

DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**October 9, 2023****CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Michelle Hubbard, Board Vice President, at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Ms. Hubbard.

ROLL CALL**Present**

Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins
Ms. Michelle Hubbard
Mrs. Christine Kronk
Mr. Thomas W. Majors
Mr. Floyd Tame

Absent

Mrs. Marian R. Acon
Mr. Randall Bacon
Mr. Dale Daman

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Mr. Louis Campisi
Mr. Michael Damon
Mrs. Kathy Onuska

Dr. Amanda Cwynar
Ms. Rachael Cipolla
Mr. Ryan Herstine
Chief Cory Zelenak

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

The minutes will be approved at the next voting meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bovalino reported regarding the In-Service professional development training opportunities held throughout the day. Staff participated in mandatory training pertaining to Act 55 School Safety, Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse, and Professional Ethics.

Homecoming is this Friday night. Congratulations to our 2023 Homecoming Court and their escorts as listed:

Anthony Puniak and Kenyona Owens
Kyrel Lopic and Samantha Moore
Wayland Honeycutt and Sophia Bozza
Layatasha Cotman and Ayden Wertz
A'mariana Bentley-Powell and Natalie Gallagher

On Thursday, October 19, we will hold our mandatory School Safety and Security Drill, then on November 1, the county emergency management services will be on hand to conduct Active Shooter Training along with a variety of drills.

In collaboration with the local police, Chief Zelenak and our Security team will be offering a Halloween bag check on October 31st from 7 - 9 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 9-13
 - Fire Prevention Week
- Wednesday, October 11
 - Grandparents Day
 - PSAT
- Friday, October 13
 - Homecoming, Varsity Football v Clairton, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 14
 - Homecoming Dance
- Wednesday, October 18
 - Early Dismissal for Staff PD
- Thursday, October 19
 - Safety Drill
- Friday, October 20
 - Varsity Football v Northgate, Senior Night
- Monday, October 23
 - Board Voting Meeting
- Tuesday, October 24
 - Rochester Community Halloween Parade

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Garen Fedeles was present this evening and stated there was nothing to report at this time.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Kronk reviewed the following discussion items:

1. Recommend approving Allison Seezox (1 day a week) to serve as a teacher in the Elementary DARE2XL Tutoring Program for Grades 1-5, at a rate of \$25 per hour. The program runs Mondays through Thursdays, from 3:20 - 4:50. Teachers will receive an additional \$3/hour for continuous time served with the program.
2. Recommend approving Abbey Matiko and Sherri Verrico as Paraprofessionals to serve in the Elementary DARE2XL After School Program for our students in grades 1 - 5. The program runs Mondays through Thursdays, from 3:20 - 4:50. TAME will compensate Paraeducators based on their contractual rate, plus an additional bonus for time served with the program.
3. Recommend approving the following field trip(s):
 - a. October 19, 2023 - Grade 12 students to attend New Brighton High School to visit the College Fair.
 - b. October 20, 2023 - Grades 9-12 students to attend Paradise Island Bowl as part of their School-wide Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support (SWPBIS) program.
 - c. November 17, 2023 - Grades 10-12 students to attend Community College of Beaver County (CCBC) to learn about High School Academies at CCBC and post secondary planning.
 - d. December 12, 2023 - Grades 9-10 students to attend Beaver County Career and Technology Center (CTC) to learn about the different programs at the CTC.
4. Recommend approving John Moore to serve as part-time Security Guard through TREND at a rate of \$10.25 per hour, effective immediately (October 10, 2023). Clearances are on file.
5. Recommend approving the following individuals to be added to the approved volunteer list (clearances on file).
 - a. Ashton Elise Costanza (Elementary)
 - b. Jennifer Hall (Elementary)
 - c. Michael St. Esprit (Elementary Morning Program)
 - d. Joyce Tokar (Elementary Morning Program)

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Mrs. Kronk reviewed the elimination of policy 707.2, Swimming Pool Operations from the Policy Manual.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Regina Brown addressed the Board regarding her concerns with the Little Rams.

Lavanya Jeffries introduced herself as a parent of a student in the district and expressed her interest in being a part of Rochester Area School District and the community in any way that she can share her talents.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for this evening, Mr. Tame motioned to adjourn this meeting at 7:19 p.m. Mr. Majors seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharmane Campisi" followed by a stylized flourish or set of initials.

Sharmane Campisi,
Board Secretary

ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, October 9, 2023

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

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

ADMINISTRATION AND PRESENTERS

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

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The committee meeting began at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Kathy Onuska introduced Rosann Russel, Regional Manager for The Nutrition Group, and Natalie Roser, our Food Service Director. Rosann and Natalie provided those present with a plate of food so everyone could participate in a taste testing. Natalie and Rosann explained the changes in the nutritional guidelines and the impact on service.

Dr. Bovalino reviewed the revisions to the volunteer policy 916. The policy itself is not changing. We are updating the attachments.

The Board discussed the Band/Lil Rams building agreement and possible revisions.