

REGULAR VOTING SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

This meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian R. Acon, Board President, at 7:10 p.m.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Acon, Board President.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mrs. Marian R. Acon, President
Mr. George A. Bauer
Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
Mrs. Annette R. Hubbard
Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard – Vice President
Mr. Dennis Iannini
Mrs. Christine M. Kronk
Mr. Brian C. May
Mr. Floyd B. Tame, Treasurer

Absent:

NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Jane Bovalino	Mrs. Kathleen Onuska
Mr. Michael Damon	Mr. Louis Paul Campisi
Miss Amanda Cwynar	Mr. Ryan Herstine
Mr. Nick Long	

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

Dr. Bovalino reported that a thank you from the Rochester Area Heritage Society was received from Mrs. Michelle Long for the performance of Mr. Thomas and thirteen of the band members coming to the museum on December 2, 2017 to play Christmas Carols for the Vintage Christmas event. She commented that credit was due to Mr. Thomas and the students for taking time out of their day on a Saturday to perform. She also commented that Mr. Thomas is an asset to the District.

Dr. Bovalino reported that Mr. Campisi and the Building and Grounds Department received a thank you from Caitlin Glickson, District Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. She “Wishes to express her gratitude for the willingness to always welcome students as employees into the department. Working with students who have health or learning needs to guide them on their first jobs shows your dedication to diversity, special needs, and all of the students in general. Sometimes we forget the positive and life-changing impact we have on these children!”

CITIZN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

There were no citizens wishing to speak on agenda items at this meeting.

PRESENTATION:

The December Students of the Month were presented by Mr. Tony Ziegler and Miss Jessica Smith as follows:

6th Grade – Samantha Moore
7th Grade – Mark Shaffer
8th Grade – Mikayla Bryant

Mark Shaffer was the only one of the above who was able to be present this evening.

The January Students of the Month were presented by Mr. Tony Ziegler and Miss Jessica Smith as follows:

6th Grade – Michael Norman
7th Grade - Jordan Schinke
8th Grade - Daryll Deever

Daryll Deever was not able to be present this evening.

Mrs. Laurie Frank and Mrs. Jackie Anthony were present to recognize the local Elks Club Americanism Essay Contest Student Winners. They are:

6th Grade – Jaxon Camp
Morgan Jones
Michael Norman
7th Grade – Ryan Clark
Keiarra Farren
8th Grade- Zoe Boren

All of the students were congratulated by the Board President, Mrs. Marian Acon and the Board as a whole and encouraged to continue the diligent work they are doing. Mrs. Frank thanked Mr. Ziegler and Miss Smith for all of their help with this project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 4, 2017 Re-Organization Meeting, the December 4, 2017 Voting Session, and the January 8, 2018 Work Session were approved as submitted by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mr. Bauer, and unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Bovalino reported congratulations go to the following teachers on being awarded \$5,500 in grants through the Beaver County Educational Trust:

Pamela Gill	STEAM Walk	\$1,000
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Heather Borer	Dash & Dot: Learning Through Play	\$500
Pamela Gill	Number My World K-3	\$1,000
Brandy Rossi	Escape the Classroom	\$500
Elise Gorman	Introduction to Glass Works	\$500
Jessica Smith	Growing Good Health	\$500
Denise Lyons	Books for Battle of the Books	\$500

Dr. Bovalino reported that Rochester had the most grants awarded at this time. Mrs. Acon reported that this will be a great help to the District and stated that it takes a lot of time and effort to procure these grants and the teachers are to be commended for their efforts and success.

Dr. Bovalino reported that she has collaborated with area Superintendents to provide two qualified facilitators for our Board Training. She asked the Board Members to mark their calendars for the following dates:

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Thursday, March 8, 2018

Sign-in will be from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the sessions, which will be held at the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit, will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The topics include Roles and Responsibilities, Ethics, Finance and School Law.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Garen Fedeles was present and reported that there will be an Executive Session immediately following this meeting for pending litigation and personnel matters.

BOARD COMMITTEE ACTIONS

ATHLETICS:

Mr. Blackwell motioned to accept the resignation of Donna Rosenbauer from the position of Co-Coach for the Interscholastic Unified Bocce Team effective December 18, 2017. This was seconded by Mr. May and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Blackwell to approve Jennifer Milne to serve as the Co-Coach for the Interscholastic Unified Bocce Team at a stipend of \$500 for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. May, seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

The resignation of Wayne Witt from the position of 7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball Assistant Coach effective September 25, 2017 was approved by motion of Mr. Blackwell, second of Mr. May, and unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Blackwell motioned to approve Jessica Hauser to serve as the 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Assistant Coach effective September 25, 2017. This was seconded by Mr. May and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

FINANCE AND TRANSPORTATION:

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the following financial reports:

A. Treasurer's Report for the months of November and December:

B. Payment of Bills

a. General Fund	Nov.	\$692,200.54
	Dec.	\$605,936.02
b. Cafeteria Fund	Nov.	\$43,803.79
	Dec.	\$50,292.55

C. Monthly Financial Reports

- a. General Fund – Revenue Report
- b. General Fund – Expenditure Report
- c. Cafeteria Fund – Revenue Report
- d. Cafeteria Fund – Expenditure Report

D. Informational Reports

- a. Tax Collector Reports

Mr. Iannini seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the updated authorized signer list (attached) to include Marian Acon as the Board President. Mrs. Annette Hubbard seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the Agreement between Life Touch and Rochester Area School District as the official school photographer for school pictures and yearbook production for the 2018-2019 school year. Mrs. Annette Hubbard seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Tame to approve the contract with Open Systems of Pittsburgh, which is also on the PEPPM approved vendor list (state approved contract), to install a new phone system and provide training for a cost not to exceed \$60,000. Mrs. Annette Hubbard seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between PNC Bank, National Association and Rochester Area School District to permit Elementary and Middle School students to participate in the PNC School Bank Program effective January 22, 2018. Mrs. Annette Hubbard seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL:

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve the following field trips:

- a. Thursday (after school), January 11th through Saturday, January 13, 2018 – Two students to attend the District Band Festival at Neshannock High School to rehearse and perform for a concert with other districts students.
- b. Friday, January 19, 2018 – Grades 7-9 selected students to attend the Middle School/High School District Chorus at Beaver High School to rehearse and perform with other students from four counties.
- c. Friday, January 19, 2018 – Grades 10-11 students to attend Community College of Beaver County to visit the High School Academics to prepare for next year classes.
- d. Wednesday, January 24, 2018 – Youth Ambassador Students to attend Community College of Beaver County (CCBC) for their quarterly meeting.
- e. Friday, January 26, 2018 – Grades 6-8 Middle School Student Council students to attend the UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex as part of the School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program (SWPBIS).
- f. Friday, February 9, 2018 – Middle School Chorus students to attend the Beaver County Arts Education Consortium (BCAEC) at South Side Middle School.
- g. Friday, February 9, 2018 – Grade 11 students to attend the David L. Lawrence Convention Center for the *National College Fair*.
- h. Tuesday, February 13, 2018 – Grades 6-8 Middle School Student Council students to attend Rochester Manor to assist the guests with playing Bingo and volunteering.

- i. Thursday, February 15, 2018 – Grades 6-8 Middle School Student Council students to attend Boyce Park School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program (SWPBIS).
- j. Tuesday, February 20, 2018 – Grades 9-12 Student Council to attend Cinemark Movie Theater in Monaca as part of their School Wide Positive Behavior.
- k. Wednesday, March 7, 2018 – Grades 4-8 G.A.T.E./Enrichment and Grades 9-12 Proctors to attend Penn State Beaver Campus to participate in the *Math 24 Competition*.
- l. Monday, March 26, 2018 – High School G.A.T.E. students to attend Allegheny General Hospital to observe open heart surgery as part of their Anatomy class.
- m. Thursday, April 5, 2018 – Grades 4-8 G.A.T.E. students to attend Penn State Beaver Campus to participate in the *Stem K'NEX-Enrichment Competition*.

The above motion was seconded by Mrs. Kronk and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve Heather Borer to serve as the mentor for Debra Robles, mentee, effective December 14, 2017 for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Robles was assigned a mentor that was Board approved on August 28, 2017; however that mentor is unable to continue to serve. Mrs. Kronk seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Michelle Hubbard to approve Hillary Frankenstein and Troy Thomas to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Annual Conference on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 through Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the Lancaster County Convention Center, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Cost of registration is \$150. The District will pay for transportation and lodging. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Kronk and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve the following Special Education student interns from Geneva College and the respective cooperating teachers, beginning January 17, 2018 through April 6, 2018:

<u>Student Intern</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>
Amanda Bemis	Trina Greco (Grades 2-3 Learning Support)
Abigail Davis	Marissa Mike (Grade 6 Learning Support)
Ashley Heinlein	Tiffany Halbrock (Grades 6-8 Life Skills)
Dylani Marchesani	Bard Verrico (Elem. Emotional Support/Learning Support)
Shannon Meiers	Aimee Siok (Grades K-1 Learning Support)
Chandler Reed	Brittany Venetti (Grades 4-5 Learning Support)

Mrs. Kronk seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Michelle Hubbard to approve Rebecca Hoskinson to be added to the K-12 Volunteer list (clearances on file). This was seconded by Mrs. Kronk and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Benjamin Palmer presented a very detailed report regarding the failure of busses to be on time during the single digit degree temperatures on two occasions for his son and daughter who are in the 6th and 3rd grades respectively and other children of the community. He said he had called the school several times and finally spoke with Ms. King, Superintendent's Secretary, who on one of the occasions went to the elementary school to find his children and the children of two other parents as they were on their way to pick them up and didn't want them to get on the bus. However, when Ms. King arrived at the Elementary the children had already gotten on the bus which had arrived late and she told the parents that she had not been able to get there soon enough to detain them. The parents then went to the bus stops to get their children. Mr. Palmer was requesting that the school have a better system of letting the parents know immediately when the busses are going to be late in order that the students are not standing out in that kind of weather for a long period of time. Dr. Bovalino assured Mr. Palmer that they would do their best to rectify this problem.

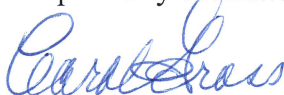
INFORMATION:

At this time Mrs. Acon reported that there had been an incident on January 6, 2018 at the school involving Officer Hacker, the School Resource Officer, who was reportedly acting out of the ordinary while on duty at the school. The officer is employed by the Township and has been suspended pending their investigation. He has not been on duty at the school since the time of the incident. Dr. Bovalino assures all that no students were put in any danger at the time of the incident. The District is cooperating with the Township in their investigation. However, as this is a personnel matter we are not at liberty to comment on this issue.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business for this evening Mr. Tame motioned to adjourn this meeting to go into an executive session at 7:37 p.m. after which there will be no voting. The executive session ended at 8:15 p.m. with Mrs. Annette Hubbard seconding this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Gross
Board Secretary