

South Redford School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 1, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the South Redford Board of Education was held on Monday, March 1, 2010 in the Board Room at the Jan Jacobs Educational Services Center. The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:02 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the President asked the Secretary to call the roll.

THE BOARD

Present:

Laurie Hicks, President
Bruce Mazurowski, Secretary

Tom Dowdy, Vice President
Stephen Baker, Trustee

Absent:

Cheryl Flesher, Treasurer
Elizabeth Kangas, Trustee

Gregory Morgan, Trustee

THE ADMINISTRATION

Linda S. Hicks, Superintendent
Susan Wright-Barnes, Director of Finance

Kristina Harmon, Curriculum Director
Judy Considine, Communications Coordinator

BOARD OF EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT

Working together with the administrative team and the community, we will provide an environment that will maximize the personal growth and academic achievement of all students.

The President asked if there were any corrections or changes to the agenda of the regular meeting of March 1, 2010. Since there were none, the agenda was approved as printed. This Board Meeting replaced the canceled Regular Board Meeting of February 22, 2010, due to inclement weather.

RECOGNITION OF PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

Dr. Hicks shared with the Board and audience the different activities throughout the District.

- On February 13, 2010, the Thurston High School Quiz Bowl teams traveled to Lansing to compete in a high school regional tournament hosted by Michigan State University. Approximately 15 students from Thurston High School participated in the Quiz Bowl. Thurston's two teams finished 11th and 15th out of 23 teams participating in the competition.
- Thurston High School counselors and representatives from the University of Michigan and Wayne State Financial Aid Departments hosted Financial Aid Application Assistance for students and their parents at a workshop held at Thurston High School.
- The Thurston High School 9th graders who have reached a grade point of 3.0 and higher received certificates of recognition at an honor roll assembly.
- The North Central Accreditation Team visited our District from February 21 – 23, 2010. In their final oral report they raved about the District. South Redford School District was the 1st District in the State of Michigan to receive District-wide Accreditation. Although the final report has not been received yet, their observations were positive and spoke highly about our administrative leadership, teaching and support staff, community partnerships, and the different initiatives throughout the District.
- Thurston High School has had the opportunity to experience a cultural exchange this past month by the visit of foreign exchange students and teacher from China.
- Kids' Care at Vandenberg Elementary School got off to a great start today.

- Summer Kids' Care will take place at Addams Elementary School this summer for students K-5.
- South Redford School District is partnering with Parks and Recreation this summer. Teachers from the District have applied to teach summer classes for Parks and Recreation.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

- Dr. Hicks updated the Board with the details for the upcoming Community Budget Forums.
- Dr. Hicks share with the Board the wonderful opportunity she had to hear Stephen Covey in person at the Galileo Leadership Institute.
- Ms. Laurie Hicks shared that there was a great turnout for the sessions with the NCA Visiting Team that were scheduled on the "Snow Day". Administrators, Board members and Community members attended the sessions.
- Steve Baker shared that Thurston High school is hosting the District Band Festival on Thursday and Friday, March 4th and 5th. Anyone wishing to hear some wonderful music is encouraged to attend.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes:
The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2010 were approved as printed.
- b. Approval of Warrants:
The warrants for weeks ending January 8 and 22, 2010 and February 5, 12, and 19, 2010, approved as printed.
- c. New Hire:
Matthew Bishop – Thurston High School

Mr. Tom Dowdy moved to approve the Consent Agenda items a-c listed above, supported by Mr. Stephen Baker. Vote: All ayes (4) - Hicks, Dowdy, Mazurowski and Baker. Nay - (0). Abstain - (0). Motion carried.

SREA/BOARD COMMUNICATION

Bill Triolet, President of the South Redford Education Association shared with the Board the different activities through out the District. Mr. Triolet, with the SREA support, made a public statement regarding the position of the Superintendent of Schools.

DISCUSS COMMUNITY BUDGET FORUMS

Dr. Hicks highlighted with the Board the plans for the Community Budget Forums. The Board reviewed the survey and the facilitator's guide. Mr. Stephen Baker asked if the Community Budget Forms should be posted as Board meetings since all of the Board members will be present at the Forum. Ms. Laurie Hicks agreed that it should be posted as a Board workshop.

AMEND GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION FOR 2009-2010

The following is the amendment to the 2009-10 General Appropriations Resolution for the General Fund. The Appropriations Resolution was approved by the Board of Education on June 22, 2009. As required by the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, P. A. 621, an amendment to the Appropriations Resolution is in order when changes in the amounts appropriated by the Board are anticipated.

The 2009-10 Original Budget approved on June 22, 2009 has been updated to reflect the currently anticipated revenue and expense for the 2009-10 school year. The 2009-10 Proposed Amendment results in an increase in revenue of \$581,511. This is primarily a result of two things:

additional funds from ARRA grants in IDEA and Title One, and the one time accounting change for Act 18 reimbursement. The IDEA ARRA funds allotted to the district amounted to \$680,000, of which \$183,000 is currently included in revenue. Title One ARRA funds totaled \$273,000, all of which are included in the budget with specific plans for spending. The one time accounting change for Act 18 increased County Revenues by \$210,000.

The 2009-10 Proposed Amendment results in an increase in expense of \$332,214. Detroit Diesel won their case with the tax tribunal for years 2006, 2007 and 2008. It is anticipated that their 2009 tax case will be settled this year also. This, combined with other cases that have been settled has necessitated the inclusion of \$282,000 in the budget for tax abatement charges, which are grouped with Business Services. Increased expenses in relation to the additional grant funds, less budget reductions approved by the Board account for the remaining increases in expense.

The year-end budget amendment will be provided in June and will include any changes that are not known at this time.

The Capital Projects Fund is also being amended at this time, and is included in this resolution. Our Bond was deemed substantially complete last year, but this reflects the remaining dollars that are being spent out in the 2009-10 school year.

Mr. Bruce Mazurowski moved adoption of the following resolution,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the general appropriation for South Redford School District for the fiscal year 2009-10 General Fund is amended as follows:

REVENUE:

Local	\$ 4,138,231
State	24,008,344
Federal	2,978,566
County	447,002
Incoming Transfers and Other Transactions	<u> -</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 31,572,143

FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE \$ 2,277,592
TO APPROPRIATE, July 1, 2009

TOTAL AVAILABLE TO APPROPRIATE \$ 33,849,735

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$ 31,922,143 of the total available to appropriate in the GENERAL FUND is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below:

EXPENDITURES:

Instruction	\$ 17,881,846
Support Services	13,380,814
Community Services	292,083
Incoming Transfers and Other Transactions	<u> 367,400</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 31,922,143

The amendment for the General Fund will require a withdrawal from Fund Equity in the amount of \$350,000. This resolution shall take effect March 1, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total revenues and unappropriated fund balance estimated to be available for appropriation in the CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND of the South Redford School District for fiscal year 2009-10 is as follows:

REVENUE	
Local	\$ 6
Total Revenue	\$ 6
FUND BALANCE, July 1, 2009	<u>517,614</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE TO APPROPRIATE - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	<u>\$517,620</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$517,620 of the total available to appropriate in the CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below:

EXPENDITURES	
Capital Projects	<u>\$ 517,620</u>

Supported by Mr. Tom Dowdy. Vote: All ayes (4) - Hicks, Dowdy, Mazurowski and Baker.
Nay - (0). Abstain - (0).

See attachment budget amendment spreadsheet.

**SOUTH REDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
March 1, 2010
Budget Amendments**

	<u>2008-2009 ACTUAL</u> <u>(Audited)</u>	2009-2010 Original Budget	2009-2010 Proposed Budget Amendment	2009-2010 Proposed Changes
REVENUE:				
Local	4,127,366	4,175,721	4,138,231	(37,490)
State	23,992,735	24,752,132	24,008,344	(743,788)
Federal	2,690,076	1,972,779	2,978,566	1,005,787
County	<u>235,641</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>447,002</u>	<u>357,002</u>
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$ 31,045,818	\$30,990,632	\$ 31,572,143	\$ 581,511
EXPENDITURES:				
<u>Instruction</u>				
Basic Programs	15,930,622	15,673,553	15,461,991	(211,562)
Added Needs	2,306,694	2,543,281	2,408,239	(135,042)
Adult Education	<u>10,365</u>	<u>45,458</u>	<u>11,616</u>	<u>(33,842)</u>
Total Instruction	18,247,681	18,262,292	17,881,846	(380,446)
<u>Support Services</u>				
Pupil	3,011,085	3,045,360	3,069,372	24,012
Instructional Staff	1,230,352	1,238,397	1,591,033	352,636
General Administration	686,665	720,490	710,725	(9,765)
School Administration	1,951,403	2,076,626	1,926,206	(150,420)
Business Services	553,744	666,290	789,879	123,589
Operations & Maintenance	3,101,098	3,470,539	3,463,398	(7,141)
Pupil Transportation	1,080,861	1,041,781	1,075,559	33,778
Central Services	<u>648,414</u>	<u>582,010</u>	<u>754,642</u>	<u>172,632</u>
Total Support Services	\$ 12,263,622	\$ 12,841,492	\$ 13,380,814	\$ 539,322
Community Services	211,362	176,145	292,083	115,938
Other Transactions & Transfers	<u>340,117</u>	<u>310,000</u>	<u>367,400</u>	<u>57,400</u>
Grand Total Expenditures	\$31,062,782	\$31,589,929	\$31,922,143	\$332,214
EXCESS REVENUE/(EXPENSE):	\$(16,964)	\$ (599,297)	\$ (350,000)	
Fund Balance - Beginning of year	<u>\$ 4,010,629</u>	<u>\$ 3,993,665</u>	<u>\$ 3,993,665</u>	
Fund Balance - End of year	<u>\$ 3,993,665</u>	<u>\$ 3,394,368</u>	<u>\$ 3,643,665</u>	

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Audience member shared their support on Mr. Bill Triolet's presentation.

PLUS/DELTA FOR THE BOARD MEETING ON MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010

Plus	Delta
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget forum process will be good process, to form a frame• Susan's budget presentation and explanation was helpful.• Support from financial team.• Passion of SREA presentation with respect.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four Board members making a decision for seven is a concern.• Would like a way to have comment or concern be acknowledged by the Board.• Incorrect resolution.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Bruce Mazurowski, Secretary
Board of Education

Present: .Amy Schilbe, Bill Triolet and Tracey Drotos.