

VOTING SESSION MEETING MINUTES
September 25, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian Acon, Board President, at 7:00 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
Ms. Michelle Hubbard
Mr. Thomas W. Majors
Mr. Floyd Tame

Absent

Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins
Mrs. Christine Kronk

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

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

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There was no correspondence to come before the Board.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

MINUTES

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the August 28, 2023, Voting Meeting, the September 11, 2023, Discussion Meeting, the August 28, 2023 and September 11, 2023 Committee Meetings, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**ASSEMBLIES**

- Students in grades K-8 had the opportunity to learn about respect, responsibility and teamwork with Basketball Jones.
- Our elementary students also got to hear stories as presented by a storyteller brought to us by Beaver Tales.
- HS Students participated in the Challenge Program assembly.

THANK YOU FRYE TRANSPORTATION

- Many thanks to Frye Transportation for sponsoring the Back-to-School Ice Cream Bash on September 15 during Youth Night! Over 400 students participated in the event.

MS CAREER DAY

- If you, or someone you know, would be interested in presenting at our Middle School Career Day, please contact our counselor Megan Mouas. Career Day is November 15.

MS SWPBIS

- MS SWPBIS had their House kick-off competition this week. Students participated in minute-to-win-it games in hopes of claiming their House's first victory of the year.

HOMEcoming COURT

- Congratulations to the 2023 Homecoming Court!

A'mariana Bentley-Powell
Sophia Bozza
Layatasha Cotman
Samantha Moore
Kenyona Owens

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, September 27
 - See You at the Pole, 7:00 a.m.
 - ASVAB
 - MS/HS Open House, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 28
 - Elementary Open House, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

- Friday, September 29
 - Varsity Football v Laurel, 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 6
 - Varsity Football @ Union, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 9
 - In-Service Day
 - Board Discussion Meeting
- Wednesday, October 11 • Grandparents Day
 - PSAT
- Friday, October 13
 - Homecoming, Varsity Football v Clairton, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 14
 - Homecoming Dance

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Garen Fedeles was present at this meeting, however, no report was given at this time.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the following items:

1. Treasurer's Report for the month of August.
2. Payment of Bills
 - a. General Fund: \$1,442,691.91
 - b. Cafeteria Fund: \$25,840.32
3. Monthly Financial Reports
 - a. General Fund – Revenue Report
 - b. General Fund – Expenditure Report
 - c. Cafeteria Fund – Revenue Report
 - d. Cafeteria Fund – Expenditure Report
4. Informational Reports
 - a. Tax Collector Reports
 - b. Bills to be Approved

Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the 403(b) Amended Adoption Agreement to include the option to invest in Roth Elective Deferrals. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve 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. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the Service Agreement with Global Wordsmiths Language to provide Language Translation and Language Interpretation Services, beginning September 15, 2023 through September 30, 2025, at the following rates as listed: Onsite Interpretation Services (Group I Languages) \$60/hour; Onsite Interpretation Services (Group 2 Languages) Consecutive Pre-Scheduled Video Remote Interpretation Services \$60/hour; On-Demand Telephonic Interpretation Services (OPI) \$ 1/per minute; On-Demand Telephonic Interpretation Services (OPI) rare pre-scheduled \$ 1.30/per minute; Written Translation Services (cost varies by language) \$30. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the Work for Hire Agreement with TAME, Inc. for the DARE2XL After School Program for the Elementary School students for the 2023-2024 school year, at a cost of \$31,500. Teachers and paraprofessionals will be paid their contractual hourly rate, plus a stipend of \$3 per hour for continuous time served. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the request made by Cody Postlewait to exonerate all taxes, penalties and interest on Parcel No. 47-002-1411.000, at 379 Ohio Avenue, Rochester, PA 15074. This property has been in the repository since 2022. Total delinquent taxes are \$13,183.80. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the Master Services Agreement with Maxim Healthcare Staffing to provide substitute Nursing services beginning September 20, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, at a rate of:

Position	Rate per hour
LPN Nurse	\$60.00
RN Nurse	\$65.00
Certified School Nurse	\$70.00

Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Briana R. Carr to serve as the full-time Instrumental Teacher, Marching Band Instructor, beginning September 26, 2023, at a salary of \$50,481, BA+00, Step 1. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Hillary Frankenstein as the mentor for Inductee Briana Carr (Instrumental Teacher/Marching Band Instructor). Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve field trips A through O:

- 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 16, 2023 – Kindergarten students to visit Yeck’s Farm to learn about pumpkins.
- D. October 17, 2023 – Grade 8 students to attend CCBC to learn about career awareness.
- E. October 17, 18, 25, 26, 2023 – Grades 9-1 Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) students to attend the BVIU to participate in the Beaver County Behavioral Health (BCBH) fall cohort.
- F. October 20, 2023 – Grades K-12 Life Skills students to visit Hozaks Pumpkin Farm to learn about farm animals and how a farm produces foods.
- G. October 20, 2023 – Grades 3-4 GATE/Enrichment students to attend New Brighton Elementary School to participate in the Academic Games Scrabble Tournament.
- H. October 25, 2023 – High School English Class students to attend the Hanna Theater in Cleveland, OH, to see Bram Stoker’s Dracula to connect the characters with the book they are reading.
- I. 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.
- J. November 20, 2023 - Grade 4 GATE/Enrichment students to attend New Brighton High School to participate in the Academic Games Propaganda Competition.
- K. December 12, 2023 - Grades 5-12 GATE/Enrichment students to attend Community College of Beaver County to participate in the Academic Games Equations Tournament.
- L. 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.
- M. February 6, 2024 - Grades 5-12 GATE/Enrichment students to attend Community College of Beaver County to participate in the Academic Games Linguistics.
- N. March 18, 2024 – Grades 10-12 Holocaust Class students to attend the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC to learn about the Holocaust.
- O. March 22, 2024 – Grades 10-12 GATE/Enrichment students to attend Allegheny General Hospital to expose students to open-heart surgeries.

Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Sarah Brasko and Tara Spiker to serve as the Elementary Saturday Detention Monitors at a rate of \$25 per hour, as per contract. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Erika Brunner and Alyssa Miles to serve as the SPIRE/Sound Sensible After School Program to begin October 2, 2023, at a rate of \$25 per hour. (Ms. Brunner and Ms. Miles will be paid through Kelly Educational Services.) Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Gennofer Gaskins (substitute) and Tara Spiker (Monday's only) to serve as teachers in the Elementary DARE 2XL 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. Teachers will receive an additional \$3/hour for continuous time served with the program. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the following student teacher from Geneva College and the cooperating teacher for the Spring 2024 semester (January 8, 2024-April 25, 2024).

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher	Subject Area
John Vorberger	Glory Shychuck	Math 7-12

Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Katrina Smith, School Psychologist, to attend the 2024 National Association of School Psychologist (NASP) Conference, in New Orleans, Louisiana, on February 13, 2024 through February 17, 2024, at a cost of \$269 registration fee plus lodging. Ms. Smith will be paying her own airfare for this conference. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Dawn Greene, Child Accounting and PIMS Coordinator, and Sheri Verrico, Student of Services Secretary to attend the 2024 Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) Data Summit Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on March 10, 2024 through March 13, 2024, at a cost of \$325/each registration fee, plus transportation and lodging. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to accept the retirement of Mary Ann Schwartzmiller from the position of part-time Custodian effective September 11, 2023. Ms. Schwartzmiller has been with the District since October 2016. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the voluntary transfer of Dawna Perlick from the position of part-time General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department to serve as the part-time Custodian at a rate of \$14.25 per hour, as per contract, effective September 18, 2023, due to the retirement of Mary Ann Schwartzmiller. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Dawna Perlick to be added to the substitute list as a General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the realignment of hours for Sarah Adams, General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department, from four (4) hours to five and one half (5.5) hours, due to the voluntary transfer of Dawna Perlick. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Jasmine Haskins to serve as in the four (hour), part-time General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department at a rate of \$14 per hour, as per contract, effective Monday, September 25, 2023 (clearances on file). Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the following individuals to be added to the approved volunteer list (clearances on file).

John Carr (Elementary Morning Program)

Jami Green (Marching Band)

Raelynn Harris (PTA)

Alyse Mastroianni (PTA)

Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Mr. Daman motioned to approve the renumbering of Policy 817 to 816 to align with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA). Mr. Majors seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Mr. Bacon motioned to approve 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, and December 4, 2023. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

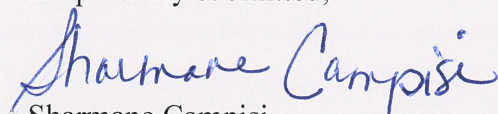
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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 7:10 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 25, 2023

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

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

ADMINISTRATION AND PRESENTERS

P	Dr. Jane Bovalino
AB	Mr. Rodney Bobin
AB	Mr. Lou Campisi
AB	Ms. Rachael Cipolla
P	Dr. Amanda Cwynar
P	Mr. Michael Damon
AB	Mr. Ryan Herstine
P	Mr. Nathan Leeman
P	Mr. Kathleen Onuska
AB	Chief Cory Zelenak

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The committee meetings began at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Bovalino provided an overview of the recommended changes to the transportation routes.

The Board discussed the incident that occurred on Monday, September 11 involving Lil Rams parents and coaches.

Dr. Bovalino reviewed the Title I, II and IV grants funding streams. We discussed the Rural and Low Income Schools grant. In addition, we reviewed the status of the Dual Enrollment, School Police Officer and PCCD Behavioral Health and Physical Safety grants. Dr. Bovalino shared information on the Beaver County Behavioral Health and Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Grant as well as the Ready to Learn grant. We Concluded with an update on ESSER funding, including ARP ESSER, ESSER II and ARP ESSER 7%. ESSER II funds must be exhausted by the close of this week, September 20, 2023.

We discussed the elimination of Policy 707.2, Use of Swimming Pool, as we have not had a swimming pool on school grounds for many years.