

## **DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION MEETING**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Hubbard led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL:**

#### **Present**

Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard, President  
Mrs. Jocelyn N. Haskins, Vice President  
Mr. Randall E. Bacon  
Mr. James Bogolea  
Mr. Dale Daman (via phone)  
Mr. Thomas Daman  
Mr. John L. Pfeuffer, IV  
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk, Treasurer

#### **Absent**

Mr. Lawrence Blackwell

### **NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS IN ATTENDANCE**

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

Mrs. Kathleen Onuska (via phone)  
Mr. Louis Campisi  
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**

Kaylynn Piper - Real Estate Agent with Coldwell Banker Real Estate and Biba Lubenski - Howard Hanna were in attendance. They addressed the Board regarding the property located on 299 Adams Street, Rochester that is currently under contract. In particular, the request to reduce delinquent taxes. The closing for this property is scheduled for January 19, 2024. It was relayed to them that the next Board Voting meeting will not be held until January 22, 2024.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 4, 2023 Reorganization and Voting meetings, respectfully submitted by Sharmane Campisi, Board Secretary, will be voted upon at the next Voting Meeting.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Congratulations to Samantha Moore on being selected as the Lions Club Student of the Month. Samantha is a high honor roll student who currently has a grade point average of 4.17 and has completed over fifteen college credits through our partnerships with various colleges and universities. Samantha has been accepted by Slippery Rock Honors College and she plans on majoring in Physical Therapy.

Our elementary PTA Penny Wars began January 4 and will run through the 31st. Students are asked to fill the jugs outside the elementary office. The grade with the most points will win an ice cream party. All funds raised will go towards field day shirts.

The middle school PTA is selling spirit blankets for \$25 each.

Our Title I Parent Advisory Council will meet on Wednesday, January 9, in The Creativity Center, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Principal Cipolla and Dean of Students Verrico will present the elementary school's MTSS program.

Congratulations to the following teachers on being awarded a grant from the Beaver County Educational Trust!

- Ms. Brandy Rossi, \$750, Aquaponic Lab
- Mrs. Hillary Frankenstein, \$750, Musical Theater Workshop
- Ms. Kara Best, \$1,000, Story Walk
- Mrs. Samantha George, \$1,000, STEAM Walk

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Thursday - Saturday, January 11 - 13 - PMEA District 5 HS Band at Hopewell HS
- Monday, January 15 - No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Wednesday, January 17 - Town Hall Meeting, The Creativity Center
- Friday, January 19 - PMEA District 5 Chorus at Blackhawk HS
- Monday, January 22 - In-Service, No School for Students
  - Board Voting Meeting
- Tuesday, January 23 - Clerical Day, No School for Students
- Wednesday, January 24 - End of First Semester
- Friday, January 26 - Snowball Dance
- Tuesday, February 6 - Required School Director Training - registration forms at your stations

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Attorney Fedeles reported that the Board went into Executive Session prior to the Board Meeting and will need to have another Executive Session after the Board Meeting to discuss personnel matters.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Recommended approving the 2024 Board Committees at the next Voting Meeting.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance and Transportation**

Mrs. Kronk recommended approving the request made by Kacie Peterson to exonerate all taxes on Parcel No. 76-004-0130.000, the undeveloped and unused residential land located at 753 Wolf Avenue, Rochester Township, pending receipt of appropriate paperwork. Total delinquent taxes are \$1,570.17. The property has been in the repository since April 26, 2016.

Mrs. Kronk recommended discussion of the Engle Florist property, located at 299 Adams Street, and the request to reduce delinquent taxes in the amount of \$7,000. Current delinquent taxes are \$23,406.63. A \$7,000 reduction would mean a collection of \$16,406.63. The property would be sold and the district and borough would then collect taxes on the parcel.

### **Teachers and Personnel**

Mrs. Kronk recommended approving Hillary Frankenstein, Chorus Teacher, to attend the 2024 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Annual State Conference in Erie, Pennsylvania, on April 17, 2024 through April 20, 2024, at a cost of \$175 registration fee, plus transportation and lodging.

Mrs. Kronk recommended approving the following field trip(s):

- a. December 15, 2023 - High School Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) students to attend the YMCA in New Brighton, Pennsylvania, for the Beaver County Suicide Prevention Youth Summit.
- b. January 5, 2024 - Select Middle School Students to attend Ambridge Area High School to participate in the Beaver County Band Festival where they will perform with other students in Beaver County.
- c. January 9, 2024 - Grade 10 and select Grade 9 students to attend the Beaver County Career and Technology Center (CTC) to tour the facility.
- d. January 29, 2024 - Middle School/High School Students, who are in the District Musical, to attend a musical theater workshop, hosted here at Rochester, to work with clinicians focused on singing, acting and dancing.

Mrs. Kronk recommended approving the following PennWest California University student teachers and cooperating teachers for the Spring 2024 Semester, beginning Wednesday, January 17, 2024, through Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

#### **Student Teacher**

Kelsey Gianfrancesco  
Lydia Aquino

#### **Cooperating Teacher**

Diane Haffey  
Joe Barsic

#### **Subject Area**

English 7-12  
Social Studies 7-12

Claire Whaples

Brittany Skelton

Elementary K-4

Mrs. Kronk recommended approving the request made by Sarah Stewart, Middle School Teacher, for a Child Rearing Leave, as per contract, Article VI, Leaves of Absence, Section C, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

Mrs. Kronk recommended approving the intermittent Family Medical Leave Request of Employee No. 2039 in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, beginning December 13, 2023, through December 13, 2024.

Mrs. Kronk recommended accepting the resignation of John E. Moore, III from the position of part-time Security Guard effective December 13, 2023, to serve as a substitute part-time Security Guard.

### **Policies and Procedures**

Mr. Bacon recommended the Review/Discussion of the following policies of which no changes were made.

<b><u>Policy</u></b>	<b><u>Section</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
011 <i>(reviewed)</i>	Local Board Procedures	Principles for Governance and Leadership
918 Att. 1 <i>(reviewed)</i>	Community	<b>District</b> - Title I " <i>Parent and Family Engagement 2023-2024</i> "
918 Att. 2 <i>(reviewed)</i>	Community	<b>Elementary</b> - Title I " <i>Parent and Family Engagement 2023-2024</i> "
918 Att. 3 <i>(reviewed)</i>	Community	<b>Elementary</b> - Title 1 " <i>School/Parent Compact 2023-202</i> "

### **Beaver County Career and Technology Center**

Mrs. Haskins recommended appointing Mr. Dale Daman to serve as the Representative and Mr. Lawrence Blackwell to serve as the Alternate for the Rochester Area School District on the *Beaver County Career and Technology Center's Joint Operating Committee*. This is a three (3) year term beginning January 2024 through December 2027.

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

There was no public participation on non-agenda items.

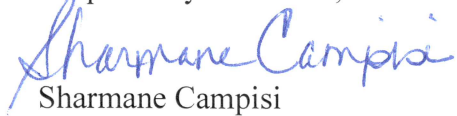
### **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn the Discussion meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Motion: Haskins  
Second: Bacon  
Result: Motion Carried, 8-0

January 8, 2024

Respectfully submitted,



Sharmane Campisi  
Board Secretary