

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REETHS-PUFFER SCHOOLS -- MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN
November 20, 2023

A regular meeting of the Reeths-Puffer Board of Education was called to order by Kim Bramer at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 2023 at the Reeths-Puffer Educational Services Building, 991 W. Giles Road, Muskegon, Michigan

The following members were present:

Kim Bramer, President	Jennifer Romanosky, Vice President
Chris Brooks, Treasurer	Susan Blackburn, Secretary
Alex Keefe, Trustee	Sonya Hernandez, Trustee
Joan Vincent, Trustee	

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

The meeting was open with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following items were discussed:

- Board Policy Updates – 1st Reading
 - Policy 1540 – New Administrative Staff Reductions/Recalls
 - Policy 2370.01 – Revised Online/Blended Learning Program
 - Policy 7217 – Weapons
 - Policy 7540.03 – Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
 - Policy 8531 – Free and Reduced-Price Meals

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

- Approve Regular Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2023
- Approve Closed Session Minutes – October 23, 2023
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- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve 1st Reading of Board Policies
- Approve Reinstatement of High School Student SR2122-6

The meeting was open to the public:

- None
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Communications

- Superintendent
 - 31aa – provides per pupil funding to districts for activities to improve Student Mental Health and Safety and Security. Half of the grant is to be used for Safety and Security and the other half for Student Mental Health. Having a funding stream for another year is very beneficial.
 - The district is looking at placing strobes and audio on the outside of the building to help alert of lockdown taking place within the building.

- Investing heavily on keyless entry and alarms on the doors. If a door is propped open more than a few seconds the alarm will activate until the door is shut.
 - R-P has 30% of our students that are chronically absent. Muskegon county 23%. 2 years ago, the county had 11,000 students that were chronically absent and 1 year ago, 9,000 students. Reeths-Puffer is studying and working on ways to spend money to get more students in school and lower that number. "We are better when we are together".
- Legislation
 - None

Board: Susan attended the 2023 MASB Delegate Assembly. Positive policies are happening to protect our students.

It was moved by Sonya Hernandez and supported by Joan Vincent to move to a closed session for an expulsion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 6:02pm

It was moved by Jennifer Romanosky and supported by Alex Keefe to accept the recommendation of administration that the student identified as Student CJ2324-7, be expelled, effective October 31, 2023 for up to 180 days, effective October 31, 2023 from Reeths-Puffer Schools for the reason that student CJ2324-7 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 CJ2324-7 and others and such behavior is sufficient to warrant expulsion pursuant to Section 1311(1) 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 Jennifer Romanosky to move to a closed session for an expulsion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 6:10pm

It was moved by Kim Bramer and supported by Alex Keefe to accept the recommendation of administration that the student identified as Student JB2324-4, be expelled, effective October 31, 2023 for up to 180 days, effective October 31, 2023 from Reeths-Puffer Schools for the reason that student JB2324-4 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 JB2324-4 and others and such behavior is sufficient to warrant expulsion pursuant to Section 1311(1) 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 Jennifer Romanosky and supported by Susan Blackburn to move to a closed session for an expulsion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 6:22pm.

It was moved by Kim Bramer and supported by Chris Brooks to accept the recommendation of administration that the student identified as Student NF2324-5, be expelled, effective October 31, 2023 for up to 180 days, effective October 27, 2023 from Reeths-Puffer Schools for the reason that student NF2324-5 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 NF2324-5 and others and such behavior is sufficient to warrant expulsion pursuant to Section 1311(1) 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 Joan Vincent and supported by Alex Keefe to move to a closed session for an expulsion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 6:36pm.

It was moved by Susan Blackburn and supported by Chris Brooks to accept the recommendation of administration that the student identified as Student JG2324-6, be expelled, effective October 31, 2023 for up to 180 days, effective October 21, 2023 from Reeths-Puffer Schools for the reason that student JG2324-6 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 JG2324-6 and others and such behavior is sufficient to warrant expulsion pursuant to Section 1311(1) 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 Sonya Hernandez and supported by Joan Vincent to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Susan Blackburn, Secretary