# **REGULAR VOTING SESSION**

Mrs. Marian R. Acon, President

# **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard, Board Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Hubbard led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

<u>Present</u> <u>Absent</u>

Mr. Randall E. Bacon Mrs M

Mr. Lawrence E. Blackwell

Mr. Dale C. Daman

Mrs. Jocelyn N. Haskins

Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard, Vice President

Mrs. Christine S. Kronk

Mr. Thomas W. Majors

Mr. Floyd B. Tame, Treasurer

# **NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS**

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Mr. Louis Campisi
Mr. Nathan Leeman
Ms. Rachael Cipolla
Mrs. Kathleen Onuska
Dr. Amanda Cwynar
Chief Cory Zelenak

# **CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

There was no correspondence to come before the Board.

### **PRESENTATION**

Mr. Tony Ziegler introduced the October Students of the Month for the Middle School and presented them with a certificate and gift cards. The students recognized included sixth grader Mason Babinec; seventh grader Eden Lovy; and eighth grader Saxon van Winkle. Eden was unable to join us this evening so Mr. Ziegler indicated he would present the certificate and gift card during school.

# CITIZEN INPUT - ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 25, 2023 Voting Meeting and October 9, 2023, Discussion Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi, Board Secretary, and September 25, 2023 and October 9, 2023, Committee Meetings, submitted by Dr. Bovalino, were approved as submitted by motion of Mr. Tame, second of Mr. Bacon, and unanimous roll call vote.

# **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Bovalino congratulated the Homecoming Court and commended Queen Sophia Bozza and Princess Kenona Owens. Recognition was also given to Ms. Mary Lou Fulton who retired earlier this month. Mary Lou has been an instrumental member of our food service department for the past three years. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

The elementary school is celebrating Red Ribbon Week. Each day the students and staff are participating in fun ways to promote a healthy lifestyle of staying drug and alcohol free. The elementary children are also participating in a family-based pumpkin decorating contest. Please log on to our Facebook page to see the great work of our families!

Chief Zelenak, along with his security team and the Borough Police Department are offering a Halloween candy safety check and inspection. Families are invited to come to the school Tuesday, October 31, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to have their Halloween candy bags checked on our scanners.

Lastly, Dr. Bovalino shared the upcoming events in the district including a reminder that Wednesday, November 1, is an Act 80 Day. Students will not have school so staff can participate in an Active Shooter drill with county emergency services.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Attorney Fedeles reported that he and Chief Zelenak have a hearing on Thursday for Chief Zelenak to be sworn in as our School Police Officer. Attorney Fedeles also reported that the we have two meetings scheduled to continue negotiations with the teachers association.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **Finance and Transportation**

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the following financial reports):

- 1. Treasurer's Report for the month of September.
- 2. Payment of Bills

General Fund Cafeteria Fund \$1,803,980.01 \$41,730.01 3. Monthly Financial Reports

General Fund – Revenue Report General Fund – Expenditure Report Cafeteria Fund – Revenue Report Cafeteria Fund – Expenditure Report

4. Informational Reports

Tax Collector Reports Bills to be Approved

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

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the request made by Mr. Todd Smith, Senior Pastor, of the Rock Christian Fellowship Church to exonerate all 2023 Real Estate Taxes on Parcel No. 20-002-0407.000, at 160 Lacock Avenue, Rochester, PA 15074. This property is a non-profit place for religious worship. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the request made by MKB Properties to exonerate all taxes on Parcel No. 76-003-0203-000, located at 613 Virginia Avenue, Rochester, PA. 15074. The total delinquent taxes are \$7,864.75. The interest, attorney fees and costs, in the amount of \$4,326.73, must be paid. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the Joint Cooperative Police Service Agreement with the Beaver Valley Regional Police Department. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

# **Teachers and Personnel**

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Allison Seezox to serve in the Elementary DARE2XL Tutoring Program for Grades 1-5, at a rate of \$25 per hour. 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 a roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Abbey Matiko and Sheri Verrico to serve in the Elementary DARE2XL After School Program. TAME will compensate Paraeducators based on their contractual rate, plus an additional bonus for time served with the program. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the following field trip(s):

- 1. October 19, 2023 Grade 12 students to attend New Brighton High School to visit the College Fair.
- 2. 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.

- 3. October 26, 2023 Four (4) Unified Sport Club High School students to attend the Youth Summit at the Loft Conference Center-Southpoint in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania for Special Olympics. Attendance is required by participating schools.
- 4. November 7, 2023 High School Band students to attend Slippery Rock University to audition for the Honors Band Festival.
- 5. November 13, 2023 Grade 6 students to attend the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh to learn about the Science Center and Science.
- 6. November 14, 2023 Grades 5-12 GATE/Enrichment students to attend Geneva College to participate in the Academic Game *Propaganda*.
- 7. November 16, 2023 Grades 7-8 students to attend the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh to learn about the Science Center and Science.
- 8. 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.
- 9. November 21, 2023 Grades 11-12 College in High School Chemistry students to attend the Chevron Science Building at the University of Pittsburgh to complete their required first lab.
- 10. November 29, 2023 through November 30, 2023 Selected High School Chorus students to attend South Side High School to rehearse and perform with other high school chorus students from Beaver County.
- 11. December 8, 2023 Grades 3-12 Life Skills students to attend Sims Bowling Lanes to compete in Beaver County Special Olympics as part of their Community Based Instruction.
- 12. 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.
- 13. December 12, 2023 Grades 11- 12 College in High School Chemistry students to attend the Chevron Science Building at the University of Pittsburgh to complete their required second lab.
- 14. January 25, 2024 Grades 5-12 GATE/Enrichment students to attend Blackhawk School District to participate in the Academic Game *World Events*.
- 15. February 20, 2024 Grades 5-12 GATE/Enrichment students to attend Geneva College to participate in the Academic Game *Presidents*.
- 16. March 7, 2024 Grades 4-12 GATE/Enrichment students to attend Community College of Beaver County (CCBC) to participate in the Academic Game *Math 24*.
- 17. March 12, 2024 Grades 11-12 College in High School Chemistry students to attend the Chevron Science Building at the University of Pittsburgh to complete their required third lab.
- 18. April 25, 2024 Grades 11-12 College in High School Chemistry students to attend the Chevron Science Building at the University of Pittsburgh to complete their required fourth lab.
- 19. May 2, 2024 Grade 2 students to attend the Children's Museum in Pittsburgh to explore the exhibits and current activities.

- 20. May 15, 2024 Grades 11-12 College in High School Chemistry students to attend the Chevron Science Building at the University of Pittsburgh to complete their required final lab.
- 21. May 21, 2024 Grades 11-12 College in High School Chemistry and Biology students to attend the Chevron Science Building at the University of Pittsburgh and the temporary Pitt Biology Lab Building to complete their required fifth and Biology required labs.

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

Mrs. Kronk motioned to accept the resignation from Heather Denes from the supplemental position of Elementary Summer Reading Program effective October 18, 2023. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Chief Cory Zelenak to be added to the approved list of those who may drive District owned vehicles. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve John E. Moore to serve as part-time Security Guard at a rate of \$10.25 per hour, effective October 11, 2023 (clearances are on file). Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to accept the retirement of Mary Lou Fulton from the position of part-time General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department effective October 6, 2023. Ms. Fulton has been with the District since January 2020. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

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

Brandon Beadle (Elementary)
Jessica Beadle (Elementary)
Ashton Elise Costanza (Elementary)
Alfred Dilliott, III (Elementary)
Victoria Dilliott (Elementary)
Mary Sue Fredericks (Elementary Morning Program)
Timothy Fredericks (Elementary Morning Program)
Tanya Guzolik (Elementary)
Jennifer Hall (Elementary)
Amani Keaton (Elementary)
Michael St. Esprit (Elementary Morning Program)
Joyce Tokar (Elementary Morning Program)
Emily Wallace (Elementary)

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

# **Policy and Procedure**

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the elimination of Policy 707.2, Property, Swimming Pool Operations. Mr. Majors seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the revisions to Policy 916, Community, Volunteers. Mr. Majors seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the following new attachments to Policy 916, Community, Volunteers:

916 Att. 1 (new)	Community	Procedures to Volunteer with District
		Programs/Volunteer Application
916 Att. 2 (new)	Community	Volunteer Affirmation, Arrest/Conviction
		Report and Certification Form
916 Att. 3 (new)	Community	Memorandum Regarding the Confidentiality
		of Student Records

Mr. Majors seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

### **Athletics**

At the recommendation of Sean Keaton, Men's Head Basketball Coach, Mr. Blackwell motioned to approve the change of Matthew Yunt from the paid supplemental position of Men's 7th Grade Head Basketball Coach to serve as a volunteer for the Men's High School Basketball coaching staff (clearances on file). Mr. Bacon seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

At the recommendation of Sean Keaton, Men's Head Basketball Coach, Mr. Blackwell motioned to approve the following Men's Basketball coaching staff positions (stipends are aligned with board approved schedules and clearances are on file):

Position	Coach Name	Supplemental Salary 2023-2024
Basketball (Men's) - Head	Keaton, Sean	\$3,333.89
Basketball (Men's) - Varsity Assistant	Grigsby, Victor II	\$1,651.05
Basketball (Men's) - Assistant - Jr. Varsity Head	Verrico, Brad	\$2,423.50
Basketball (Men's) - 8th Grade	Norman, Van	\$1,291.58
Basketball (Men's) - 7th Grade	TBD	\$1,000.00
Basketball (Boys') - Elementary	Gorman, Edward	\$533.03

Basketball Conditioning -Men's (Head Coach Determines)	Keaton, Sean	\$1,100.70
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Mr. Bacon seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

# **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Albert Ellis, residing at 311 Deer Lane, Rochester, PA 15074, addressed the Board of Education regarding taxes on a property he purchased at 312 Deer Lane, Rochester, PA 15074. Attorney Fedeles requested to speak to Mr. Ellis after the meeting concluded.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for this evening, Mr. Tame motioned to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Mr. Majors seconded the 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, October 23, 2023

#### ATTENDANCE

#### SCHOOL BOARD

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

#### ADMINISTRATION AND PRESENTERS

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

# **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The committee of the whole began at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Leeman presented an overview of the special education program and emphasized the increase in the number of children with an autism diagnosis. He recommended implementation of an Autistic Support (K-5) program. The Board agreed to move forward with posting positions for both an Autistic Support (K-5) Teacher and an Autistic Support (K-5) full-time Para. The Administration will keep the Board abreast as per internal and external interest.

Dr. Bovalino provided an overview of policy revisions that have been recommended by PSBA. We reviewed the following policies:

- 1. 815 AUP Computers and Network Resources
- 2. <u>830 Security of Computerized Personal Information Breach</u>
- 3. 830.1 NEW Data Governance Storage/Security

The district Policy committee will review the policies as well, prior to presenting the final recommendation to the board.

Attorney Fedeles and Mrs. Onuska presented two tax exoneration requests; one from Pastor Todd Smith and one from Mr. Essex Law. Both gentlemen were present for the committee meeting and provided an explanation for their requests.

The committee meeting ended at 6:50 p.m.