

REGULAR VOTING SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Marian Acon, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Acon led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present

Mrs. Marian Acon, President
Mr. Randall E. Bacon
Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
Mrs. Jocelyn N. Haskins
Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard, Vice President
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk
Mr. Thomas W. Majors
Mr. Floyd B. Tame, Treasurer

Absent

Mr. Dale Daman

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Mr. Louis Campisi
Ms. Rachael Cipolla
Dr. Amanda Cwynar
Mr. Michael Damon

Mr. Ryan Herstine
Mr. Nathan Leeman
Mrs. Kathleen Onuska
Chief Cory Zelenak

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There was no correspondence to come before the Board.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Tony Ziegler introduced the November Students of the Month for the Middle School and presented them with a certificate and gift cards. The students recognized included sixth grader Jaivyn Carter; seventh grader Vinny Hirth; and eighth grader Lauryn Roberts. Vinny 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 October 23, 2023 Voting Meeting and November 13, 2023, Discussion Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi, Board Secretary, and October 23, 2023 Committee Meetings, submitted by Dr. Bovalino, were approved as submitted by motion of Ms. Hubbard, second of Mr. Majors, and unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bovalino extended congratulations to Mr. Randy Bacon and Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins who were re-elected and will return to the school board for four more years.

Dr. Bovalino extended congratulations to Mr. Tom Daman, Mr. Jim Bogolea and Mr. John Pfeuffer who were write-ins and are set to join the Board during the December 4 Reorganization meeting.

In addition, Dr. Bovalino thanked Mrs. Marian Acon, Mr. Floyd Tame and Mr. Tom Majors for their many years of services to the Rochester Area School District.

- Mrs. Acon was appointed to the Board on August 9, 2011 and has held consecutive terms since that time., for a total of 12 years of service.
- Mr. Tame was appointed to the Board on May 29, 2012, for a total of 11 years of service.
- Mr. Majors was appointed to the Board on May 29, 2012 and has served intermittently for a total of 6 ½ years of service.

We thank you, Mrs. Acon, Mr. Tame and Mr. Majors for your service to our students, our staff, and our community and wish you the best in your future endeavors. You will be missed!

Our Upcoming Events include:

- November 22 – Early Dismissal
- November 23-27 – Thanksgiving Break
- December 2 – Carol Sing, Light Up Night, Kindergarten Program
- December 4 – Reorganization & Voting Meeting
- December 22 – Early Dismissal
- January 3 – School Resumes

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Taryn Hardy was present this evening and reported that Attorney Fedeles reviewed the tentative agreement with the Rochester Education Association and recommended approval.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Transportation

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the following financial reports:

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

General Fund	\$1,101,048.89
Cafeteria Fund	\$74,355.98
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 Act 1- Accelerated Budget Opt-out Resolution No. 112023-01 for 2024-2025 is set at 5.1% and Rochester's adjusted index is set at 7.8%. Therefore by approving this resolution, real estate taxes may not be set above 80.04 mills without a voter Referendum. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the following list of bus drivers from Frye Transportation Group the 2023-2024 school year (clearances on file).

Heather Berry	Donald Hinzman
Jason Coursey	Shonna Jokinen
LeeAnn Duez	Julia Parison
Mark Hill	Taylor Sebecic

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

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the agreement with J. Martin & Associates, LLC to provide bookkeeping and office services as outlined in the agreement, effective November 15, 2023. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Teachers and Personnel

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the five (5) year agreement between the District and the Rochester Area Education Association (RAEA), effective August 16, 2024. The agreement remains in effect until midnight August 15, 2029. Mr. Tame seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a roll call vote of 7-0 with Mrs. Acon, Ms. Hubbard, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Haskins, Mrs. Kronk and Mr. Tame voting Yea; Mr. Majors abstaining; Mr. Daman was absent.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Kathy Onuska, Business Manager, to attend the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) 69th Annual Conference and Exhibits in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on March 5, 2024 through March 8, 2024, at a cost of \$349 registration fee, plus transportation and lodging. Mr. Kronk seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Alexandra Javens's voluntary transfer from the position of full-time Elementary Life Skills Support Teacher (Grades K-2) to serve as the full-time Autistic Support Teacher (Grades K-5), effective December 4, 2023, as per contract. Mr. Kronk seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Drew Lewis' voluntary transfer from the position of full-time Middle School Special Education Teacher to serve as the full-time Elementary Life Skills Support Teacher (Grades K-2), effective December 4, 2023, as per contract, due to the voluntary transfer of Alexandra Javens. Mr. Kronk seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Sarah Stewart's voluntary transfer from the position of full-time High School Life Skills Teacher to serve as the full-time Middle School Special Education Teacher, effective December 4, 2023, as per contract, due to the voluntary transfer of Drew Lewis. Mr. Kronk seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the resignation of Matt Yunt from the position of Accounts Payable and Receivable in the Business Office to serve as the full-time Autistic Support Paraprofessional (Grades K-5) effective Monday, November 13, 2023, as per contract. Mr. Kronk seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the following field trip(s):

- a. November 7, 2023 - Select High School Band students to attend Slippery Rock University to audition for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 5 Honors Band (conditionally approved by Dr. Bovalino).
- b. November 17, 2023 - Selected students in Grades 9-12 to attend the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to learn about building trades and have a hands-on demonstration and career information.

- c. December 15, 2023 - Grades 6-8 Life Skills students to attend Five Below/Dollar Tree as part of their community based instruction.
- d. January 19, 2024 - Selected students in Grades 7-9 Chorus to attend Blackhawk High School to rehearse and perform with other chorus students from other counties.
- e. January 24, 2024 - Grades 9-12 Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) students to attend Community College of Beaver County (CCBC) to have contact with groups of people to discuss Mental Health Awareness and to get a better sense of empathy and respect for others.
- f. January 24, 2024 - Selected students from the High School Chorus to attend Mercer High School to rehearse and perform with other chorus students from other counties.
- g. April 17, 2024 - Grades 9-12 Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) students to attend Community College of Beaver County (CCBC) to have contact with groups of people to discuss Mental Health Awareness and to get a better sense of empathy and respect for Others.

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

Ms. Hubbard motioned to rescind the vote from September 26, 2022 for Megan Mouas to serve as the sole Coordinator for the School-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (SWPBIS) Coordinator. Mrs. Kronk seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the following individuals to serve as School-wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (SWPBIS) Coordinators for the 2023 - 2024 school year. They will split the \$500 supplemental salary as follows:

Caryn Morrow, \$125
Megan Mouse, \$125
Brandy Rossi-Tesnovich, \$125
Glory Shychuck, \$125

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

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the following individuals to serve as the National Honor Society Co-Sponsors at a supplemental base salary of \$500 each for the 2023-2024 school year.

Elise Gorman
Caryn Morrow

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

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Donna Keith, Elementary School teacher, to serve as an Elementary Planning Committee Member effective the 2023-2024 at a supplemental salary of \$500 for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Kronk seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the following Geneva College student teachers and cooperating teachers for the Spring 2024 semester.

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>
Ethan Smith	Valerie Perelman	English 7-12 (January 8, 2024 through April 25, 2024)
Benny Gundlach	Hillary Frankenstein	Music PK-12 (March 11, 2024 through May 2, 2024)

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

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Karen L. Oneal to serve as a part-time, four (4) hour, General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department at a rate of \$14 per hour effective November 7, 2023, as per contract. Mrs. Kronk seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard moved to approve the request of Employee No. 4708 in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, beginning November 17, 2023 through January 12, 2024. Mrs. Kronk seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Policy and Procedure

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the following revised policies:

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Title</u>
819 (<i>revised</i>)	Operations	Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response
819 Att. 1 (<i>revised</i>)	Operations	Report of Suicide Risk, Individual Student Management Plan

Ms. Hubbard seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Building and Grounds

Mr. Bacon motioned to approve the request made by Premier Dance Company to use the building to host their rehearsal and dance recital on Saturday, June 8, 2024 and Sunday, June 9, 2024. Charges include rental fee, and custodial, maintenance and security charges at an

approximate cost of \$1,994.56. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Athletics

At the recommendation of Sean Keaton, Men's Head Basketball Coach, Mr. Blackwell motioned to approve Gannon Irvine to serve as the 7th Grade Men's Basketball Head coach at a supplemental base salary of \$1,000 effective the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Majors seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

At the recommendation of C.J. Iannini, Women's Head Basketball coach, approve Ronald Moncrief to serve on the Varsity Women's Basketball staff as an Assistant Volunteer Coach (clearances on file). Mr. Majors seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Blackwell motioned to approve Maurice Smith to be added to the approved volunteer list (clearances on file) for Elementary Boys' Basketball. Mr. Majors seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Blackwell motioned to approve Brian Wakefield to be added to the approved volunteer list (clearances on file) for Elementary Boys' Basketball. Mr. Majors seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

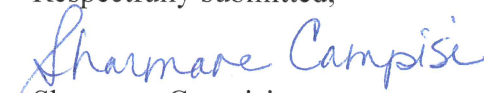
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public participation on non agenda items at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for this evening, Ms. Hubbard motioned to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. Mrs. Haskins 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, November 20, 2023

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

P	Mrs. Marian Acon
P	Mr. Randall Bacon
P (6:50)	Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
AB	Mr. Dale Daman
P	Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins
P (6:50)	Miss Michelle Hubbard
P	Mrs. Christine Kronk
P	Mr. Tom Majors
P	Mr. Floyd Tame

ADMINISTRATION AND PRESENTERS

P	Dr. Jane Bovalino
P	Mr. Lou Campisi
P	Ms. Rachael Cipolla
P	Dr. Amanda Cwynar
P	Mr. Michael Damon
P	Mr. Nathan Leeman
P	Mr. Kathleen Onuska
P	Chief Zelenak

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee of the Whole began at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Rochester Area School District. Dr. Bovalino and Mr. Campisi provided an overview of a grant proposal for the track, field house, additional building, paving and fencing. The grant proposal will be submitted tomorrow.

Dr. Cwynar reviewed policy 819, Suicide Awareness and Response and the attachments. She also reviewed district procedures with regard to this policy.