

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ROYAL OAK  
1123 Lexington Boulevard  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING**

**OCTOBER 21, 2009  
7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** President, Michael Hartman; Vice-President, Gary Briggs; Secretary, Kevin McLogan; Treasurer, Deborah Anderson; Trustee, Lisa Bradford; Trustee, Marty Cardamone; and Trustee, Christine Hartwig

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent, Thomas Moline; Executive Director Business and Personnel Services, John Schwartz; Executive Director Student Services, Carol Hansen; Executive Director Administrative Services, Cheryl Goodgine; and visitors

**ABSENT:**

1. Opening of Meeting – Mr. Hartman opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
3. President’s Comment
  - 3.1 Spirit of Royal Oak – Judy & Robert Kilgore

Moved By: Mrs. Hartwig                      Seconded By: Mrs. Anderson

Whereas, Judy and Robert Kilgore worked together with District staff and students to develop a section of property on the Royal Oak Middle School site to grow a vegetable garden started from seed, and;

Whereas, Judy and Robert Kilgore helped to incorporate a learning experience for students both educational and humanitarian, and;

Whereas, Judy and Robert Kilgore, Royal Oak Middle School staff, students and community members donated vegetables of their labor, including zucchini, squash, corn, tomatoes, cabbages and more, to South Oakland Shelter, Focus Hope, and those in need;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak recognizes Judy and Robert Kilgore for their efforts in creating a true spirit of Royal Oak.

Mr. And Mrs. Kilgore were presented with a certificate.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Cardamone	Yes
Mrs. Bradford	Yes
Mr. Briggs	Yes
Mr. Hartman	Yes
Mr. McLogan	Yes
Mrs. Hartwig	Yes
Mrs. Anderson	Yes

Motion Carried: Unanimously

3.2 2008-09 Audit Presentation – Yeo & Yeo

Mr. David Youngstrom from Yeo & Yeo explained the audit process and there were no findings in Federal programs and no deficiencies in internal controls and is issuing an unqualified opinion which means a clean bill of health. Mr. Youngstrom also conveyed his concerns in the reductions of state funding and the challenges districts face.

3.3 Economic/Budget/Audit Update

Mr. Schwartz explained that the State Aid Act reduction is \$165 per student equating to approximately \$900,000 reduction for the district. Federal Stimulus Funding of \$278 per pupil will be used to off-set those reductions.

Mr. Schwartz also explained that the State Treasurer's memo to the Governor says School Aid revenue is lower than previously estimated. Schools may face cuts of over \$300 per pupil and projected \$330 per pupil loss of revenue of equating to \$1,782,000 to the district.

In addition the Governor Granholm's line-item veto of Section 20j funding represents \$261 loss in per pupil funding for Royal Oak, equating to a loss in revenue of \$1.4 million.

We began this year with a \$650,000 budget shortfall, per pupil funding reduction at \$330 per student of 1.8 million and loss of 20j and slight increase of student enrollment would equate to \$3.1 million shortfall.

Many ideas are being reviewed in dealing with a \$3.1 million shortfall. Fund equity status has been declining and at the end of last year is \$6.3 million. Cash flow shortfall will lead to borrowing.

The Board agreed to a Saturday workshop on October 31 at 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Mr. Hartman stated that Royal Oak is actually a donor district to the State and urged the community to contact legislators.

3.4 Curriculum/Instruction Update

Mrs. Hansen stated that the MEAP testing window is currently open. The State's goal by 2014 is to have 100% of students to pass the MEAP.

4. Communications

Mr. McLogan received the following communications:

- Maria Danan, Pam Shewchuck and Ray Blessman and Gina Mollencopf regarding classrooms issues.
- Anne Kuzma regarding high school and middle school transportation issues.
- Marie Morris regarding high school and middle school climate issues.
- State Superintendent of Instruction, Mike Flanagan sent information about virtual learning and cyber-schools.
- Frank Versagi regarding Board election and frequency of Board meetings.
- Jennifer Howard regarding a presentation at the last Board meeting.
- Anita Sue Lee regarding concerns about experience with registration.
- Jo Fetsco regarding praise of Perry Cicchini
- Keely Tyson regarding the Grounds and Beautification and parents of Keller Elementary thank you for installing enclosure for the trash dumpster.
- Resolution from Newaygo County RESA about two resolutions at the MASB Delegate Assembly on October 22.
- Michael Greening regarding Elizabeth Bastian U of M Dearborn receiving the Chancellor's Award.

5. Opportunity for Citizens to Speak

If you would like to address the Board of Education:

Please remain seated and raise your hand. When you are called on by the Board President, please come to the microphone, state your name and address for the record. You will have 3 minutes to address the Board. Please address the Board as a whole and not individually. When you are finished, please sign the sign-in sheet before you return to your seat. If you exceed your 3 minutes the Board President will ask you to please finish your comments, if you need more time you are offered a second opportunity to

address the Board at the end of the meeting with an additional 3 minutes. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sid Kardon Huntington Woods ROEA President spoke regarding the 2009-10 school calendar and circulation.

6. Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Moline stated that Mr. Linell is attending the Royal Oak Chamber Awards program. Royal Oak School District is receiving three beautification awards from the Chamber, one for the high school, middle school and Northwood. Dr. Moline thanked the PTA's for helping with work on the beautification of our buildings.

We also received \$2500 from the state, for increasing our breakfast program. Dr. Moline congratulated our food service program, Chartwells.

Dr. Moline congratulated Elizabeth Bastian for receiving the Chancellor's scholarship.

Lauren Fromm a recent graduate will be on advertisements for Western Michigan University.

Andy Linell, Cheryl Goodgine, Becky McLennan and Heather Dorogi attended a recruitment fair Education Expo at the DIA put on by Metro Parent Magazine. 4000 families attended the fair and hopefully we have recruited some families for next year.

Dr. Moline stated that he appreciated the efforts of State Representative Marie Donigan Senator Pappageorge, Congressman Peters regarding support of 20j funding. Reforms are needed in funding for public education.

7. **\*Consent Agenda Item Considerations** – The Consent Agenda items were approved at this time.

8. **\*Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2009**

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2009.

9. Personnel/Instruction/Business

9.1 **\*Regular Personnel Changes**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby approves the following regular personnel changes:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Thoel, Jeremy	Teacher	New Hire	October 5, 2009

Dew, Tracy                      Teacher                      New Hire                      October 16, 2009

9.2      Extension Agreements

9.2.1    \*Royal Oak Education Association (ROEA)

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approve the Extension Agreement between the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak and the Royal Oak Education Association.

9.2.2    \*Royal Oak Educational Support Association (ROESA)

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approve the Extension Agreement between the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak and the Royal Oak Educational Support Association.

9.3      \*Field Trip Requests

9.3.1    \*ROHS – Student Council – Holly

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the request for the Student Council from Royal Oak High School to Holly, MI from November 6 – 8, 2009.

9.3.2    \*ROHS – Model UN – Kalamazoo

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the request for the Model UN from Royal Oak High School to Kalamazoo, MI from November 18 – 21, 2009.

9.3.3    \*ROHS – Model UN – Lansing

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the request for the Model UN from Royal Oak High School to Lansing, MI from March 26 – 28, 2009.

9.3.4    \*ROHS – Varsity Hockey – Brighton

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the request for the Varsity Hockey Team from Royal Oak High School to Brighton, MI from November 6 – 8, 2009.

9.3.5    \*ROHS – Varsity Hockey – Cheboygan

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the request for the Varsity Hockey Team from Royal Oak High School to Cheboygan, MI from December 29 – 30, 2009.

9.4 \*Payment of Expenditures

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby approves expenditures as processed in the amount of \$4,404,959.68 for the period of July 25, 2009 through August 28, 2009.

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Expenses in the amount of \$4,404,959.68 for the period of July 25, 2009 through August 28, 2009 as detailed in the Expenditure Register are presented for approval.

9.5 \*Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Recommendation

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak approves the recommendation of representatives of the School District of the City of Royal Oak to the Oakland Schools Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) of Pam Shewchuck and Tricia Dewar.

9.6 \*Enrollment Forecasting Service Provider Recommendation

Resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby authorizes the Superintendent to select an Enrollment Forecasting service provider for the School District.

9.7 \*Readmission Recommendation

Whereas, on 4/16/09, Student #2008-09-05, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at ROMS, was expelled from the School District of the city of Royal Oak for the specific misconduct of Arson-starting fire (s), contrary to Board of Education Policy #4500A and the ROMS Code of Conduct and Due Process; and

Whereas, a committee was appointed to meet with the student and his parents to review the petition for readmission; and

Whereas, on July 29, 2009, Student 2008-09-05 initiated a petition for re-admission to the School District of the City of Royal Oak; and

Whereas, on September 17, 2009, it was the recommendation of the Readmission Committee to the Board that Student #2008-09-05 be reinstated to the School District of the City of Royal Oak, based upon the fact that the committee felt that this student would not constitute a risk to other students his age; and his improved attitude toward the circumstances surrounding the expulsion, it was recommended that his readmission request be granted without conditions;

Therefore, be it resolved that Student 2008-09-05 be readmitted as of October 21, 2009.

9.8 \*General Fund Budget Amendment

Amendments to the General Fund budget for fiscal 2010 are recommended. These amendments will incorporate the carryover of unused supplies, materials and capital outlay budgets into the current year budget.

The following is recommended:

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Royal Oak hereby amends the 2009-10 General Fund budget by a net increase in expenditures of \$2,421,634 to be allocated as follows:

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
INSTRUCTION	\$ 756,217
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT	153,138
SUPPORT SERVICES	246,248
COMMUNITY SERVICES	8,113
CAPITAL OUTLAY	<u>1,257,918</u>
	<u>\$2,421,634</u>

All of which results in approved budgeted expenditures in the total amount of \$62,904,185.

10. Board Action and Non-Action Items

Mr. McLogan stated that the MASB conference is this weekend and Mr. Linell, Mr. Schwartz, Dr Moline and Mr. McLogan will be presenting on district consolidation on Friday.

11. Opportunity for Citizens to Speak

No one spoke at this time.

12. Board Comments/Liaison Report

The Murals documentary won the State History Award from the State Historical Society and PBS will re-air the documentary on Sunday Nov. 1 at 4:00 on channel 56.

Mrs. Bradford reminded everyone that elections are on November 3 for two Board seats.

Mrs. Hartwig stated that the ROHS band marched through the Farmers Market collecting donations a couple of weeks ago.

13. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

*Minutes of the October 21, 2009 Board of Education Regular Meeting*

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin McLogan  
Secretary, Board of Education