

DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian Acon, Board President, at 7:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

ROLL CALL

Present

Mrs. Marian R. Acon
Mr. Randall Bacon
Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
Mr. Dale Daman
Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins
Ms. Michelle Hubbard
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk
Mr. Floyd Tame

Absent

Mr. Thomas Majors

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Ms. Rachael Cipolla
Mr. Lou Campisi
Dr. Amanda Cwynar
Mr. Michael Damon
Mr. Ryan Herstine
Mr. Nathan Leeman
Mrs. Kathy Onuska

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There was no correspondence to come before the Board at this meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no citizens wishing to address the Board on agenda items.

MINUTES

Mrs. Marian Acon read the motion to approve the August 28, 2023, Voting Meeting and the August 28, 2023 Committee Meeting respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi, which will be voted on at the next Board Meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A Moment of Silence was held in remembrance of 9/11.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Garen Fedeles was present this evening and stated there was nothing to be reported at this meeting.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Tame reviewed Discussion Items 1-2 as follows:

1. Recommend approving the 403 (b) Amended Adoption Agreement to include the option to invest in Roth Elective Deferrals.
2. Recommend approving the Service Agreement with The Watson Institute (TWI) to provide classroom planning, observation and direct consultation services, at a rate of \$300 per half-day session, during the 2023-2024 school year.

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL

Ms. Hubbard reviewed Discussion Items 1-5 as follows:

1. Recommended approving the following field trips:

- a. September 27, 2023 - Grades 9-12 Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) students to attend Community College of Beaver County (CCBC) to learn about Mental Health Awareness.
 - b. October 5, 2023 - Select High School Chorus students to attend Westminster College to audition for Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 5 Honors Chorus.
 - c. October 17, 2023 - Grade 8 students to attend Community College of Beaver County (CCBC) to learn about career awareness.
 - d. October 17th, 18th, 25th and 26, 2023 - Grades 9-12 Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) students to attend the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to participate in the Beaver County Behavioral Health (BCBH) fall cohort.
 - e. October 25, 2023 - High School English Class students to attend the Hanna Theater in Cleveland, Ohio to see Bram Stoker's *Dracula* to connect the characters with the book they are reading.
 - f. October 26 - 28, 2023 - Select High School Chorus students (if and are selected from the audition on October 5th) will attend Westminster College to rehearse and perform in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 5 Honors Chorus.
 - g. December 15, 2023 - Grade 7 English Language Arts students to attend the Byham Theatre to a musical production of Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*.
 - h. March 18, 2024 - Grades 10-12 Holocaust Class students to attend the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC to learn about the Holocaust.
2. Recommend approving the following teachers to serve as the Elementary Saturday Detention Monitors at a rate of \$25 per hour, as per contract.

3. Recommend approving the following teachers to serve as the SPIRE/Sound Sensible After School Program to begin October 2, 2023.

4. Recommend approving the following teachers to serve as the Elementary DARE2XL Tutoring Program for Grades 1-5 at a rate of \$25 per hour. The program will start on September 18, 2023, Monday-Thursday, 3:20 p.m.-4:50 p.m.

5. Recommend approving the following individuals to be added to the approved volunteer list (clearances on file.)

Jamie Green – Marching Band
Raelynn Harris – PTA

September 11, 2023

Alyse Mastroianni – PTA

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Mr. Bacon recommended approving item 1:

1. Recommend approving the request made by Rochester Youth Cheer to use the building to have their parent meetings on the following dates:

August 7, 2023
September 11, 2023
October 2, 2023
November 6, 2023
December 4, 2023

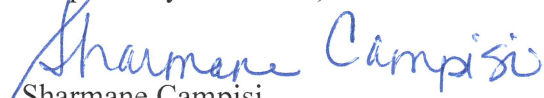
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no citizens wishing to address the Board on non-agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for this evening, Ms. Hubbard motioned to adjourn this meeting at 7:18 p.m. Mr. Tame seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,


Sharmane Campisi,
Board Secretary

ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, September 11, 2023

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

P	Mrs. Marian Acon
P	Mr. Randall Bacon
P	Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
P	Mr. Dale Daman
P	Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins
P	Miss Michelle Hubbard
P	Mrs. Christine Kronk
AB	Mr. Tom Majors
P	Mr. Floyd Tame

ADMINISTRATION AND PRESENTERS

P	Dr. Jane Bovalino
P	Mr. Lou Campisi
P	Ms. Rachael Cipolla
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P	Mr. Michael Damon
P	Mr. Ryan Herstine
P	Mr. Nathan Leeman
P	Mr. Kathleen Onuska

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, 6:00 p.m.

The Board met at 6:00 p.m. to tour the K-12 campus. Mr. Herstine discussed the upgrades and improvements completed on the speaker system and public address system in the gymnasium. Dr. Bovalino and Mr. Damon shared information regarding contributions made by Todd Rebich on the walls, padding and mats. Mr. Campisi shared improvements made to the upper deck for cheering. We visited the Rochy Garden to see how it is used to bridge sustainable gardening in a small space by using raised beds and buckets. Dr. Cwynar and Mrs. Onuska shared how students and staff can utilize the Creativity Center for varied learning spaces. There is also a STEAM center within the Creativity Center. Mr. Damon led us through the middle school and explained the HOUSE system to the Board. Ms. Cipolla led us through the 400 pod of the elementary school and showed various classrooms. Chief Zelenak and Mr. Campisi showcased the new security entrance and Chief Zelenak highlighted some target areas he is examining for further improvement. We ended the tour with a walk down the new Student Drop Off Lane and a discussion of the area.

Mr. Leeman highlighted the increase of enrollment with particular attention paid to the number of students being evaluated for special education services. We currently have seven early intervention students being re-evaluated, four early intervention students in need of immediate re-evaluation, four kindergarten students who need immediate evaluations who never received early intervention, one first grader and one second grader who needs an immediate evaluation, for a total of 17 high needs students. Our K-2 Life Skills classroom currently has five students. We are monitoring the situation; however, we are alerting the Board that we may be requesting an additional special education teacher in the near future.