

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

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: President, Michael Hartman; Vice-President, Gary Briggs; Secretary, Kevin McLogan; Treasurer, Deborah Anderson; Trustee, Lisa Bradford; 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:

1. Opening of Meeting – Mr. Hartman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
3. President’s Comment

3.1 *Gift – ROMS 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip Fund – Cash Donation

That the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby accept the donation for the use by the Royal Oak Middle School 8th Grade Washington, D.C. trip fund.

A very generous donation of \$93.40 has been made by Mr. Kevin Partlan for the Royal Oak Middle School 8th Grade Washington, D.C. trip fund. This donation was a refund check from WorldStrides for his daughter’s fundraising towards her 8th grade trip. This donation will be used as a scholarship to help pay the trip cost for another student(s).

3.2 Curriculum/Instruction Update

Cheryl Goodgine explained the process of utilizing the enrollment forecast and projecting staff placement. A staff member will be added, or has been added to Oakland and Upton due to their enrollment.

Mrs. Hansen stated that there may be K-1 combination classes in Oakland and Upton. Students would be assessed for a good fit.

3.3 Economic/Budget/Audit Update

Mr. Schwartz updated the Board of the happenings in the Business Office this time of year.

Mr. Schwartz reminded the Board that there currently is a \$650,000 shortfall that we are still trying to make up this year. Also the State budget shortfall will be significant. There is talk of a shortfall of \$240 per student or greater expectation equating to \$1.2 million shortfall for the District.

Parents can access PaySchools on-line to pay for child care, preschool, latchkey, athletics and lunch accounts.

Carry-over of unused budgets for supplies, capital outlay equate to a total accumulation of \$2.4 million will be back into the buildings for use with the students.

At this time item 6.2 was discussed.

At this time item 6.3 was discussed.

Mr. Hartman stated that tomorrow is the Raven Rally at 5:00 at the high school.

4. Communications

Mr. McLogan stated that the electronic communications to the Board need to be signed and also reminded everyone that the communications become part of the public record.

Mr. McLogan received the following communications:

Communications regarding President Obama's speech to students:

Dayton Staschke
Alisa Grossman
Carole Galli
Ronald Guettler
Lisa Bahleda
Dominique Lowell
Michele Corey
Susan Watch

High School and Middle School Bussing Issues:

Michelle Mora
Michael Johnson
Carol & Garry Spencer
Deborah Pendergrast

Lori Folger regarding Northwood grounds.

Kim Johnson regarding PaySchools system.

Catherine Bunkosky regarding class size issues at Oakland.

Chris Cleveland regarding her experience on the first day of school at Northwood.

Opening Day speaker Roger Cram:

Dorothy Popovich

Amy Kazdan

Kelly Stanesa

Mary Chisholm

Elaine Fedorisin

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.

- Greg Thrasher - 1175 Bird Birmingham spoke regarding achievement gaps of African American students and services his firm can provide.

6. Superintendent's Comments

6.1 Executive Director Consolidation

Dr. Moline reviewed a plan for the reduction of one of the Executive Director positions. The Executive Director, Business and Technology Services, Mr. Andy Linell, will be leaving the District.

All employee groups have been affected by elimination of positions. Administrative positions have been reduced by over 50% since 1998.

6.2 Information Regarding the High School Transportation Changes

Mr. Linell reviewed the new stops for the high school at Keller, Farmer's Market and Northwood Shopping Center. The high school start time was also changed. Four busses are running twice in the morning and twice in the afternoon to these

stops, upperclassmen are on the earlier runs. Color coded bus passes are being utilized. Another stop is being considered at the Boys & Girls Club.

6.3 Traffic Pattern at Royal Oak Middle School

Mr. Linell explained that the School District, the City Engineering Department, City Police Department, Traffic and Improvement Association of Oakland County, all met during the year to revise a traffic pattern plan for the middle school. The extensive revision of the middle school traffic pattern was implemented on Monday morning.

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

8. ***Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Closed Session Meetings of August 27, 2009**

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Closed Session Meetings of August 27, 2009.

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>
Snyder, Barbara	Leave of Absence	Retirement	August 28, 2009
Bilinski, James	Teacher	New Hire	September 3, 2009
Dorogi, Heather	Teacher	New Hire	September 3, 2009
Mendyka, Christyn	Teacher	New Hire	September 2, 2009

9.2 ***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 \$4,280,141.28 for the period of July 1, 2009 through July 24, 2009.

Expenses in the amount of \$4,280,141.28 for the period of July 1, 2009 through July 24, 2009 as detailed in the Expenditure Register are presented for approval.

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10. Board Action and Non-Action Items

10.1 Committees and Assignments

The liaison assignments were reviewed at this time.

Mrs. Hartwig stated that there were many good comments regarding the Opening Day speaker for all staff

There was discussion of going to one Board meeting per month. The October 22 meeting may be changed to October 21. Mr. Schwartz will see if the audit report can be provided by Yeo & Yeo on October 21 instead of October 22.

11. Opportunity for Citizens to Speak

No one spoke at this time.

12. Board Comments/Liaison Report

Mrs. Bradford thanked staff for all their work.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin, McLogan
Secretary, Board of Education