pending Litigation. Ayes: Justin Bamford, Bob Becklin, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson, Fred Rosel and Jim Shull. Motion carried 6-0.

10. Open Session

- a. Motion by Shull, support by Pierson to Move to Open Session. Ayes: Justin Bamford, Bob Becklin, Brent Chalko, Paula Morton and Mike Pierson. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Motion by Rosel, support by Pierson to Adjourn. Ayes: Justin Bamford, Bob Becklin, Brent Chalko, Paula Morton and Mike Pierson. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

  
President

  
Secretary