

Mr. Brinker Yes

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Mr. Kimball addressed the Board and shared his reasons behind his generosity.

5.3 Curriculum/Instruction Update

5.3.1 Royal Oak High School NCA – QAR Visit

Mr. Greening reported on the high school NCA, or now called Advanced Ed, Quality Assurance Review which was a two day review. The review praised the dedication of the staff, technology, diverse curriculum, common assessments, and offered accreditation with advisement and will be reassessed in two years. Advisement recommendation included increase size of assessment team, by including parents and central office staff, better job of communicating - articulating middle school to high school. Develop more focused professional development plan, researched base and review use of current time schedule.

Positive comments were made on the students, parents and staff of Royal Oak High School.

5.4 Economic/Budget/Audit Update

Mr. Schwartz commented on the considerations from the Board budget workshop this past Saturday. The information from the workshop is on the website and also on WOAK.

Fund Equity is for one time expenditures, not for on-going expenditures such as salaries. The District began this year with \$6.3 million fund equity and plans to use \$1.6 million to help preserve programs. The end of the year fund equity balance is projected to be \$4.6 million.

The District is facing a \$5 million shortfall for next year.

Today is the unveiling of the Governor's proposed budget. Suggestions of restructuring of the tax burden. Reducing 6% sales tax to 5.5% and broadening the tax base to services. \$410 million shortfall in the School Aid Fund. \$255 per student shortfall. No changes in categorical, however no restoration of 20j. Retirement rate of 16.94% increasing to 19.41% is \$827,000 additional cost to the District. Retirement reform 1.5% to 1.6% and loss of dental and vision. 2011-12 employees will pay 3% of wages to the retirement. However, whether or not this will materialize, is yet to be seen. The deadline they are looking at is April 1 and employees would have to notify retirement and school districts by April 15. Under the proposed plan also new employees would not receive pension and benefits until age 65.

6. Communications

Mr. Cardamone received the following communication:

- Janet Von Eberstein regarding invite to middle school clinic for band and orchestra
- Donna Yates advocating for special education
- Janet Von Eberstein thanking the Board and focusing on children
- Donna Brewer advocating for special education and the early childhood program
- Margie Wade regarding busing
- Judy Allen legislative update
- Carol Osborne regarding school calendar
- Mrs. Darnell's First grade class at Oak Ridge sent thank you notes to the Board

7. 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 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.

Paul Veselenak 3024 Marais spoke regarding general education busing, privatizing, and work of the custodial staff.

Sheryl Butler 1100 Glaser Dr. spoke regarding concerns of privatization of transportation in Troy.

Barbara Veselenak spoke regarding elimination of transportation concerns and concerns of outsourcing.

Frank Houston 622 Walnut invited the Board to attend the final selection for the new Library Director and also spoke regarding the Governor's proposal.

8. Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Moline received a letter from the National Council of Teachers of English Literary magazines produced by the high school students and Noesis received a rank of superior. Dr. Moline congratulated the students and teacher Kathy Eischeid.

Dr. Moline received a letter of appreciation from Oakland County Health Division for conducting the HINI clinic at the high school.

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MEAP results are embargoed, and will be available in a couple of weeks. Results will be provided at the March Board meeting.

- 9. ***Consent Agenda Item Considerations** – The Consent Agenda Items were approved at This time.
- 10. ***Approval of Minutes of the Organizational, Discussion, Regular and Closed Meetings of January 14, 2010, and the Workshop of February 6, 2010**

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the minutes of the Organizational, Discussion, Regular and Closed Meetings of January 14, 2010, and the Workshop of February 6, 2010.

11. Personnel/Instruction/Business

11.1 *Regular Personnel Changes

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby approves the following regular personnel changes:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Barnett, Leah	Teacher	Return from Leave of Absence	2010-2011 School Year
Martin, Kimberly	Teacher	Leave of Absence	2010-2011 School Year
Connor, Janice	Teacher	Retirement	March 1, 2010

11.2 *Field Trip Requests

11.2.1 *ROMS – 7th & 8th Grade Band & Choir – Sandusky, OH Request

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the request for the 7th & 8th grade band and choir from Royal Oak Middle School to Sandusky, OH on June 4, 2010.

11.2.2 *ROHS – Student Council – Traverse City, MI Request

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the request for the student council from Royal Oak High School to Traverse City, MI from March 27 - 29, 2010.

11.3 2009-10 Calendar Recommendation

Moved By: Mr. Cardamone Seconded By: Mrs. Anderson

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak and the Royal Oak Education Association are currently involved in collective bargaining negotiations covering the 2009-2010 school year; and

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WHEREAS, those negotiations have not produced an agreement with regard to the 2009-2010 school calendar relative to the period of March 2, 2010 through June 22, 2010; and

WHEREAS, it is now February 11, 2010, and it is now critical for the community, parents, students, and employees of the School District to have a school calendar for the 2009-2010 school year established relative to the period of through March 2, 2010 through June 22, 2010;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby adopts the following school calendar for the period of March 2, 2010 through June 22, 2010, and directs members of the bargaining unit represented by the Royal Oak Education Association to report for duty accordingly at their assigned starting times:

March 2, 2010 as a 30 minute after school Business meeting for all certified staff

March 3, 2010 as a 90 minute Professional Development meeting for certified secondary staff with a late start for students

March 9, 10 and 11, 2010 as Michigan Merit Examination Days for the High School with March 11, 2010 being a half-day

March 16, 2010 as a 60 minute before school Professional Development meeting for certified elementary staff

April 2-9, 2010 as the Spring recess

April 12, 2010 as the return date following the Spring recess

April 16, 2010 as a half-day Elementary Records Day for certified elementary staff with an early release for students

April 20, 2010 as a 90 minute after school Professional Development meeting for certified secondary staff and as a 60 minute before school Professional Development meeting for certified elementary staff

May 4, 2010 as a 30 minute after school Business meeting for all certified staff

May 5, 2010 as a 90 minute Professional Development meeting for certified secondary staff with a late start for students

May 6, 2010 as a half-day Professional Development for certified elementary staff with an early release for students

May 11, 2010 as a 90 minute after school Professional Development meeting for certified secondary staff and as a 60 minute before school Professional Development meeting for certified elementary staff

May 31, 2010 as Memorial Day recess

June 16-18, 2010 as High School Exam Days

June 18, 2010 as the final student day of the 2009-10 school year

June 21, 2010 as Teachers Records Day

June 22, 2010 as District Full Comp Day for Teachers

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Briggs	Yes
Mr. Hartman	Yes
Mr. Cardamone	Yes

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Mrs. Beerer	Yes
Mrs. Anderson	Yes
Mr. Brinker	Yes
Mrs. Bradford	Yes

Motion Carried: Unanimously

11.4 *Readmission Recommendation

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2009, Student #2008-09-03, a student at Churchill Alternative High School, was expelled from the School District of the City of Royal Oak for the specific misconduct of possession of and (suspicion of) distribution of marijuana on school property, contrary to Board of Education Policy #4500A.

WHEREAS, the student was eligible to request readmission after 90 days. In January, 2010 student #2008-09-03 initiated a petition for readmission to the School District of the City of Royal Oak.

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2010, it is the recommendation of the Readmission Committee to the Board that Student 2008-09-03 be reinstated to the School District of the City of Royal Oak, based upon the fact that the committee felt that this student would not constitute a risk to other students his age; and his improved attitude toward the circumstances surrounding the expulsion, it is recommended that his readmission request be granted for Churchill Community High School. There are no other conditions to his readmission.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that Student #2008-09-03 be readmitted as of February 11, 2010.

11.5 *Payment of Expenditures

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 \$4,393,972.98 for the period of November 28, 2009 through December 25, 2009.

Expenses in the amount of \$4,393,972.98 for the period of November 28, 2009 through December 25, 2009 as detailed in the Expenditure Register are presented for approval.

11.6 Request for Proposal – Contracted Support Services Recommendation

Moved By: Mr. Brinker

Seconded By: Mr. Briggs

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Royal Oak has experienced significant mid-year reductions in State funding in the current school year, including the elimination of Section 20j funding and a per pupil proration. These reductions together total \$427 per student or \$2.3 million in reduced funding; and,

WHEREAS, the crippling effect of these reductions in State funding has forced our District to enact significant budget reductions which include the elimination of some programs and services in the District; and,

WHEREAS, the District fully expects that reductions in State funding will continue into the 2010-11 fiscal year with an additional projected shortfall of \$268 per student or \$1.4 million in lost revenue to our District; and,

WHEREAS, increasing wage increments, escalating health insurance premiums and retirement costs continue to add to our budget dilemma; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak is steadfast in its determination to maintain a high quality, comprehensive instructional program despite reduced financial resources; and,

WHEREAS, in our efforts to maintain our instructional programs, it is inevitable that support service programs must be restructured or eliminated to address our budget shortfall; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak in its continual effort to distance budget reductions from the classroom; now,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby directs Administration to develop a Request for Proposal to seek bids for contracted support services which shall include custodial, special education transportation, maintenance, and grounds. A recommendation for Board of Education action will be expected so that said contracted services can commence on July 1, 2010.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Hartman	Yes
Mr. Cardamone	Yes
Mrs. Beerer	Yes
Mrs. Anderson	Yes
Mr. Brinker	Yes
Mrs. Bradford	Yes
Mr. Briggs	Yes

Motion Carried: Unanimously

11.7 General Education Transportation Recommendation

Moved By: Mrs. Bradford Seconded By: Mr. Briggs

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Royal Oak has experienced significant mid-year reductions in State funding in the current school year,

including the elimination of Section 20j funding and a per pupil proration. These reductions together total \$427 per student or \$2.3 million in reduced funding; and,

WHEREAS, the crippling effect of these reductions in State funding has forced our District to enact significant budget reductions which include the elimination of some programs and services in the District; and,

WHEREAS, the District fully expects that reductions in State funding will continue into the 2010-11 fiscal year with an additional projected shortfall of \$268 per student or \$1.4 million in lost revenue to our District; and,

WHEREAS, increasing wage increments, escalating health insurance premiums and retirement costs continue to add to our budget dilemma; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak is steadfast in its determination to maintain a high quality, comprehensive instructional program despite reduced financial resources; and,

WHEREAS, in our efforts to maintain our instructional programs, it is inevitable that support service programs must be restructured or eliminated to address our budget shortfall; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak in its continual effort to distance budget reductions from the classroom; now,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby approves the elimination of General Education Transportation at the conclusion of the 2009-10 school year.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Cardamone	Yes
Mrs. Beerer	Yes
Mrs. Anderson	Yes
Mr. Brinker	Yes
Mrs. Bradford	Yes
Mr. Briggs	Yes
Mr. Hartman	Yes

Motion Carried: Unanimously

11.8 Superintendent Travel

Moved By: Mr. Cardamone

Seconded By: Mrs. Beerer

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the Superintendent's travel to the Center for Quality Leadership (CQL) School Research Nexus Conference in Niguel, CA from March 31 – April

2, 2010. Previously paid membership in CQL covers the cost of airfare, two nights lodging and meals for this conference.

Roll Call Vote

Mrs. Beerer	Yes
Mrs. Anderson	Yes
Mr. Brinker	Yes
Mrs. Bradford	Yes
Mr. Briggs	Yes
Mr. Hartman	Yes
Mrs. Cardamone	Yes

Motion Carried: Unanimously

11.9 Extension Agreements

11.9.1 Royal Oak Education Association (ROEA)

Moved By: Mr. Cardamone Seconded By: Mrs. Beerer

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

Mrs. Anderson	Yes
Mr. Brinker	Yes
Mrs. Bradford	Yes
Mr. Briggs	No
Mr. Hartman	Yes
Mr. Cardamone	Yes
Mrs. Beerer	Yes

Motion Carried: Yes - 6 No - 1

11.9.2 Royal Oak Educational Support Association (ROESA)

Moved By: Mr. Cardamone Seconded By: Mrs. Anderson

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

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Mr. Brinker	Yes
Mrs. Bradford	Yes
Mr. Briggs	No
Mr. Hartman	Yes
Mr. Cardamone	Yes
Mrs. Beerer	Yes
Mrs. Anderson	Yes

Motion Carried: Yes – 6 No - 1

12. Board Action and Non-Action Items

12.1 Board Liaison Modification

The following are liaison assignment changes:

Addams – Mrs. Anderson
Northwood – Mr. Brinker

13. Opportunity for Citizens to Speak

Paul Veselenak 3024 Marais spoke regarding privatization contract length and quality of services.

Frank Houston 622 Walnut spoke regarding privatization concerns.

Barb Veselenak 3024 Marais spoke regarding her disappointment in elimination of transportation and concerns of privatization of special education transportation and superintendent travel.

14. Board Comments/Liaison Report

Mr. Cardamone stated that this evening the decision was to go out for Request for Proposals (RFPs), no decision has been made yet for privatization.

Mrs. Bradford stated that PTA Founders Day was wonderful.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Cardamone
Secretary, Board of Education