

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REETHS-PUFFER SCHOOLS -- MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN  
February 12, 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, February 12, 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	Susan Blackburn, Secretary
Sonya Hernandez, Trustee	Alex Keefe, Trustee
Joan Vincent, Trustee	

Absent:

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

The meeting was open with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve Edwards introduced Randy Lindquist (Superintendent of the Muskegon Area ISD) and Joe Luce (Liaison Officer) and read a letter from Jon Gale (Safety/Security Specialist at the ISD) who could not be with us tonight due to a prior engagement. Reeths-Puffer will be hiring a School Safety/Security Specialist (SSSS) for our district. The SSSS is responsible for the overall safety and security of the school environment and campus infrastructure. The SSSS performs a variety of security-related activities including providing for the physical and psychological safety of our student, staff, and schools: actively participating in the districtwide PBIS/MTSS team efforts to promote positive behavior and efficient systems; engaging families as community partners; and leading emergency management planning and implementation. The SSSS position will be fully grant funded. Reeths-Puffer is looking for someone that is retired from the military or police department.

Tracey French presented the 2023-2024 Budget Amendment 1.

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

1. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2024
2. Approve Personnel Report
3. Approve 2023-2024 Budget Amendment 1
4. Approve Middle School & High School Underwater Robotics Competition – travel and lodging.
5. Approve Early Graduation for Macy Fisher
6. Approve High School Spanish Students 2024 trip to Spain

The meeting was open to the public.

- None

Communications

Superintendent:

- Rocket Scholars: Friday, March 22nd

Board Members:

- Kim Bramer – stated that Reeths-Puffer has come great things happening starting with our students having the opportunity to go to Ireland, Spain and compete in the Underwater Robotics.

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

The meeting reconvened at 6:34 p.m.

It was moved by Alex Keefe and supported by Jennifer Romanosky to accept the recommendation of the high school administration that the student identified as GM2324-10, be expelled, effective December 17, 2023 for up to 180 school days from Reeths-Puffer Schools for the reason that student GM2324-10 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 GM2324-10 and others 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 Alex Keefe to move to a closed session for an expulsion hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

It was moved by Jennifer Romanosky supported by Chris Brooks to accept the recommendation of the high school administration that the student identified as NR2324-9, be expelled, effective January 26, 2024 for up to 180 school days from Reeths-Puffer Schools for the reason that student NR2324-9 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 NR2324-9 and others 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 with 6 board members approving the recommendation and 1 board member rejecting the recommendation.

The next work session of the Board of Education of Reeths-Puffer Schools will be held on Monday, March 4, 2024, 5:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Building, 991 W. Giles Road, Muskegon, Michigan.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education of Reeths-Puffer Schools will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024, 5:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Building, 991 W. Giles Road, Muskegon, Michigan.

It was moved by Susan Blackburn and supported by Jennifer Romanosky to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Blackburn', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Susan Blackburn, Secretary