

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

**JANUARY 14, 2010
6:25 P.M.**

PRESENT: President, Michael Hartman; Vice-President, Gary Briggs; Secretary, Marty Cardamone; Treasurer, Deborah Anderson; Trustee, Lisa Bradford; Trustee, Carrie Beerer; and Trustee Jeff Brinker

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent, Thomas Moline; Executive Director Business and Technology Services, G. Anders Linell; Executive Director Business and Personnel Services, John Schwartz; Executive Director Student Services, Carol Hansen; Executive Director Administrative Services, Cheryl Goodgine; and visitors

ABSENT:

1. Center Programs

Mr. Schwartz stated that the District currently operates two Center Programs, the Moderately Cognitively Impaired Program (MOCI) and the Physically Impaired Program (POHI) and there is a recommendation this evening to cease offering the Center Programs as of June 30, 2010. However, the programs would continue to operate as local programs. Resident students will continue to receive special education services in accordance with their IEP. Non-Resident students will be given the opportunity to continue in the programs under a tuition-based agreement, and would receive services in accordance with their IEP.

Center Programs are under agreements with Oakland Schools. Center Programs educate resident and non-resident students. There must be students from at least three districts to qualify as a Center Program.

The MOCI Program is currently at Royal Oak Middle School and Royal Oak High School, with a total of eight students in the program. MOCI has only one non-resident student and with the requirement for students from three districts, that means the MOCI Program no longer qualifies as a Center.

The POHI Program is currently at Keller, Royal Oak Middle School and Royal Oak High School. There are a total of thirty-five students in the program. Nineteen are residents and sixteen are non-residents.

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A notice has been sent to Oakland Schools that Royal Oak is considering discontinuing being a POHI Center Program operator.

Due to the PA 18 Funding implication, the county-wide special education millage and distribution based formula, we are adversely impacted because we are a Center operator. Mr. Schwartz presented information on the financial impact to the district continuing as a Center Program operator. Preliminary calculations would yield an additional \$500,000 in PA 18 revenue if the district ceases to be a Center Program operator.

Non-resident students would still be able to attend under an agreement through the sending district on a tuition basis. All students will still be receiving services according to their IEP.

This meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Cardamone
Secretary, Board of Education