

REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Reed City, Michigan

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting

Work Study Session

April 17, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

The work study session of the Board of Education of Reed City Area Public Schools was called to order by Vice-President Jesse Kailing at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017, in the Porteous Academic Center.

Roll Call

Members present: Craig Goodman, Kim Johnson, Jesse Kailing, and Tricia Wirth

Members absent: Members Bookwalter, Fuller, and Proefrock

Others present: Superintendent Webster, Recording Secretary Busch, six (6) others

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Member Goodman, seconded by Member Johnson, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Communication from the Public

There was no public communication.

Monthly Finance Committee of the Whole

Member Kailing stated that at a previous meeting, Member Fuller had mentioned the possibility of changing the format for the Finance Committee. One suggestion was for Members to review the finance packet and call the business office with any questions they may have, and omitting the separate committee of the whole. Any financial discussion could still take place during the work study, as needed. Other options discussed included finance remain as a committee of the whole, or to reinstate a three person finance committee. It was decided to table a decision until more members were present.

Review of General Fund Expenditures

Superintendent Webster brought forward the list of contract awards, and other construction options, that need to be approved to move forward with the bond projects. The location of central office was the main focal point of a lengthy discussion. Mr. Webster assured the Board that the projects can all be approved without including the central office piece, pending more information.

Mr. Webster will get a price comparison for the Board showing costs of creating a welcoming and safe/secure entrance at both central office locations.

Board Goals

Due to time constraints, Mr. Kailing opted to omit item 6 Board Goals, as it was listed on the agenda *as time permits*.

Other

Member Johnson inquired about the administrative restructuring at G.T. Norman Elementary, and why there is one posting and not two. Mr. Webster stated that the idea was to eliminate the assistant principal position, and employ both an upper (grades 3-4-5) and lower (grades K-1-2) principal. The current principal would move to one of the positions, and the second position has been posted.

Other considerations on the matter included the option of the current assistant applying for the new position, laws allowing for administrators to return to classrooms, and contractual obligations.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

KJ/jb

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