

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL
ROMULUS, NY 14541
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023
5:30PM BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
6:30PM REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION CONFERENCE ROOM**

Budget committee Meeting was held at 5:35pm with the following members present Jennifer Yuhas, Tenneille Brewer, Thomas Wilson, Erik Karlsen, Edward Ninestine, Marty Rotz and Suzanne Nicholson. Mr. Ninestine reviewed the Tax Cap Calculation, Tax Levy and the overall budget process. The committee meeting concluded at 6:22pm.

PRESENT: Jennifer Yuhas-Vice President, Tenneille Brewer, Beth Bulkley, Erik Karlsen, Thomas Wilson and Kimberly Wolverton

OTHERS PRESENT: Suzanne Nicholson-District Clerk, Marty Rotz-Superintendent, Edward Ninestine-School District Treasurer, Jennifer Bartlett-Prati and Christopher Puylara

ABSENT: Rachelle Fletcher

1. OPENING AND MINUTES

1.1 Call to Order at 6:31pm by Vice-President Yuhas

1.1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.1.2 Public Comment- none offered

1.1.3 Board of Education Members

1.2 Resolution to Approve Minutes

1.2.1 Approved the Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings of February 14, 2023.

Moved: Mr. Wilson Seconded: Mrs. Brewer

Approved Unanimously 6/0.

1.3 Resolutions, Other

1.3.1 Acted upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following:

1.3.1.1 Approved the Agenda

Moved: Mrs. Brewer Seconded: Mr. Wilson

Approved Unanimously 6/0.

1.3.1.2 Executive Session was requested at 6:35pm for the discussion of personnel items (i.e. hiring, discipline, dismissal, salary) with further action being taken after the session.

The Board requested Mr. Christopher Puylara be invited to this session.

Moved: Mr. Wilson Seconded: Mrs. Brewer

Approved Unanimously 6/0.

Motion to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the open meeting at 6:54pm.

Moved: Mrs. Brewer Seconded: Mr. Wilson

Approved Unanimously 6/0.

1.4 Announcements and Reports

1.4.1 The next regular meeting of the Board of Education on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Board of Education Conference Room

1.5 Other Items- Mrs. Anne Morgan visited the Board to introduce herself to any of the new members and conveyed her interest in being nominated for BOCES BOE re-election.

2. **INTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

2.1 Romulus Student Forum

2.2 Resolutions

2.2.1 Accepted the revisions in both the Confidential Building Emergency Response Plan Summary and the District Emergency Response Plan Summary.

Moved: Mrs. Wolverton Seconded: Mrs. Bulkley

Approved Unanimously 6/0.

2.3 Announcement and Reports

2.4 Other Items

3. **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

ANNE MORGAN NOMINATED FOR THE BOCES BOE

3.1 Resolutions – Nominated Anne Morgan of Romulus, NY to be a candidate for election to membership on the Board of Education of the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES, commencing on July 1, 2023, for a term of two or three years ending June 30, 2025 (for the 2-year term) and June 30, 2026 (for the 3-year terms).

Moved: Mrs. Wolverton Seconded: Mrs. Bulkley

Approved Unanimously 6/0.

3.2 Announcements and Reports

3.2.1 President's Report- No report

3.2.2 Board Members Forum- Members comments on the upcoming HS Musical Production scheduled for March 10th and 11th. They also congratulated the Girls Bowling and Basketball Teams for their Scholar Athlete Team awards. Mike Kaufman Jr. was chosen as the Player of the Year All-Star

3.2.3 Superintendent's Report- Mr. Rotz shared the updates to the Capital Project work and changes needed to be in compliance with the fire safety requirements to the music suite and main hallway/red tile areas.

3.3 Other Items

ELECTRIC BUS FLEET PROPOSAL

3.3.1 Electric Bus Presentation by from Highland Fleets by Google Meet. The group presented an overview 12-year plan proposal for Electric Buses partnership in line with the State Mandates to be emission free by 2035. The board members had many questions and would need more time to review the proposal. This proposal will be brought up again at the next meeting with further discussion.

UPK3 PROGRAM DISCUSSION

3.3.2 3-UPK3 Presentation by Mrs. Jennifer Bartlett-Prati and Mr. Christopher Puylara. Mrs. Bartlett-Prati reviewed the last 4 years of the program and provided backup data that supports the possibility of dissolving the program. The district doesn't

get the full amount of the grant and there are more equitable ways to utilize the staff and classroom space. The board agreed to proceed with abolishing the program.

4. BUSINESS OFFICE REPORTS

4.1 Resolutions

4.1.1 Acted upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following:

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT DECLARED FOR SALE

4.1.1.1 Declared (4) pairs of cast iron dumbbells as surplus and to solicit sealed bids for purchase with a minimum bid amount of \$20.00 for all items. Sealed bids returned to District Clerk by March 10, 2023.

TAX CAP CALCULATION FOR 2023-2024 APPROVED

4.1.1.2 Approved the Tax Cap calculation for the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved: Mrs. Brewer Seconded: Mrs. Bulkley

Approved Unanimously 6/0.

4.2 Announcements and Reports

4.3 Other Items

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Resolutions

5.2 Announcements and Reports

5.3 Other Items

6. PERSONNEL

6.1 Resolutions in Regard to Administrators and Teachers

6.1.1 Acted upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following personnel issues:

MEDICAL LOA ACCEPTED FOR KAREN ZONA

6.1.1.1 Accepted the Medical Leave of Absence for Karen Zona effective March 6, 2023 through March 21, 2023 as medically released from her physician. Karen will utilize her personal leave banks for this period.

Moved: Mrs. Brewer Seconded: Mrs. Wolverton

Approved Unanimously 6/0.

6.2 Resolutions in Regard to Support Staff

LISA BUSH'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL UNPAID LEAVE DAYS DISAPPROVED

6.2.1 Mrs. Yuhas moved to disapprove the request of Lisa Bush to be granted additional unpaid leave days for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. Each day that Mrs. Bush is not working she will be billed for the daily full cost of her Health benefits. Mrs. Brewer seconded the motion.

Approved Unanimously 6/0.

6.3 Resolutions, Other

6.4 Announcements and Reports

6.5 Other Items

7. CURRICULUM

7.1 Resolutions

7.1.1 Acted upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following placement/academic opportunities:

7.1.1.1 Approved the placement of the Committee on Special Education Minutes dated February 6, 2023 (Student Number #67049); from the meeting dated February 10, 2023 (Student Number #67521); from the meeting dated February 14, 2023 (Student Numbers #67009, #67303, #66903 and #66902); from the meeting dated February 15, 2023 (Student Numbers #67372 and #67173); from the meeting dated February 16, 2023 (Student Numbers #67453 and #06437); from the meeting dated February 17, 2023 (Student Numbers #67285).

7.1.1.2 Approved the placement of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Minutes dated February 7, 2023 (Student Number #67395)

Moved: Mrs. Brewer Seconded: Mr. Karlsen

Approved Unanimously 6/0.

7.2 Announcements and Reports

7.3 Other Items

8. BUILDING AND GROUNDS

8.1 Resolutions

8.2 Announcements and Reports

8.3 Other Items

9. TRANSPORTATION

9.1 Resolutions

9.2 Announcements and Reports

9.3 Other Items

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. PUBLIC COMMENT 2nd Session

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered to adjourn at 8:51pm

Moved: Mr. Wilson Seconded: Mrs. Brewer

Approved Unanimously 6/0.

13. DISTRIBUTIONS

14. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING- not needed

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Nicholson

District Clerk