

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REETHS-PUFFER SCHOOLS -- MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN  
October 23, 2023

A regular meeting of the Reeths-Puffer Board of Education was called to order by Jennifer Romanosky at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 23, 2023 at the Reeths-Puffer Educational Services Building, 991 W. Giles Road, Muskegon, Michigan.

The following members were present:

Jennifer Romanosky, Vice President  
Chris Brooks, Treasurer  
Joan Vincent, Trustee

Susan Blackburn, Secretary  
Alex Keefe, Trustee

Absent: Kim Bramer, President and Sonya Hernandez, Trustee

Others present: Steve Edwards, Superintendent  
Rob Renes, Assistant Superintendent  
26 Others

The meeting was open with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brenda Jacobs from Brickley DeLong shared highlights from the 2022-2023 audit.

Steve Edwards and the board thanked Tracey French and her team, Pam Turner, Simeon Frang and Nate Smith on all of their hard work on the audit and grants.

Jackie Blomeke from SFE provided a sample of the Carmel apple smoothie that is served to our students. The smoothies were made by riding a bike "Rock the Bike". The bike is equipped with a blender. We have 2 bikes in the district.

Jackie has been working with the wellness committee in each building. The SFE newsletter "What's Cooking" was passed out to the board. The newsletter keeps us updated on what's happening in the R-P food world.

It was moved by Alex Keefe and supported by Chris Brooks to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously. The consent agenda follows:

- A. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2023
- B. Approve Personnel Report
- C. Approve Middle School Europe Trip
- D. Approve Theatre III, Theatre Design and Technical Students to attend the Michigan Thespian Festival.
- E. Approve High School Trip to Indianapolis.
- F. Approve High School Choir Trip to New York City.

The meeting was open to the public

- None

## Communications

### Superintendent:

- Steve Edwards briefly discussed items that are showing up in our legislature.
- Paige Anderson played her best round of golf on Saturday in the rain. She went from 13<sup>th</sup> place to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state. Congratulations Paige!

Board: None

It was moved by Chris Brooks and supported by Joan Vincent to move to a closed session for the first expulsion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 6:30 pm

It was moved by Susan Blackburn and supported by Chris Brooks to accept the recommendation of administration that the student identified as Student KT2324-3, be expelled, permanently, subject to possible reinstatement after 180 days, effective October 3, 2023 from Reeths-Puffer Schools for the reason that she has failed to follow the rules and regulations contained in the Student Code of Conduct resulting in a disruption of the education process for both herself and others and such behavior is sufficient to warrant expulsion pursuant to Section 1311(2) of the Michigan School Code. During the time of expulsion, the student shall not be on school grounds or attend any functions at Reeths-Puffer Schools unless approved in advance by the Superintendent of Schools. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Susan Blackburn and supported by Alex Keefe to move to a closed session for the second expulsion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 6:40 pm

It was moved by Alex Keefe and supported by Joan Vincent to accept the recommendation of administration that the student identified as Student DW23-24-2, be expelled for up to 180 school days from Reeths-Puffer Schools for the reason that she has failed to follow the rules and regulations contained in the Student Code of Conduct resulting in a disruption of the education process for both student DW2324-2 and others and such behavior is sufficient to warrant expulsion pursuant to Section 1311(2) of the Michigan School Code. During the time of expulsion, the student shall not be on school grounds or attend any functions at Reeths-Puffer Schools unless approved in advance by the Superintendent of Schools.

The meeting reconvened at 6:50 pm

It was moved by Jennifer Romanosky and supported by Chris Brooks to accept the recommendation of administration that the student identified as Student EH23-24-1, be expelled, permanently, subject to possible reinstatement after 180 school days from Reeths-Puffer Schools for the reason that he has failed to follow the rules and regulations contained in the Student Code of Conduct resulting in a disruption of the

education process for both student EH2324-1 and others and such behavior is sufficient to warrant expulsion pursuant to Section 1311 (2) of the Michigan School Code. During the time of expulsion, the student shall not be on school grounds or attend any functions at Reeths-Puffer Schools unless approved in advance by the Superintendent of Schools.

It was moved by Susan Blackburn and supported by Chris Brooks to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Su', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Susan Blackburn, Secretary