

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REETHS-PUFFER SCHOOLS -- MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN
March 18, 2024

A regular meeting of the Reeths-Puffer Board of Education was called to order by Jennifer Romanosky at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2024 at the Educational Services Building, 991 West Giles Road, Muskegon, Michigan.

The following members were present:

Jennifer Romanosky, Vice President
Chris Brooks, Treasurer
Sonya Hernandez, Trustee

Susan Blackburn, Secretary
Alex Keefe, Trustee
Joan Vincent, Trustee

Absent: Kim Bramer, President

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

The meeting was open with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent Edwards opened the meeting with a School Safety Update. Mr. Edwards attended a debriefing with the Oxford Personnel.

We currently have the following in place for physical safety.

- The Boot Door Barricade
- Ballistic Shields
- Film
- Buzzers
- Law Enforcement
- Direct Access to Jon Gale at the ISD
- Regular drills
- Updated AED stations in all our buildings
- “Bark” and “OK 2 Say” online screening threats
- Updated 2-way radios
- Evacuation and Reunification training/considerations
- Upgraded Intercoms
- New camera system
- Outdoor strobes
- ALICE Training

Steve passed out the School Threat Assessment Guidelines to the board.

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

1. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2024
2. Approve Work Session Minutes – March 4, 2024
3. Approve Closed Session Minutes – March 4, 2024
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6. Approve Personnel Report
7. Approve Resolution to Participate in the MAISD School of Choice Plan for the 2024-2025 School Year and the State’s School of Choice Plan Under Section 105c.
8. Approve High School Theatre III program to attend the Michigan Thespian Festival trip.
9. Approve 4th grade trip to Sleeping Bear Dunes.
10. Approve Reeths-Puffer Band Golden Friendship Tour Proclamation and Final Itinerary for Ireland.

The meeting was open to the public.

- None

Communications – Superintendent

- Legislation – Superintendent Edwards discussed the Retirement Health Care Fund and the Dyslexia bill. The district is not opposed to Mandatory Kindergarten and Tobacco: getting vapes out of the hands of kids

Board Members -

- None

It was moved by Jennifer Romanosky and supported by Sonya Hernandez to move to a closed session for an expulsion hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting reconvened at 6:28 pm.

It was moved by Joan Vincent and supported by Chris Brooks to accept the recommendation of the administration that the student identified as Student JG2324-11 be expelled, effective February 7, 2024 for up to 180 school days from Reeths-Puffer Schools for the reason that JG2324-11 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 JG2324-11 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 Alex Keefe to move to a closed session for an expulsion hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting reconvened at 6:44 pm.

It was moved by Joan Vincent and supported by Chris Brooks to accept the recommendation of the administration that the student identified as Student GF2324-13 be expelled, effective February 7, 2024 for up to 180 school days from Reeths-Puffer Schools for the reason that GF2324-13 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 GF2324-13 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

A work session is not scheduled in April due to Spring Break. The next board meeting will be held Monday, April 15, 2024.

It was moved by Chris Brooks and supported by Alex Keefe to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Blackburn, Secretary