

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ROYAL OAK  
1123 Lexington Boulevard  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING**

**DECEMBER 10, 2009**

**7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** President, Michael Hartman; Vice-President, Gary Briggs; Secretary, Kevin McLogan; Treasurer, Deborah Anderson; Trustee, Marty Cardamone; and Trustee, Christine Hartwig

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent, Thomas Moline; Executive Director Business and Technology Services, G. Anders Linell; Executive Director Business and Personnel Services, John Schwartz; Executive Director Student Services, Carol Hansen; Executive Director Administrative Services, Cheryl Goodgine; visitors and a member of the press

**ABSENT:** Trustee, Lisa Bradford

1. Opening of Meeting

Mr. Hartman called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

3. President's Comment

Mr. McLogan asked for item 10.5 be removed from the agenda.

3.1 Special Recognition

Mr. Frank Reid past president of MASB and 13 year Farmington School Board member presented Mr. McLogan and Mrs. Hartwig a certificate in recognition of their 12 and half years of service as a school board member for Royal Oak.

State Representative Marie Donigan presented Mr. McLogan and Mrs. Hartwig a certificate of recognition on behalf of Governor Granholm, Lieutenant Governor Cherry and herself.

3.2 Best of Royal Oak - Royal Oak High School Robotics

Teacher, Chuck Gosdzinski and members of the Royal Oak High School Robotics Team, Oaktown Crewz, presented their robots that they competed with in county

and national competition. Members Leslie Seery, David Pariseau and Aaron Jones spoke regarding the competitions. The team also does some community service projects, websites, cad drawings and other projects as well. They also will be working with the younger Royal Oak programs for the lego competition.

3.3 Curriculum/Instruction Update – International Baccalaureate – Middle Years Programme

Mrs. Olson and members of the elementary IB Primary Years Program (PYP) included Keller staff members Kelly Stanesa, Noreen Chapin, Val Ault and they reviewed the PYP program and process, and representatives of the Middle Years Programme (MYP) from the middle school, Cecilia Boyer, Kerry Derminer, Karina Landis, John Grzywack and Jason Parrott provided information on the process of the MYP. Michael Greening represented the high school.

Kelly Stanesa stated that on December 1<sup>st</sup> the final application was submitted for authorization for the PYP. Keller teachers shared their experiences of aspects of the program and the inquiry based leaning.

Sample middle school and high school schedules were shared for the MYP. MYP would be for all 6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> graders. The Diploma Programme would not be for every 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grader.

A timeline was provided for the program roll out and application process for the MYP program.

3.4 Economic/Budget/Audit Update

Mr. Schwartz stated that there is a cash flow shortfall in the current year and we will need to borrow to meet cash needs, just like last year, from the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority (MMBA). We will borrow approximately \$6 million.

Mr. Schwartz reviewed the General Fund Budget Amendments and the Revenue changes due to the decrease in state revenue and the increase in federal grant revenue.

Fund Equity is very low at \$4,634,310.

A comprehensive, long range analysis is located on the District website regarding early severance incentive. The analysis compared wages and benefit savings from normal attrition to wage and benefit savings from an early severance incentive. The conclusion shows early severance incentive does not yield long-term budgetary savings to the District.

3.5 January Organizational and Regular Meeting Determination

January 14 was recommended for the Organizational and Regular Meeting.

4. Enrollment Forecast – Plante Moran - Corporate Real Estate Services Advisors (CRESA)

Paul Wills and Lacy Vandruska from Plante Moran presented the student enrollment forecast. Three different cohort survival methods are used. Additional information is taken from GIS demographic information by Nielsen Claritas, 7 year enrollment history and births are also used in their forecast.

Demographic information was reviewed.

5. Communications

Mr. McLogan received the following communications:

- Regarding International Academy: Mildred and David Palmer, Mary Griffin, Ron and Maggie George, David Pacifico, Mark Schuster, Mike Romolino, Dianne Marquard, Mohamed Romolino, Jeff Brinker, Susan Schuldeis, Michael Mayette, Carole and Joe Mason, Bill Griffin, Jean Gardziola, Charles Stehney, Kasia Bigoszezka, Susan McKee, Natalie Cole, Monica Griffin, Linda Pinkston, Doreen and Tom Murphy, Jack Walrad, Sidney Klingler, Colleen Schuldeis
- Joel Faddol regarding the state of the world.
- Mark Petit regarding budget meeting.
- Mrs. John Martin regarding the middle school spirit week.
- Jennifer Lodeesen regarding transportation issues.
- Tom Regan and Kevin Turner regarding proposed sale of YWCA.
- Michigan PTSA Bake Sale in Lansing on December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Karen Kline.
- Clyde Esbri regarding trip to Lansing on November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Pat Kwarsick regarding advocacy efforts.
- Karina Landis regarding pictures of 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Camp Copneconic.
- Steve Chisnell regarding Model UN awards at Great Lakes Invitational Conference.
- Rebecca Stewart from C-Span at the high school and students filming national topics.
- Mike Stinnet regarding support for supplies for troops.
- Pete Spadafore from MASB and Judy Allen from Oakland Schools regarding updates on state budget.
- David Barnett regarding cross country team recognized at Academic All-State.
- City Manager Don Johnson regarding Arts Beats and Eats.

6. Opportunity for Citizens to Speak

If you would like to address the Board of Education:

Please remain seated and raise your hand. When you are called on by the Board President, please come to the microphone, state your name and address for the record. You will have 3 minutes to address the Board. Please address the Board as a whole and not individually. When you are finished, please sign the sign-in sheet before you return to your seat. If you exceed your 3 minutes the Board President will ask you to please

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finish your comments, if you need more time you are offered a second opportunity to address the Board at the end of the meeting with an additional 3 minutes. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Dane Bell 432 S. Washington Ave. spoke regarding the International Academy.

Janet Norling 1528 Crooks spoke regarding negotiation issues.

Tom Romito 1129 N. Blair spoke regarding Keller and the IB program at Keller.

Karen Kline 2424 Elmhurst and Laura Linenfelser 3027 W. 13 Mile spoke regarding Cookies 4 MI kids, and December 2 campaign.

Mary Griffin 2847 Woodslee Dr. spoke regarding the International Academy program.

Sid Kardon Huntington Woods President of ROEA spoke regarding Gay Rights.

Susan Schuldeis 3119 Marion Dr. spoke regarding the International Academy.

Lynae Fueling 3270 Kenmore Berkley spoke regarding the International Academy.

7. Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Moline stated that from the girls golf team Sydney Gossett qualified for state. Boys All State Academic Cross Country qualified for state meet and Theo Kempf finished 67 of 240 runners. In soccer Wilson Jenkins was 2<sup>nd</sup> team all state as a goalie. Girls team Oakland Athletic Blue Division Hannah Heenan and her coach Tracy Caruss is coach of year.

Dr. Moline thanked Karen Kline and Laura Linenfelser for their work on Cookies 4 MI kids initiative. Dr. Moline stated that there is a pause in the \$127 per pupil funding cuts.

Dr. Moline and Mr. Schwartz attended the Oakland County Revenue Symposium and the next two to three years will be difficult with budget reductions.

Dr. Moline provided pictures from "Stuff a Bus" where the district bus was provided for holiday toy donations.

8. **\*Consent Agenda Item Considerations** – The Consent Agenda Items were approved at this time.

9. **\*Approval of Minutes of the Regular and Closed Meetings of November 12, 2009**

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the minutes of the Regular and Closed Meetings of November 12, 2009.

10. Personnel/Instruction/Business

Extension Agreements

10.1.1 Royal Oak Education Association (ROEA)

Moved By: Mr. McLogan                      Seconded By: Mr. Cardamone

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approve the Extension Agreement between the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak and the Royal Oak Education Association.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Cardamone	Yes
Mr. Briggs	No
Mr. Hartman	Yes
Mr. McLogan	Yes
Mrs. Hartwig	Yes
Mrs. Anderson	Yes

Motion Carried

10.1.2 Royal Oak Educational Support Association (ROESA)

Moved By: Mr. McLogan                      Seconded By: Mr. Cardamone

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approve the Extension Agreement between the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak and the Royal Oak Educational Support Association.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Briggs	No
Mr. Hartman	Yes
Mr. McLogan	Yes
Mrs. Hartwig	Yes
Mrs. Anderson	Yes
Mr. Cardamone	Yes

Motion Carried

10.2 Early Notification Incentive Recommendation

Moved By: Mr. McLogan                      Seconded By: Mrs. Hartwig

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby approves the irrevocable Early Notification Incentive for eligible and retiring Royal Oak Education Association members in the amount determined by the schedule presented to the number of members who submit their letters of resignation by February 12, 2010.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Hartman	Yes
Mr. McLogan	Yes
Mrs. Hartwig	Yes
Mrs. Anderson	Yes
Mr. Cardamone	Yes
Mr. Briggs	Yes

Motion Carried: Unanimously

10.3 \*Field Trip Requests

10.3.1 \*ROHS – Model UN – Peru Request

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the request for the Model UN from Royal Oak High School to Peru from July 1 – 16, 2010.

10.3.2 \*ROHS - Special Education – Camp Fowler Request (date change)

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the request for students from Royal Oak High School to Mayville, MI from May 20 – 21, 2010. (This field trip was approved on 5/14/09 for a September travel date, however the date has been changed to May, 2010.)

10.4 \*2010-11 ROHS Course Offerings Recommendation

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the following Royal Oak High School course offerings for 2010-11 as presented: *Literature and Composition 1 & 2*; *Learning Lab Reading & Text Analysis*; and *Advanced Placement World History 1 & 2*

10.5 Bloomfield Hills International Academy Recommendation

This item was removed from the agenda.

10.6 \*Payment of Expenditures

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Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby approves expenditures as processed in the amount of \$5,160,283.51 for the period of September 26, 2009 through October 23, 2009.

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Expenses in the amount of \$5,160,283.51 for the period of September 26, 2009 through October 23, 2009 as detailed in the Expenditure Register are presented for approval.

10.7 \*General Fund Budget Amendment

The General Fund budget for fiscal 2010 has been reviewed and amendments to the budget are recommended. A narrative summary of the significant changes was provided to the Board of Education for their review.

The following is recommended:

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby amends the 2009-10 General Fund Budget by a net decrease in revenue of \$539,912 and a net increase in expenditures of \$85,085 to be allocated as follows:

Revenue

Local Sources	\$ 327,200
State Sources	(4,466,000)
Federal Sources	3,566,512
Incoming Transfer and Other Transactions	<u>32,376</u>
Total Revenue Decrease	<u>\$(539,912)</u>

Expenditures

Instruction	\$1,087,721
Instructional Support	620,831
Support Services	(191,531)
Community Services	18,083
Capital Outlay	(175,019)
Outgoing Transfer	<u>(1,275,000)</u>
Total Expenditure Increase	<u>\$ 85,085</u>

10.8 \*State of Michigan Race To The Top (RTTT) Grant Application Recommendation

WHEREAS, the decline in Michigan's economy has impacted school funding to a degree that it is hindering the provision of quality instruction in our local district; and

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Royal Oak continues to explore avenues for increasing resources in order to maintain the provision of quality instruction in our district; and

WHEREAS, the federal Race To The Top program (RTTT) could provide an opportunity for the School District of the City of Royal Oak to be part of a consortium that would increase resources to the district; and

WHEREAS, it is a requirement that any local district wishing to be part of the federal program must agree to adopt the Michigan RTTT proposal which is aligned with the four reform areas outlined under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) – those being; data systems; standards and assessments; teacher/leaders; and support for struggling schools and districts that will be implemented statewide.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the School District of the City of Royal Oak will support the requirements as a participating Local Education Agency of the federal Race To The Top program in order to increase Michigan’s chances to be a recipient of funds and to provide additional revenue for our local district.

11. Board Action and Non-Action Items

11.1 \*Policy Revision Recommendations

11.1.1 \*Administration Section 1000

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby adopts the revisions to the policies included in the Administration – Section 1000 as presented.

11.1.2 \*Attendance Section 4200

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby adopts the revisions to the policies included in the Attendance – Section 4200 as presented.

11.2 \*Policy Recommendation – Grade Retention 2050

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby adopts the Grade Retention 2050 policy as presented.

11.3 Board Travel – Federal Relations Network (FRN) Conference

Mr. McLogan explained the benefits of Board Members attending the FRN Conference and urged the Board to participate as he will no longer be a Board Member.

12. Opportunity for Citizens to Speak

Mr. Hewston spoke regarding information on the website, thanked Mr. McLogan and Mrs. Hartwig for their work as Board Members, and requested Gay Rights follow-up.

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13. Board Comments/Liaison Report

The Board Members each thanked Mrs. Hartwig and Mr. McLogan for their service on the Board and their commitment to kids.

Dr. Moline thanked Mrs. Hartwig and Mr. McLogan for their service on the Board.

Mr. McLogan and Mrs. Hartwig stated their good-byes

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Board of Education