

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REETHS-PUFFER SCHOOLS -- MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN
January 15, 2024

A regular meeting of the Reeths-Puffer Board of Education was called to order by Kim Bramer at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 15, 2024 at the Educational Services Building, 991 West Giles Road, Muskegon, Michigan.

The following members were present:

Kim Bramer, President	Jennifer Romanosky, Vice-President
Chris Brooks, Treasurer	Alex Keefe, Trustee
Joan Vincent, Trustee	

Absent: Susan Blackburn, Secretary, Sonya Hernandez, Trustee

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

The meeting was open with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve Edwards chaired the meeting to elect officers of the Board.

Jennifer Romanosky nominated Kim Bramer for president with Chris Brooks supporting the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

Kim Bramer chaired the meeting.

Kim Bramer nominated Jennifer Romanosky for Vice-President with Chris Brooks supporting the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Romanosky nominated Susan Blackburn for Secretary with Chris Brooks supporting the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Romanosky nominated Chris Brooks for Treasurer with Joan Vincent supporting the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

Abby Haaks, student at Reeths-Puffer High School and member of the STATS program, presented a slideshow and a description of the CADCA peer-to-peer connections. CADCA has demonstrated that when all sectors of a community come together, social change happens. The CADCA coalition model emphasizes the power of community coalitions to community efforts that help the prevention of substance use and misuse before it starts, vaping, bullying, refusal skills and safe relationships.

The Reeths-Puffer STATS teams build on the positive and create a bridge between youth and adults that can help with the bigger issues. Younger youth have been able to receive the help they need by reaching out to STATS students who have been trained to connect them with the proper adults. They explore what negative interaction looks like and the importance of building support systems. It is essential to create an environment where young people feel empowered to make healthy choices and have supportive connections that steer them away from harmful habits.

Nate presented a slideshow that gave the board a glimpse into the Student Support Planning that is happening at R-P. Nate asked the board to think to themselves how they would answer the following questions: I wish every student graduated from R-P knowing....,

I wish every student graduated from R-P able to... and I wish every student graduated from R-P with an attitude of...

The K-12 Student Support Plan Decision Guidelines consist of: Specialized targeted instruction, Data is used to prioritize plan, Collaborative decision making and No labeling kids: On and off ramps.

A grade level chart was shown regarding the Components of K-12 Support Planning: varied intervention based on developmental zones, data-based entry and exit criteria, length/duration/frequency/student, student voice a choice/strengths/preference, size of group/Intensity of Intervention, who influences Intervention planning.

Future Moves: 1) Continued movement to increase support diverse learning with interventions. 2) Increased specialized services in reading, math and social emotional supports. 3) Flexibility in schedules like FLEX, Internships, On and Off Ramp intervention, Rocket Virtual and extended learning. 4) Utilizing grant funds from both state and federal levels for specialized services and supports.

Steve spoke to the board and presented them with the Emergency Flipchart that will be in every classroom and on every desk in the district. The district has Navigate 360 at their fingertips. They can carry it everywhere as it's on their phone. However, in a stressful situation a person's ability is compromised and trying to access the app on their phone could very difficult. The flipchart will make it easy for them to grab and go if needed.

We are looking at securing a district & security officer for the Reeths-Puffer district.

Steve also discussed the bond timeline with the board. Much of the previous bond debt will be paid off by 2027. The 2027 bond when passed can reconstruct our whole district. Starting in February, we are requesting bids from construction firms. All the firms are strong recommendations. Everything is contingent of the bond passing.

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

1. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2023
2. Approve Closed Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2023
3. Approve Personnel Report
4. Approve 2nd Reading of Special Board Policy Updates
5. Approve 8 STATS students to attend the National Leadership Forum CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) Gaylord National (National Harbor, MD)

The meeting was open to the public.

None

Communications

None

Superintendent:

- Steve Edwards shared the School Closings or Delay Criteria.

It was moved by Jennifer Romanosky and supported by Chris Brooks to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Susan Blackburn, Secretary