Rochester Area School District
Board of Education Minutes

January 28, 2019
7:00 P. M.

VOTING SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian Acon, Board President, at 7:11 p.m.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Acon.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mrs. Marian R. Acon
Mr. George A. Bauer
Mr. Lawrence Blackwell – via cell phone
Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard
Mr. Dennis Iannini
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk
Mr. Brian C. May
Mr. Floyd B. Tame

Absent:

Mrs. Annette R. Hubbard

NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Mr. Michael Damon
Ms. Amanda Cwynar
Mr. Nick Long
Mrs. Kathleen Onuska
Mr. Louis Paul Campisi

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

There were no correspondences to be reported this evening.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

PRESENTATIONS:

The Middle School Students of the Month for December 2018 were presented by Mr. Tony Ziegler and Miss Jessica Smith. They are:

6th – Sydnee Davison
7th – Ashlyn Schidemantle

AND

The Middle School Students of the Month for January 2019 were presented. They are:

6th – Izzabella Seamans
8th – Asia Martin

The above named students were congratulated and urged to continue the great work.

Mrs. Laurie Frank and Mrs. Jackie Anthony presented the Elks Americanism Essay Contest Student Winners to the Board. They are:

*6th Grade – Isis Griffin
Jordan Ortiz
Arreale Waldron
7th Grade – Jaxson Camp
Xavier Kunder
Marynn Schuster

*The three 6th grade students were not able to attend this evening.

The 7th Grade students were congratulated and encouraged to continue their commendable effort to succeed.

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY MRS. CAROL GROSS, BOARD SECRETARY:

The minutes of the December 3, 2018 Reorganization Meeting, December 3, 2018 Voting Meeting, and the January 14, 2019 Discussion Meeting were presented for the Board's approval. They were approved by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mr. Bauer, and unanimous roll call vote. .

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Bovalino announced that January is School Board Director Recognition Month. She acknowledged and thanked the Board Members for their diligent work and their cooperation with the Administration during the past year.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Garen Fedeles was present this evening and said there was nothing to be reported at this time.

BOARD COMMITTEE ACTIONS

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Mr. Bauer motioned to approve the Paula Scriva Dance Studio for use of the building to host a rehearsal and recital on Friday, May 24, 2019 and Saturday, May 25, 2019. Charges include the rental fee, custodial, and maintenance and security charges at an approximate cost of $1,000. This was seconded by Mr. Iannini and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

ATHLETICS:

Mr. May motioned to approve the request of Head Coach Gene Matsook for Isaac Dixon to serve as the Football Conditioning Coach at a supplemental base salary of $1,000 (pro-rated) effective immediately due to Matt Weiss accepting a position elsewhere. This was seconded by Mr. Bauer and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Emily Heasley was approved to serve as the Varsity Head Volleyball Coach at a supplemental salary of $1,500 effective immediately by motion of Mr. May, second of Mr. Bauer and unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. May motioned to approve Emily Heasley to serve as the 7th & 8th Grade Head Volleyball Coach at a supplemental salary of $700 effective immediately. Mr. Bauer seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

The resignation of William Berarducci from the position of 2nd Assistant Softball Coach effective January 24, 2019 was accepted by motion of Mr. May, second of Mr. Bauer and unanimous roll call vote.

At the recommendation of Michael Cunning, Head Softball Coach, Dawn Thompson was approved to serve as the 2nd Assistant Softball Coach at a supplemental base salary of $700 effective January 29, 2019 due to the resignation of William Berarducci by motion of Mr. May, second of Mr. Bauer and unanimous roll call vote. (Clearances are on file).

CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY:

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the 2019-2020 High School Program of Studies. This was seconded by Ms. Michelle Hubbard and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

FINANCE AND TRANSPORTATION:

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the following reports:

A. Treasurer's Reports for the months of November and December.

B. Payment of Bills

a. General Fund	Nov.	$449,918.24
	Dec.	$547,943.53
b. Cafeteria Fund	Nov.	$ 51,172.64
	Dec.	$ 35,495.41

C. Monthly Financial Reports
a. General Fund – Revenue Report
b. General Fund – Expenditure Report
c. Cafeteria Fund – Revenue Report
d. Cafeteria Fund – Expenditure Report

D. Informational Reports
a. Tax Collector Reports

The above motion was seconded by Mr. Iannini and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the Act 1 – Accelerated Budget Opt-Out Resolution No. #012819-03. The Act 1 index for the 2019-2020 fiscal budget year is set at 2.3% and Rochester's adjusted index is set at 3.3%; therefore, by approving this resolution real estate taxes may not be set above 2.4 mills without voter referendum. Mr. Iannini seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the Direct Energy Business Natural Gas Contract through the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Natural Gas Consortium beginning September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2022. Rochester Area School District is a member of the Allegheny intermediate Unit's Natural Gas Consortium. This was seconded by Mr. Iannini and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Donna S. Robson was exonerated from collection of the unpaid 2018 Rochester Area School District Real Estate Taxes in Rochester Borough in the amount of $290,173.72 and penalty of $27,106.51 by motion of Mr. Tame, second of Iannini and unanimous roll call vote. The unpaid taxes will be turned over to Portnoff Law Associates, the District's Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector.

Mr. Tame motioned to exonerate Gary L. Johnson from collection of the unpaid 2018 Rochester Area School District Real Estate Taxes in Rochester Township in the amount of $181,530.92 and penalty of $18,290.25. Mr. Iannini seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. The unpaid taxes will be turned over to Portnoff Law Associates, the District's Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector.

Debra Ahern was exonerated from collection of the unpaid 2018 Rochester Area School District Real Estate Taxes in East Rochester Borough in the amount of $27,547.54 and penalty of $2,755.15 by motion of Mr. Tame, second of Mr. Iannini and unanimous roll call vote. The unpaid taxes will be turned over to Portnoff Law Associates, the District's Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve Constellation NewEnergy Inc. to perform the Investment Grade Energy Audit per the District's Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Mr. Iannini seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. The Energy Audit Services Agreement is attached. This audit is in compliance with the Pennsylvania Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (Act 39). There is no fee associated with this audit.

The agreement between Rochester Area School District and UPMC Sports Medicine to provide Athletic Training Services beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 at a cost of $23,690, $24,400 and $25,132 consecutively was approved by motion of Mr. Tame, second of Mr. Iannini and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the following revised Policy:

Policy No.	Section	Title
251	Pupils	Homeless Students

This was seconded by Mr. Iannini and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the Safe2Say Something procedures. (*The School Code 1303-D requires school districts to implement procedures to assess and respond to the Safe2Say Something Program.)* Mr. Iannini seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL:

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to accept the resignation of Charissa Daman from her position as a secondary science and art teacher, effective December 21, 2018. Mrs. Kronk seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Nicole Tomasko was approved to serve as the teacher for AmeriCorp's *After School Tutoring Program* in the elementary school effective Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at a rate of $25/hour as per contract by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mrs. Kronk and unanimous roll call vote. The program is Monday through Thursday, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve the transfer of twenty and one-half (20.50) Paid Time Off days from Baden Academy to Rochester Area School District for Kara Best to be used as sick days. Mrs. Kronk seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve the following field trips:

a. Wednesday, January 23, 2019 – High School Youth Ambassador Program students to Community College of Beaver County for their Quarterly Meeting.
b. Thursday, January 24, 2019 – Grades 7th and 8th grade students to attend Q Cast, Inc. in Rochester to participate in the *What's so Cool about Manufacturing Contest.*
c. Friday, January 25, 2019 – Two selected High School Band Students (Braedon Leek and Dashynque Craft) to perform in the *2019 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District Band Festival* at Beaver High School.
d. Friday, February 22, 2019 – Middle School Chorus students to attend the *Beaver County Arts Education Consortium (BCAEC)* Middle School Choral Workshop at South Side Area School District.
e. Thursday, March 7, 2019 – Grades 4-12 G.A.T.E. students to attend Penn State Beaver Campus to compete in the *Math 24 Competition.*
f. Thursday, March 28, 2019 through Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – Marching Band students to perform at Disney World on March 31, 2019 in Orlando, Florida.
g. Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – Grades 6-8 G.A.T.E. students to attend Penn State Beaver Campus to participate in the *Knex Competition.*
h. Thursday, April 11, 2019 – Select High School Band students to perform at the Beaver County Honors Band Festival at New Brighton Area High School.
i. Friday, April 26, 2019 – Select Middle School (Grades 7-9) students to attend the 2019 Jr. High District Band Festival at Sharon High School.
j. Monday, May 6, 2019 – Grades 5th -8th students to attend the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to compete in the *Battle of the Books.*
k. Middle School Student Council sponsored field trip to UPMC Sports Complex on Thursday, February 7, 2019, as part of the positive behavior incentive.
l. Select high school chorus students to attend PMEA District 5 Chorus at Beaver High School. Students will travel to after school on February 7, and return to Beaver on Friday, February 8, 2019 for rehearsal. The concert is Saturday, February 9, 2019.
m. Eighth grade students to attend Penn State Beaver on Thursday, April 14, 2019, to discuss high school scheduling and college planning. Students will leave RASD at 8:30 a.m. and return at 1:00 p.m.

n. Middle School Student Council to perform community service at Rochester Manor on Thursday, February 14, 2019. Students will depart RASD at 1:30 p.m. and return before dismissal.
o. Middle School Student Council to sponsor a trip to Boyce Park on Thursday, March 14, 2019. Students will leave at 2:50 p.m. and return that evening.
p. Middle School Student Council to attend the Urban Air Trampoline Park on Thursday, April 11, 2019. Students will leave at 2:50 p.m. and return that evening.

Field trips k through p were an addendum to the agenda but included in this motion, seconded and approved. Ms. Michelle Hubbard made the motion and Mrs. Kronk seconded it, and it was approved unanimously upon a roll call vote.

Brad Verrico was approved to serve as the mentor for Denver Altieri, mentee, effective December 21, 2018 for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mrs. Kronk and unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve the five (5) year agreement between the District and the Rochester Education Support Professional Association (RESPA), effective July 1, 2019. The agreement remains in effect until June 30, 2024. This was seconded by Mrs. Kronk and resulted in an 8-0 vote with Mr. Bauer abstaining from voting.

The retirement of Yvonne Horton from the position of full-time Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional effective Friday, December 14, 2018 by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mrs. Kronk and unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Bauer requested a letter of commendation for her years of service be sent to Mrs. Horton.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve the voluntary transfer of Casey Woodley from the position of full-time Elementary School Emotional Support (K-5) Paraprofessional, effective January 11, 2019, to serve as the full-time Elementary School Learning Support Paraprofessional as per contract, due to the retirement of Yvonne Horton. This was seconded by Mrs. Kronk and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve Kendall Williams to serve as the full-time Elementary School Emotional Support (K-5) Paraprofessional effective January 11, 2019, at a rate of $11.90/hour as per contract, due to the voluntary transfer of Casey Woodley. This was seconded by Mrs. Kronk and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. (Clearances are on file).

The voluntary transfer of Kristen Seastedt from the position of full-time Elementary School One-on-One Support Paraprofessional to serve as the full-time Elementary School Life Skills Paraprofessional Special Needs/Personal Care Aide effective January 14, 2019, as per contract, due to the resignation of Heather Lipinski was approved by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mrs. Kronk and unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve Portia Gillespie to serve as the full-time Elementary School, One-on-One Support Paraprofessional effective January 14, 2019 at a rate of $11.90/hour as per contract, due to the voluntary transfer of Kristen Seastedt. Mrs. Kronk seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. (Clearances are on file).

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve the acceptance of the retirement of Frances Stiefel from the position of full-time Custodian effective Friday, January 4, 2019. This was seconded by Mrs. Kronk and unanimously approve upon a roll call vote.

The voluntary transfer of James Dunn from the full-time Custodian/Floater position to serve as a full-time Custodian effective Thursday, January 10, 2019 as per contract, due to the retirement of Frances Stiefel was approved by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mrs. Kronk and unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve the voluntary transfer of Renee Coleman to serve as the full-time Custodian/Floater effective January 14, 2019 as per contract, due to the voluntary transfer of James Dunn. Mrs. Kronk seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve the voluntary transfer of Glenn Haskins to serve as a part-time Custodian effective immediately, at a rate of $11.75/hour as per contract, due to the voluntary transfer of Renee Coleman. Mrs. Kronk seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Delifine Cisneros was approved to serve as a part-time Custodian effective Friday, January 4, 2019, at a rate of $11.75/hour as per contract by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mrs. Kronk and unanimous roll call vote. (Clearances are on file).

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve Tim Heuring to serve as a part-time Custodian effective immediately, at a rate of $11.75/hour as per contract, due to the voluntary transfer of Robert Tkacik. This was seconded by Mrs. Kronk and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. (Clearances are on file).

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve the following individuals to be added to the approved list of individuals who may drive District owned vans:

Ed Gorman
Dan O'Brien

Mrs. Kronk seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. (Clearances are on file).

The following individuals are approved to be added to the Volunteer K-12 List by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mrs. Kronk and unanimous roll call vote:

Ashley Hoko – Head Start
Patricia J. Perkins – Volunteer Elementary
Angela Young – Head Start

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. Michelle Hubbard motioned to adjourn this meeting at 7:43 p.m. This was seconded by Mr. Bauer and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Gross
Board Secretary