

DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian R. Acon, Board President, at 7:02 p.m.

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. Randall E. Bacon
Mr. Lawrence E. Blackwell
Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk
Mr. Floyd B. Tame

Absent:

Mr. Patrick J. Cunningham
Mrs. Annette Hubbard
Mr. Brian May

NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Mr. Michael Damon
Miss Amanda Cwynar
Mr. Nick Long

Mrs. Kathleen Onuska
Mr. Louis Paul Campisi
Mr. Ryan Herstine

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

Dr. Bovalino shared a thank you text from Denise Drabeck regarding our Buildings and Grounds Crew who helped support her and her church in establishing cleaning and sanitizing their facility in preparation for an after school tutoring program in Aliquippa.

CITIZEN'S INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 7, 2020 Reorganization and Voting Sessions were submitted for the Board's perusal to be voted on at the January 25, 2021 Voting Session.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

COVID UPDATE:

Last week the Department of Education and Department of Health met with Pennsylvania Superintendents. We discussed the importance of face-to-face instruction, especially for elementary children. The Secretary of Health shared data regarding the spread of the virus amongst elementary age children.

After a thorough review of both our county and zip code data, along with an analysis of the positivity rate with regard to our students and staff, we have decided to re-open to face-to-face instruction on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. We will continue to operate on a hybrid model – those who choose to remain virtual will do so. Those who choose to return to the building will also have that opportunity. We will follow our strict protocols and quarantine those who are considered presumptive positive as we have done since August. Please refer to our COVID dashboard for regularly updated data on our district spread. Currently we do not have any known cases in our district. We have seven (7) people in our isolation protocol.

Athletics:

Both our men's and women's basketball teams competed in their first games of the season this past weekend. Congratulations were presented to both teams on winning their games. The girls are playing tonight here in our gymnasium. The boys' next game is tomorrow night – also here in our gym. As we discussed at the committee meeting, spectators are limited to two people per RHS athlete.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Shannon Steele was present in an executive meeting this evening prior to this meeting to discuss litigation. There was nothing further to be reported.

BOARD/ COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NOTE: Dr. Bovalino reviewed the discussion items.

FINANCE AND TRANSPORTATION:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- FT 1. Recommend approving the Act 1 – Accelerated Budget Opt-Out Resolution No. 012521-04. The Act 1 index for the 2021-2022 fiscal budget year is set at 3.0% and Rochester's adjusted index is set at 4.4%; therefore, by approving this resolution, real estate taxes may not be set above 77.52 mills without voter referendum.
- FT 2. Recommend approving the request of Cody Postlewait to exonerate the delinquent school real estate taxes on Parcel No. 47-002-0509.000, located at 313 Deer Lane, Rochester, PA 15074. The property has been in the Tax Repository since 2018. Delinquent taxes from 2018 through 2019 are \$2,247.64.

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- TP 1. Recommend approving the student interns from Geneva College and the cooperating teachers for the 2020-2021 school year, beginning Friday, January 29, 2021 for their Spring Semester:

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>
Melissa Law	Donna Keith	Grade 2
Marissa Lund	Rose Majors	Grade 1

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<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>
Abigail Manges	Kara Best	Grade 3
Kaylee McCall	Heather Kanzleiter	Grade 1
Kelsey McFarland	Denver Altieri	Grade 1
Aimee McGillis	Debbie Carr	Grade 1

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business for this evening Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to adjourn this meeting at 7:10 p.m. This was seconded by Mr. Tame and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Gross / LSK".

Carol Gross
Board Secretary