

REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAVENNA BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

September 9, 2024

Ravenna High School Bulldog Room 6:30 p.m.

1. Regular meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Mike Pierson. Present: Brent Chalko, Joshua Emery, Ryan Jawor, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson, Fred Rosel and Jim Shull.
2. Motion by Rosel, Support by Shull to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Brent Chalko, Joshua Emery, Ryan Jawor, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson, Fred Rosel and Jim Shull. Motion carried 7-0.
3. Motion by Rosel, Support by Emery to approve the Consent Agenda. Items on the Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve the Board of Education Regular Minutes from August 12, 2024
 - b. Approve the Hire of Aenjellica Adamczak, Part-Time Non-Instructional Paraprofessional
 - c. Approve the Hire of Nicole Terpstra, 7th Grade Volleyball Coach
 - d. Approve the Hire of Anna Fidge, Middle School Cross Country Coach
 - e. Accept the Resignation of Melisa Hiler, Food Service Employee
 - f. Approve the Hire of Tina Gardner, Food Service Employee
 - g. Accept the Resignation of Stephanie Swartz, Middle School Teacher and 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
 - h. Approve the Hire of Megan Hamilton, Middle School Teacher
 - i. Accept the Resignation of Shelby Najor, 7th/8th Grade Sideline Cheer Coach
 - j. Approve the Hire of Raven Millis, 7th/8th Grade Sideline Cheer Coach
 - k. Accept the Resignation of Jon Swenor, ESports Co-Advisor
 - l. Approve the Hire of Kelly Hoover and Tracy Lemkie, Middle School Student Council Co-Advisors
 - m. Approve FFA Overnight EventsAyes: Brent Chalko, Joshua Emery, Ryan Jawor, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson, Fred Rosel and Jim Shull. Nays: Paula Morton. Motion carried 7-0.
4. Correspondence
 - a. None
5. Reports
 - a. Motion by Emery, Supported by Jawor to Approve the expenditures of \$298,036.97 from the General Fund and \$7,109.41 from Food Service Fund. Ayes: Brent Chalko, Joshua Emery, Ryan Jawor, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson, Fred Rosel and Jim Shull. Motion carried 7-0.
6. Superintendent Report
 - a. Student enrollment numbers are down, Approximately seventeen fewer kindergarten students than a year ago. County superintendents reported the same issue in their district. MAISD staff are checking with local hospitals regarding numbers.
 - b. Superintendent Helmer asked the Board if there were any volunteers for the bond campaign committee. If so, Superintendent Helmer would like to connect them with Beckering Advisors within the next couple of weeks.
 - c. REA President Michelle Varso addressed the Board and audience regarding the REA's support of the upcoming bond vote. REA has received \$400 in donations that they will use to purchase yard signs.

- d. Property/Timber sub-committee will meet to discuss logging on Blackmer Road and the woods located east of the high school. May be beneficial to invite a township representative.
- e. Superintendent Helmer hosted the Muskegon County Superintendents earlier on Monday in the Bulldog Room. Superintendents were greeted by students and offered tours of the newly renovated high school.

7. Old Business

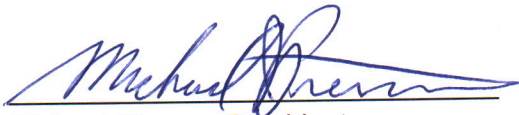
- a. Trustee Paula Morton discussed her August 2024 formal written complaint against Superintendent Helmer which she filed based on Superintendent Helmer's written complaint in August 2023. There was consensus was to move to Closed Session to discuss the personnel issue.
 - i. Motion by Shull, support by Emery to move to Closed Session. Ayes: Brent Chalko, Joshua Emery, Ryan Jawor, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson, Fred Rosel and Jim Shull. Motion carried 7-0. 7:03 p.m.
 - ii. Motion by Chalko, support by Shull to return to Open Session. Motion carried by unanimous consent. 7:40 p.m.
- b. Upon returning to open session there was discussion about a FOIA request filed by Trustee Morton and her belief that the complaint filed by Superintendent Helmer was due to her FOIA request. Trustee Morton did not feel Superintendent Helmer had learned his lesson and she needed to advance her complaint forward. Trustee Emery and Vice President Shull spoke about the Board's action already taken and their belief that the Board had already sought remedy and Superintendent Helmer had fulfilled the Board's request.
- c. Motion by Morton, support by Chalko to move forward with the complaint and reprimand against Superintendent Helmer. Ayes: Brent Chalko, Paula Morton and Nays: Josh Emery, Ryan Jawor, Mike Pierson, Fred Rosel, Jim Shull. Motion failed 5-2.

8. New Business

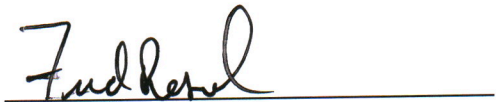
- a. Motion by Rosel, support by Emery to Approve the Resolution authorizing the purchase of a school bus and camera systems. Ayes: Brent Chalko, Joshua Emery, Ryan Jawor, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson, Fred Rosel and Jim Shull. Motion carried 7-0.

9. Public comment/audience participation. No action taken.

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. by unanimous consent.



Michael Pierson, President



Fred Rosel, Secretary