

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

MARCH 11, 2010
7:00 P.M.
ANNOTATED
AGENDA

1. Opening of Meeting
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. President's Comment
 - 3.1 Best of Royal Oak – Keller Elementary – Bridges Program
 - 3.2 Pride of Royal Oak – Royal Oak Teachers of the Year
 - 3.3 Save Our Youth Task Force
 - 3.4 Curriculum/Instruction Update
 - 3.5 Economic/Budget/Audit Update
 - 3.6 Transportation – Support for Parents
4. Communications
5. 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.

6. Superintendent's Comments
7. ***Consent Agenda Item Considerations**

8. *Approval of Minutes of the Regular and Closed Meetings of February 11, 2010

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 February 11, 2010.

9. Personnel/Instruction/Business

9.1 *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>
Fuelling, Lenee	Int'l Academy Teacher	Leave of Absence	2010-2011 School Year
Kirkwood, Andrea	Teacher	Return from Leave of Absence	2010-2011 School Year

9.2 *Field Trip Requests

9.2.1 *ROHS – BPA Conference – Grand Rapids, MI Request

Recommendation:

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the request for six students from Royal Oak High School to Grand Rapids, MI from March 18 - 21, 2010.

9.2.2 *ROMS – 6th Grade – Toledo, OH Request

Recommendation:

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the request for the 6th grade students from Royal Oak Middle School to Toledo, OH on May 17, 2010.

9.3 *Payment of Expenditures

Recommendation:

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 \$6,384,419.26 for the period of December 26, 2009 through January 29, 2010.

Expenses in the amount of \$6,384,419.26 for the period of December 26, 2009 through January 29, 2010 as detailed in the Expenditure Register are presented for approval.

9.4 2010-11 Budget Recommendations

Recommendation:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby approves the following necessary budget reduction and revenue enhancement initiatives for the 2010-11 fiscal year:

- Elimination of the position of Executive Director, Student Services
- Elimination of the position of Executive Director, Business and Technology Services
- Reduction of 0.2 fte - Music Coordinator position
- Elimination of 0.2 fte - PE Coordinator position
- Reduction of 0.5 fte - Royal Oak Middle School counseling position
- Reduction of 1.0 fte - Royal Oak High School counseling position
- Elimination of remaining Royal Oak Middle School team planning
- Approval of an approximate 3% fee increase in Childcare, Preschool, Young Oaks, Acorn, and Summer Camp programs
- Approval of the fee schedule for the new half-day 4 year-old Preschool offerings of a four day per week program and a five day per week program

9.5 Support of the Final Report of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates

WHEREAS the electorate of the State of Michigan passed an amendment in November 1978 to the State's Constitution that required the State to fund mandates imposed on local units of government (often referred to as the "Headlee Amendment"); and

WHEREAS the Headlee Amendment (Article IX, Section 29) states:

"The state is hereby prohibited from reducing the state financed proportion of the necessary costs of any existing activity or service required of units of Local

Government by state law. A new activity or service or an increase in the level of any activity or service beyond that required by existing law shall not be required by the legislature or any state agency of units of Local Government, unless a state appropriation is made and disbursed to pay the unit of Local Government for any necessary increased costs. The provision of this section shall not apply to costs incurred pursuant to Article VI, Section 18.”

WHEREAS the Headlee Amendment became effective on December 23, 1978;
and

WHEREAS the State Legislature established the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates (LCSM) through P.A. 98 of 2007, as amended by P.A. 356 of 2008 and assigned the LCSM to identify mandates (including those involving reports) and the related cost of the mandates to local units of government, along with recommendations to resolve the unfunded mandates; and

WHEREAS the LCSM worked with the Citizens Research Council (issued an analysis of other state’s statues and constitutional requirements similar to the Headlee Amendment) and local units of government associations, including the Michigan School Business Officials and Michigan Association of School Administrators.

WHEREAS the LCSM issued a report in June 2009 entitled “Interim Report of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates” that indicated, among other matters, that the State had failed to enact legislation enabling the Headlee Amendment and has not complied with the Headlee Amendment since its adoption in 1978; and

WHEREAS the LCSM completed its report in December 2009 entitled “Final Report of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates” that reaffirms the Interim Report results and provides recommendations, including but not limited to:

- Drafted legislation and court rules that would mitigate unfunded mandates imposed on local units of government in the future.
- Proposed procedures that will prevent new unfunded mandates from being imposed on local units of government.
- Proposed procedures that would be corrective should unfunded mandates be imposed that include, among other requirements:
 - A submission of an action before the Court of Appeals to be heard by a special master in order to rule on whether the matter is a mandate and if the mandate is underfunded.
 - Require the Court of Appeals to rule on the above within six months of the filing.
 - Should the Court of Appeals not rule on the above within six months, the local unit of government would have no obligation to continue to provide the services until such time as the State complies with the Headlee Amendment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak supports the findings and recommendations in the interim and final reports of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates and encourages the Governor, Legislature and Supreme Court to adopt and enact the recommendations cited in the final report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the release of this resolution to be distributed to the Governor, Legislators and Supreme Court.

10. Board Action and Non-Action Items
11. Opportunity for Citizens to Speak
12. Board Comments/Liaison Report
13. Adjourn to Closed Session – Attorney/Client Privilege

Recommendation:

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak adjourns to a Closed Session for the purpose of discussing written opinion of legal counsel as is permissible under the Open Meetings Act 15.268, Section 8, Subsection (h).

14. Reconvene
15. Adjournment

[This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda item "Opportunity for Citizens to Speak."]