


REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAVENNA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

October 9, 2023

Ravenna High School Bulldog Room 6:30 p.m.

1. Regular meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Mike Pierson. Present: Brent Chalko, Joshua Emery, Ryan Jawor, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson, Fred Rosel and Jim Shull.
2. Motion by Rosel support by Emery to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Brent Chalko, Joshua Emery, Ryan Jawor, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson, Fred Rosel and Jim Shull. Motion carried 7-0.
3. Motion by Emery, support by Chalko to approve the Consent Agenda. Items on the Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approve the Board of Education Regular and Closed Session Minutes of September 11, 2023
  - b. Approve the Hire of Adam Sherman, High School Special Education Teacher
  - c. Approve the 2023-2024 District Calendar
  - d. Approve the 2023-2025 REA Tentative Agreement
  - e. Approve the Hire of Kyle Beebe, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
  - f. Approve the Hire of Jessica Russell, Varsity Competitive Cheer CoachAyes: Brent Chalko, Joshua Emery, Ryan Jawor, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson, Fred Rosel and Jim Shull. Motion carried 7-0.
4. Correspondence
  - a. Teacher Tammy Arbogast sent a thank you to Superintendent Helmer and Board Members for the addition of a third grade teacher.
  - b. Rose Spoelman provided information about a solar energy program being installed in Moorland Township.
  - c. Consumers Energy will share information about an upcoming career fair.
  - d. Nate Watson from PFM shared a packet containing calculations regarding the May 7, 2024 bond. Any questions for PFM regarding the calculations should be submitted prior to October 16.
5. Reports
  - a. Motion by Rosel, supported by Shull to Approve the expenditures of \$169,700.68 from the General Fund and \$37,652.16 and from the Food Service and \$400,394.57 from the Capital Projects Fund. Ayes: Brent Chalko, Joshua Emery, Ryan Jawor, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson, Fred Rosel and Jim Shull. Motion carried 7-0.
6. Superintendent Report
  - a. Unaudited fall student count is 1036. The 2023-2024 budget was based on 1019.
  - b. Exit interview form looked good to the Board. The exit interview will be shared with employees who resign from the district.
  - c. 2023 student achievement data was very positive. A lot to celebrate. SAT scores will be shared when those are ready.
  - d. School Board Alliance dinner is scheduled for November 29, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lake Bluff Grille. More information to come.
7. Old Business

- a. Fred Rosel shared information regarding softball.
8. New Business
    - a. Board members were provided with Choice One's First Quarter Financial Report.
    - b. Motion by Rosel, support by Emery to Approve Visual Edge IT's Five-Year Lease with a Monthly Payment of \$1,682.81 for District Copiers and Printers. Ayes: Brent Chalko, Joshua Emery, Ryan Jawor, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson, Fred Rosel and Jim Shull. Motion carried 7-0
    - c. Motion by Rosel, support by Emery to Direct DLT Members, including the Superintendent, to Engage in Leadership/Life Coaching with Hulings and Associates, LLC. Ayes: Brent Chalko, Joshua Emery, Ryan Jawor, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson, Fred Rosel and Jim Shull. Motion carried 7-0  
Chalko left at 6:56 p.m.
    - d. Mike Vredeveld from Vredeveld Haefner LLC presented the Board with the 2022-2023 audit. There were no findings and he considered it a clean audit.
  9. Motion by Rosel support by Emery to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(1)(a) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of hearing complaints brought against, and to consider the disciplining of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent. Ayes: Joshua Emery, Ryan Jawor, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson, Fred Rosel and Jim Shull. Motion carried 6-0 7:14 p.m. Chalko reentered at 7:42 p.m.
  10. Motion by Rosel support by Shull to Return to Open Session. Ayes: Brent Chalko, Joshua Emery, Ryan Jawor, Paula Morton, Mike Pierson, Fred Rosel and Jim Shull. Motion carried 7-0. 8:38 p.m.
  11. Meeting Adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:38 p.m.



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Michael Pierson, President



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Fred Rosel, Secretary