

South Redford School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
June 14, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the South Redford Board of Education was held on Monday, June 14, 2010, in the Board Room at the Jan W. Jacobs Educational Services Center. The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the President asked the Secretary to call the roll.

THE BOARD

Present:

Laurie Hicks, President
Tom Dowdy, Vice President
Bruce Mazurowski, Secretary

Cheryl Flesher, Treasurer
Stephen Baker, Trustee
Elizabeth Kangas, Trustee

Absent:

Gregory Morgan, Trustee

THE ADMINISTRATION

Brian Galdes, Interim Superintendent

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 June 14, 2010. Since there were none, the agenda was approved as printed.

PRESENTATION FROM EDUCATIONAL CEO SEARCH, INC. ON SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS

Ed Walsworth presented his company's profile and services to the Board.

RECOGNITION OF PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

Mr. Brian Galdes recognized the following people and programs:

- Fisher Elementary School held an all school field day last Wednesday. It was a great success. Over 50 parents volunteered their time to help in this first time event.
- Students were recognized for their care and kindness for participating in the Peers Assisting with Care and Kindness (PACK) program at Fisher Elementary School.
- Fisher Elementary School has been working with two schools in China. On Friday, June 18, 2010, at 5:30 p.m., Fisher Elementary School will be awarded a Confucius Classroom. This is an honor for Fisher Elementary School and the South Redford School District.
- Vandenberg celebrated their last town hall meeting a week or so ago. Eighty students were recognized for individual accomplishments both academically and socially.
- Kensington Park Metro Lab visited Vandenberg Elementary School's 3 – 5th graders last Monday and Tuesday. The theme this year was the Civil War. A big thank you to Kensington Metro Parks and the Vandenberg PTO for this wonderful event.
- Vandenberg Elementary School students enjoyed different field trips. Kindergarten visited the Sugar Bush Farm in Canton. 1st grade visited The Henry Ford Museum. The 2nd grade visited Diamond Jack's River Cruise on the Detroit River. 3rd grade visited Greenfield Village. Mrs.

Black's 4th grade visited their Pen Pals in New Boston. 5th graders visited Greenfield Village on Mrs. Jocis' field trip of a lifetime.

- Vandenberg Elementary School sent a special thank you to Mr. Stephen Baker for being a wonderful Board representative at their school this year!
- Jefferson Elementary School had a great field day and wants to thank the PTO, parents, volunteers and students for making this year a great year.
- Pierce Middle School held honors programs. The Pierce Band played at the event.
- The high school graduation ceremony was on cable this year. It could also be viewed in the William F. Weber Performing Arts Center. Thank you to Ms. Judy Considine for the arrangements made for this viewing. Mr. Brian Galdes shared that the ceremony was fabulous and well organized.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Brian Galdes communicated the following with the Board:

- Thurston High School graduation DVDs can be ordered through the school.
- Michigan Association of School Boards has been contacted to provide a Board workshop for the Board. Mr. Brian Galdes asked the Board members to give him dates when they would be available for a three hour workshop as well as topics for the workshop. Dates and topics should be emailed to Mr. Galdes by Tuesday, June 22, 2010.
- Mr. Nicholas Griswold will be sharing later at the meeting information about our copiers and the hard drives on the copiers. The copy machines store all images in a hard drive that are then copied onto paper. He will discuss this with the Board and what that means to our District.

Mr. Brain Galdes asked the Board to pass a resolution to maintain dedicated funding of K-12 education. The president asked if there were any objections to amending the agenda to add 7a, The Resolution to Maintain Dedicated State School Funding for the Purpose of K-12 Education. There were no objects.

RESOLUTION TO MAINTAIN DEDICATED STATE SCHOOL FUNDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF K-12 EDUCATION

Lobbyists and the staff from the House Fiscal Agency are reaffirming the reality that the State of Michigan may raid the School Aid Budget to address the State of Michigan's General Fund shortfalls. The State of Michigan is about \$300 million short in their General Fund this fiscal year (09/10) and has no way to balance their budget. They believe it is a real possibility that they will move community college/university costs to the School Aid Budget to reduce their General Fund problem as some feel they have no way out.

This being a major concern and a time sensitive issue with major funding implications, Mr. Brian Galdes, Interim Superintendent asked the Board to consider passing the following resolution imploring our legislature not to do this. Other Wayne County districts are taking similar action.

Ms. Cheryl Flesher moved adoption of the following resolution,

WHEREAS, it is recognized that school districts across the State of Michigan are facing an unprecedented funding crisis, and

WHEREAS, it has been necessary for school districts to reduce their budgets as a result of Michigan's economic decline, and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that public education is a priority for the citizens of Michigan and the cornerstone to economic development, and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that any resources available in the current economy that have been set aside for public education need to be maintained in order to eliminate additional educational funding cuts and possibly restore some of the recent funding cuts, and

WHEREAS, the most recent Revenue Estimating Conference in May, 2010 portrayed a better revenue picture for the State School Aid Fund than projected earlier in the year, and

WHEREAS, it is understood that this added funding will not resolve the state's school funding crisis but does improve the overall school funding picture in Michigan, and

WHEREAS, these funds are needed to offset some of the revenue loss school districts have experienced in recent years, and

WHEREAS, Wayne County Districts alone have lost millions of school dollars as projected by the January Revenue Consensus Conference and through 2009-2010 budget reductions, and

WHEREAS, the new revenue projections could restore a portion of these funding losses, and

WHEREAS, this restoration can only occur if funds dedicated to the State School Aid Fund remain in the State School Aid Fund, and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the Senate School Aid Bill and the House School Aid Bill do not divert any School Aid funds for other purposes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Redford School Board requests that all funds dedicated to the State School Aid Fund remain there to support K-12 education and that other current State General Fund expenditures not be moved to the State K-12 School Aid Fund.

The Board discussed that this resolution will be mailed to the legislators and sent to local media.

Supported by Mr. Tom Dowdy. Vote: All ayes (6) - Hicks, Dowdy, Mazurowski, Flesher, Baker and Kangas. Nay - (0). Abstain - (0).

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Cheryl Flesher moved adoption of the following resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached items of:

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2010, and the Special Meeting of May 27, 2010.
- b. Warrants for weeks ending May 28, June 4 and 11, 2010.
- c. Treasurer's Report – May 31, 2010,

contained on the Consent Agenda for June 14, 2010, are hereby approved.

Supported by Mr. Bruce Mazurowski. Vote: All ayes (6) - Hicks, Dowdy, Mazurowski, Flesher, Baker and Kangas. Nay - (0). Abstain - (0). Resolution adopted.

RECALL OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS

At the April 26, 2010, Board meeting, nine South Redford professional staff members were laid off due to possible changes in staff assignments, scheduling uncertainties, projected decline in enrollment, and because of financial uncertainties. Since that time, it is evident that we will require the services of six staff members. I am now recommending that Matthew Bishop, Edward Latour, Emily Salenik, Lynn Shackelford, Ashley Perrin and Rebecca Chin who were laid off on April 26, 2010, be recalled.

Mr. Bruce. Mazurowski moved the following resolution,

WHEREAS, a review of program needs and staff vacancies has determined that a recall of Matthew Bishop, Edward Latour, Emily Salenik, Lynn Shackelford, Ashley Perrin and Rebecca Chin, who were laid off by Board action on April 26, 2010, is necessary at this time, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education recall Matthew Bishop, Edward Latour, Emily Salenik, Lynn Shackelford, Ashley Perrin and Rebecca Chin to full-time teaching positions for the 2010-2011 school year, effective at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Matthew Bishop, Edward Latour, Emily Salenik, Lynn Shackelford, Ashley Perrin and Rebecca Chin be offered full-time teaching positions for the 2010-2011 school year, effective at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby directed to notify in writing Matthew Bishop, Edward Latour, Emily Salenik, Lynn Shackelford, Ashley Perrin and Rebecca Chin of such action and to take all steps necessary to implement the intent of this resolution.

Supported by Mr. Stephen Baker. Vote: All ayes (6) - Hicks, Dowdy, Mazurowski, Flesher, Baker and Kangas. Nay - (0). Abstain - (0).

AMEND GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION FOR 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR

Attached is a proposed 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, and amended on February 22, 2010. 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.

A summary of the recommended changes for each budget category is provided. Budgeted revenues increased by \$672,244. **These are one-time revenue sources that are not expected to occur in the next school year.** They include:

1. The receipt of \$197K on the February 20 State Aid Status Report to make the district whole for Detroit Diesel tax adjustments for 2006, 2007 and 2008 tax years.
2. The adjustment for prior year Special Ed 4094 Transportation reports in the amount of \$357K.
3. Great Start grant award of \$51K.

Budgeted expenses decreased by \$732,053. Major factors impacting expenses were as follows:

1. Mid-year cuts resulting in a decrease of \$103K in supply costs in Instruction.
2. A budget error in high school teacher salaries was discovered that resulted in a decrease of \$521K in salaries, MPSERS and FICA.
3. Reduce the tax abatement budget line in Business Services (\$270K). Amount owed to Wayne County Treasurer is less than the amount Wayne County Treasurer has collected after March 31, 2010, for Redford Township winter tax levy, so we will not be issuing a check.
4. Decreases of \$125K in natural gas and \$36K in electric expenses due to milder winter and favorable natural gas prices (lowest price per mcf in the last two years.)

Ms. Cheryl Flesher 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	\$ 4,061,000
State	24,722,450
Federal	2,991,840
County and Other	<u>469,097</u>

Total Revenue \$ 32,244,387

FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE \$ 2,277,815

TO APPROPRIATE, July 1, 2009

TOTAL AVAILABLE TO APPROPRIATE \$ 34,522,202

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$31,190,090 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	\$ 17,407,231
Support Services	13,129,554
Community Services	302,405
Incoming Transfers and Other Transactions	<u>350,900</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 31,190,090

The amendment for the General Fund will increase Fund Equity in the amount by \$1,054,297. This resolution shall take effect June 14, 2010.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the appropriation for the FOOD SERVICE FUND for the fiscal year 2009-10 Fund is amended as follows:

REVENUE:

Local	\$ 449,950
State	88,230
Federal	760,500
Incoming Transfers and Other transactions	<u>0</u>

Total Revenue \$ 1,298,680

FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE \$ 0

TO APPROPRIATE, July 1, 2009

TOTAL AVAILABLE TO APPROPRIATE \$ 1,298,680

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$1,298,680 of the total available to appropriate in the FOOD SERVICE FUND is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below:

EXPENDITURES:

Total Expenditures \$ 1,278,375

The amendment for the Cafeteria Fund will increase Cafeteria Fund Equity by \$20,305.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the appropriation for the ATHLETIC FUND for the fiscal year 2009-10 Fund is amended as follows:

REVENUE:

Local \$ 95,706

Incoming transfer 350,840

Total Revenue \$ 446,546

FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE \$ 0

TO APPROPRIATE, July 1, 2009

TOTAL AVAILABLE TO APPROPRIATE \$ 446,546

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$446,546 of the total available to appropriate in the ATHLETIC FUND is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below:

EXPENDITURES:

Total Expenditures \$ 446,546

Supported by Mr. Tom Dowdy. Vote: All ayes (6) - Hicks, Dowdy, Mazurowski, Flesher, Baker and Kangas. Nay - (0). Abstain - (0).

DISCUSS HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

After reviewing the budget reductions passed by the Board at the April 12, 2010, Board meeting, I would like the Board to reconsider the elimination of transporting students from Thurston High School to home. The cost savings for cutting the student transportation one way is anticipated to be \$27,455. This will be for Board discussion tonight. The following resolution was provided to the Board to review and to be considered at the Regular Board meeting on June 28, 2010.

WHEREAS, at the Board meeting on April 12, 2010, the Board adopted budget reductions for the 2010-2011 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Board has reconsidered the budget reduction for Thurston High School transportation, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that in the best interest of the students, the South Redford School District restores transportation from school for Thurston High School students, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools will do all things necessary to implement the intent of this resolution.

DISCUSS ATHLETIC AND BAND TRANSPORTATION FEE

After reviewing the Board revenue enhancement as part of the Budget Reduction passed by the Board at the April 12, 2010 Board meeting, I would like the Board to consider eliminating the \$60.00 transportation fee for both athletics and band. I have provided documentation prohibiting school districts from charging these fees. I also believe that there are some practical implications in allowing some students who have paid to ride the bus to an event and not allowing others who may not be able to afford the additional cost. I believe the Board has several options. They can increase the pay to participate fee to cover some of the transportation costs; leave the pay to participate fee the same and cover the cost of bus transportation through the General Fund; eliminate bussing to and from activities and athletic events; or eliminated transportation for either taking to the event or returning from the event.

DISCUSS CHANGE IN EXISTING LEASE FOR REDFORD TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

In 1979, because of declining enrollment, the South Redford School District Board of Education passed a resolution to close Horace Mann Elementary School at 12121 Hemingway. At that time South Redford School District entered into an agreement to lease the land and the building constituting the Horace Mann Elementary School to Redford Township for \$1.00/year. In the lease, and revised leases since then, it was written that the Redford Township would provide the property and liability insurance for the land and the building, which is now the Redford Community Center.

Since laws have changed that prohibited Redford Township to provide property and liability insurance on property that they do not own, it has been necessary for South Redford School District to provide the liability and property insurance for the building and property at 12121 Hemingway.

Legal counsel provided a new lease agreement to present to Redford Township that would include the cost of the insurance. The Board received a copy of the prepared lease agreement for their review.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF STATE SCHOOL AID

At Monday's Board meeting the Board considered the resolution to authorize the school district to borrow funds in anticipation of state school aid. This is a process that the Board has authorized the last three years.

Based on the cash flow, as prepared by the business office staff and reviewed by the district's legal counsel, we will need to borrow an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000 for cash flow purposes for the 2010-11 fiscal year. We will solicit bids from local financial institutions and participate in the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority loan program. We will proceed with the program that provides the least interest cost. The administration recommends approval of the attached resolution, as drafted by legal counsel, authorizing the borrowing and authorizing the administration to solicit bids and sign all documents required to execute the cash flow borrowing.

The resolution and preamble prepared by District Attorneys was considered and adopted by the Board of Education. Mr. Stephen Baker moved the resolution, Authorizing Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of State School Aid, and supported by Mr. Bruce Mazurowski. Vote: All ayes (6) - Hicks, Dowdy, Mazurowski, Flesher, Baker and Kangas. Nay - (0). Abstain - (0).

RECOMMENDATION TO EXTEND FOOD SERVICES CONTRACT

On June 8, 2009 the Board approved the Food Services Contract between the South Redford School District and ARAMARK. In order for the current contract to remain in effect, it is required by the Michigan Department of Education that the Board formally approve an extension to the original contract.

Each five-year period, the Michigan Department of Education requires local districts to readvertise for bids. Since we advertised for bids in 2009, it is not necessary to readvertise for bids this year.

ARAMARK was selected as the food services management company for the 2009-2010 school year. During the past year of operation, the program will likely maintain a small profit. ARAMARK will likely meet or exceed its guaranteed return on operations for the 2009-2010 school year, however costs associated with monitoring lunchroom activity as well as indirect costs will reduce this return on operations.

After careful review of the District's food services program's financial experience during the past year, we recommend that the district increase lunch prices by \$0.25 per meal at all grade levels. By taking a proactive approach to raising these prices, we ensure the sustainability and viability of a self-sustaining food service program. Breakfast prices will remain unchanged for the 2010-2011 school year, but will continued to be monitored as a portion of the overall food service program. Lunch prices were last increased on June 15, 2004 for the 2004-2005 school year.

	Breakfast SY09-10	Breakfast SY10-11	Lunch SY09-10	Lunch SY10-11
Elementary	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$2.00	\$2.25
Middle School	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$2.25	\$2.50
High School	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$2.50	\$2.75

During the past school year, the Nutrition Services Advisory Committee has met consistently with ARAMARK to review the present program and to offer recommendations for improvement. The Nutrition Services Advisory Committee is satisfied with the ongoing progress to improve the nutritional offerings and education to students, staff, and the community as a whole.

Based upon ARAMARK's overall performance during the school year, it is my recommendation that this contract be extended to include the 2010-11 school year. The contract extension document, as well as correspondence from the Michigan Department of Education is attached.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed resolution to extend the contract between the South Redford School District and ARAMARK for the 2010-11 school year.

Mr. Stephen Baker moved adoption of the following resolution,

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the South Redford School District hereby agrees to a one-year extension of the attached contract with ARAMARK Educational Services, LLC for the 2010-2011 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the 2010-2011 school year, lunch prices will be established at \$2.25 for the elementary schools, \$2.50 for the middle school, and \$2.75 for the high school, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of this resolution.

Supported by Ms. Elizabeth Kangas. Vote: All ayes (6) - Hicks, Dowdy, Mazurowski, Flesher, Baker and Kangas. Nay - (0). Abstain - (0).

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Audience members shared concerns with the Board.

PLUS/DELTA FOR THE BOARD MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010.

Plus	Delta
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adhere to our procedure of discussion first then considering of resolution next meeting. • Congenial, honest, open dialog was helpful to Board process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7a Resolution regarding School Aid Funding was awkward by not having this on the agenda and then adding to agenda. • Would like legal opinion whether we need to read full document. • Have not had union presentations as an agenda item. • We have heard two presentations from superintendent search firms and need to discuss/decide/communicate back to these firms. • Too warm.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan For Improvement 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include unions on agenda. • Add discussion of next steps in search process. • What is the process to get the room cooler? • Get legal opinion about need to read full resolution. • How to let public know the main points of the resolutions (legal jargon.) 	

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Bruce Mazurowski, Secretary
 Board of Education

Present: Julie Troyanek, Sharon Thomas, Karen Stearns, Nick and Lenanne Gaina, Beth Hutter, Sue Pevovar, Bill Triolet, Amy Davidson, Gary Segadi, Linda Chenoweth and Carrie Morfino.