

REGULAR VOTING SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian Acon, Board President, at 7:00 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. Lawrence Blackwell
Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard
Mr. Dennis Iannini
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk
Mr. Brian C. May
Mr. Floyd B. Tame

Absent:

Mr. George A. Bauer
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:

Dr. Bovalino reported that a thank you note had been received from Mia Anthony that read as follows: "Thank you so much for awarding me the Blue and White Scholarship when I was in middle school! I can't wait to put it to good use at the University of Pittsburgh."

As reported by Dr. Bovalino a thank you note was received from Renee Seminick. It read as follows: "Thank you to all that had a hand in making the homecoming a very special occasion not only for my daughter Marissa, but all of our family and friends, school and community. I sincerely appreciate all the special and extra efforts on your part from the decorations and lining up of cars, but also the school community for drivers and the use of cars, flowers, and school district for keeping tradition alive with the pep assembly, Little Rams Cheerleaders and dance. I know everything was iffy, but so appreciative of every second of your time and effort."

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

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

The minutes of the August 26, 2019 Voting Session and September 9, 2019 Discussion Session were approved as submitted by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mr. Tame, and unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Bovalino extended congratulations to all of our Homecoming Court. Representing Rochester's Court on Friday evening was Da'syhnque Craft, Neveah Perkins, Marissa Seminick, Grace Vreen and Sasha Wade. Crowned as Princess was Da'shynque Craft and crowned as Queen was Sasha Wade.

Dr. Bovalino reported that Mr. Damon and his middle school staff learned on Friday that they were the recipients of a literacy grant! This is a \$10,000 grant to be used for Middle School Literacy, Behavioral and Social-Emotional Outcomes. An additional \$2,000 was awarded for travel as Mr. Damon and his team consisting of Jessica Smith, Heather Busse and Kayla Williams will all be required to travel to Harrisburg to participate in trainings. Their first session is this Thursday so Mr. Damon and the team will need to leave Wednesday evening. Mr. Damon will be notifying MS parents as this Wednesday is Open House.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

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

BOARD COMMITTEE ACTIONS

ATHLETICS:

Mr. Larry Blackwell motioned to approve Gregory McElwain to serve as a Volunteer Assistant Coach for the Elementary Girls Basketball Team (clearances on file). Mr. May seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

FINANCE AND TRANSPORTATION:

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the following financial reports:

A. Treasurer's Report for the Month of August

B. Payment of Bills

a. General Fund	Aug.	\$492,286.02
b. Cafeteria	Aug.	\$ 308.57

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

Mr. Iannini seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the agreement between Rochester Area School District and Kennywood Park for the 2020 School Picnic to be held on Monday, June 22, 2020. Mr. Iannini seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

The Commercial Credit Application and Agreement between Reed Oil Company, Inc. and Rochester Area School District to purchase fuel was approved by motion of Mr. Tame, second of Mr. Iannini and unanimous roll call vote. This was part of the District's contract with Frye Transportation.

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve the sixth grade environmental experience field trip to Lutherlyn, located in Butler, from Monday, May 11, 2020 through Thursday, May 14, 2020. The following staff members will chaperone the trip. Each will receive two (2) "Lutherlyn Environmental Days" to be used during the 2020-2021 school year:

Chris Barsic
Tiffany Halbrock
Emily Heasley

Marissa Mike
Sarah Stewart
Tony Ziegler

The above motion was seconded by Mrs. Kronk and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

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

- a. Tuesday, October 1, 2019 – Spanish I-IV students to attend California University of Pennsylvania for a Cultural Diversity College Fair.
- b. Thursday, October 3, 2019 – Select High School Chorus students to attend Westminster College to audition for Honors Chorus.
- c. Friday, October 4, 2019 – Grade 2 students to attend the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh for a hands-on exploration in Art and Science.
- d. Tuesday, October 8, 2019 – Grades 4-12 G.A.T.E. students to attend Mt. Washington in Pittsburgh to take a guided tour to learn about the history of the city and the state of American cities today.

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- e. Tuesday, October 22, 2019 – Select Middle School Chorus students to attend Central Valley High School to participate in the Middle School Musical Theater Workshop to learn signing, acting, and dance as it relates to musical theater.
- f. Tuesday, November 5, 2019 – Select High School Chorus students to attend Central Valley High to participate in the High School Musical Theater Workshop to learn signing, acting and dance as it relates to musical theater.
- g. Thursday, November 14, 2019 – Grades 8-9 G.A.T.E. students to attend Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh for SciTech Days.
- h. Tuesday, November 26, 2019 – Grade 11 College in High School Chemistry students to attend the University of Pittsburgh Chevron Science Center to complete lab work using the University of Pittsburgh's labs and resources for their college credit.
- i. Friday, December 6, 2019 – Grades 7th and 8th students to attend the Byham Theater to see the play version of a book that they are reading. This will introduce them to the cultural district.
- j. Tuesday, December 10, 2019 – Grade 11 College in High School Chemistry students to attend the University of Pittsburgh Chevron Science Center to complete lab work using the University of Pittsburgh's labs and resources for their college credit.
- k. Friday, February 21, 2020 – High School Holocaust Class students to attend Washington D.C. to visit the Holocaust Museum.
- l. Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – Grade 11 College in High School Chemistry students to attend the University of Pittsburgh Chevron Science Center to complete lab work using the University of Pittsburgh's labs and resources for their college credit.
- m. Thursday, March 26, 2020 – Grades 9-12 G.A.T.E. students to attend Allegheny General Hospital to observe open heart surgery and explore career paths.
- n. Thursday, April 23, 2020 – Elementary Art Club members and Grades 4-5 G.A.T.E. students to attend the Mattress Factory Museum to view artwork in a museum setting.
- o. Thursday, April 23, 2020 – Grade 11 College in High School Chemistry students to attend the University of Pittsburgh Chevron Science Center to complete lab work using the University of Pittsburgh's labs and resources for their college credit.

- p. Thursday, April 30, 2020 – Grade 11 College in High School Chemistry students to attend the University of Pittsburgh Chevron Science Center to complete lab work using the University of Pittsburgh's labs and resources for their college credit.
- q. Tuesday, May 19, 2020 – Grade 11 College in High School Chemistry students to attend the University of Pittsburgh Chevron Science Center to complete lab work using the University of Pittsburgh's labs and resources for their college credit.

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

Caryn Morrow was approved to serve as the Department Chairperson, Fine/Practical Arts at a supplementary salary of \$550 for the 2019-2020 school year due to the resignation of Elise Gorman by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mrs. Kronk, and unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve Caryn Morrow to serve as the Art Club Sponsor (Grades 6-12) at a supplemental base salary of \$500 for the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Kronk seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

The resignation of Kim Wright from the supplemental position of Elementary Planning Committee Member effective September 11, 2019 was accepted and approved by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mrs. Kronk and unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve the Family Medical Leave request of Employee #3003 in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, beginning Wednesday, August 28, 2019 and ending Monday, September 23, 2019. The employee has ninety-three and one-half (93.50) sick days while receiving FMLA. Mrs. Kronk seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve the Family Medical Leave request of Employee #4658 in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, beginning Tuesday, August 20, 2019 and ending Monday, August 26, 2019. Mrs. Kronk seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Jordan French was approved to serve as a Part-time Custodian in a four (4) hour position at a rate of \$12.50 per hour as per contract (clearances on file).

Mr. French has been working as a substitute. Mrs. Kronk seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Elizabeth Lane from TREND Services, Inc. was approved to serve as a part-time Security Guard effective Monday, September 23, 2019 at a rate of \$10 per hour (clearances on file), by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mrs. Kronk, and unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve the following adjustment in hours to the cafeteria staff, effective September 10, 2019:

Chrystal Siget from 6 hours to 6.5 hours
Karen Martin from 6 hours to 6.5 hours

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

The resignation of Linda Kovach from the position of part-time, three (3) hour General Assistant in the Nutritional Service Department effective Friday, September 13, 2019 was accepted by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mrs. Kronk and unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve Linda Kovach to serve as a full-time Secondary Paraprofessional effective Monday, September 16, 2019 at a rate of \$11.90 per hour as per contract. Mrs. Kronk seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Melissa Keith was approved to be added to the K-12 (Elementary) Volunteer list (clearances on file), by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mrs. Kronk, and unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve the following field trip:
Tuesday, October 29, 2019 – Grade 4 G.A.T.E. Enrichment students to attend New Brighton Elementary School to participate in “Science on the Road.”

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

Lynn Granati was approved to serve as the full-time District-wide Paraprofessional with a flexible schedule with the possibility of responsibilities in all three (3) buildings for the 2019-2020 school year, at a rate of \$11.90 per hour by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mrs. Kronk and unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve Michael Cuning to be added to the approved list of individuals who may drive District owned vans. This was seconded by Mrs. Kronk and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

The enrollment of the son (non-resident) of Mrs. Casey Woodley, Paraprofessional, in Grade 8 for the 2019-2020 school year was approved by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mrs. Kronk and unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve the attendance of the following individuals at the Middle School Literacy/Word Generation Series professional development at PaTTAN Harrisburg on Thursday, September 26, 2019. They will travel to Harrisburg on Wednesday evening and return after the session on Thursday evening. They are:

Marissa Mike
Jessica Smith
Heather Busse
Michael Damon

This was seconded by Mrs. Kronk and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business for this evening Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to adjourn this meeting at 7:14 p.m. This was seconded by Mr. Tame and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Gross
Board Secretary