III A-1 August 24, 2020 7:00 P. M.

Rochester Area School District Board of Education Minutes

VOTING SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

This meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian Acon, Board President, at 7:26 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:

Absent:

Mrs. Marian R. Acon

Mr. Brian C. May

Mr. Randall E. Bacon

Mr. Lawrence E. Blackwell

Mr. Patrick J. Cunningham

Mrs. Annette R. Hubbard

Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard

Mrs. Christine S. Kronk

Mr. Floyd B. Tame

NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Jane Bovalino

Mrs. Kathleen Onuska

Mr. Michael Damon

Mr. Louis Paul Campisi

Ms. Amanda Cwynar

Mr. Ryan Herstine

Mr. Nick Long

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

There was no correspondence to be reported this evening.

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 July 20, 2020 Special Voting Meeting and the August 10, 2020 Discussion and Work Meeting were approved as submitted upon motion of Ms. Hubbard, second of Mr. Bacon, and unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The teachers returned on Friday and we in-serviced the staff on the new COVID-19 protocols and safety plans. We have professional development again on Tuesday, followed by a clerical day on Wednesday. The administrators are holding a virtual parent meeting on Tuesday evening. We are very excited to welcome our students back on Thursday.

We are pleased to announce that we received two (2) grants. The first, the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER), in the amount of \$5,000, is to be used for special education equitable services costs. The second, the RuralLow-Income Grant, which is \$25,968.96, can be used for a variety of activities including entrepreneurial education programs, supporting effective teacher instructing, bullying prevention, and technology, to name a few.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Garen Fedeles was present this evening and reported that an Executive Session was needed immediately following this meeting regarding litigation.

BOARD COMMITTEE ACTIONS

FINANCE AND TRANSPORTATION:

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the following financial reports:

FT 1.1 Treasurer's Report for the month of July

Payment of Bills

FT 2.1	General Fund	\$211,257.00
FT 2.2	Cafeteria Fund	\$ 31,863.91

Monthly Financial Reports

- FT 3.1 General Fund Revenue Report
- FT 3.2 General Fund Expenditure Report
- FT 3.3 Cafeteria Fund Revenue Report
- FT 3.4 Cafeteria Fund Expenditure Report

Informational Reports

- FT 4.1 Tax Collector Reports
- FT 4.2 Bills to be Approved

Mrs. Annette Hubbard seconded the above motion and it was approved upon a unanimous roll call vote.

ACTION ITEMS:

Mr. Tame motioned to approve items 1 through 5 as listed:

- FT 1. Approve the Agreement with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), PlayOn! Sports in the amount of \$2,500. PlayOn! will provide the District with access to two (2) units of hardware and software (Pixellot Systems) for use beginning August 1, 2020 (2020-2021) and ending with the 2024-2025 school year. PlayOn! Sports is a school media company that live streams sports events.
- FT 2. Approve Resolution No. 081020-02 for the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) Loan from WesBanco for \$1,000,000, at a rate of 2.1%, with a \$1,000 origination fee. The TAN Loan was approved by the Board on April 27, 2020. We are merely approving the resolution.
- FT 3. Approve the request of Shannon Lee to exonerate the delinquent school real estate taxes on Parcel No. 47-002-1124.000, located at 390 Coolidge Way, Rochester Borough. The property has been in the Tax Repository since 2016. Delinquent taxes are from 2013 through 2019 and total \$2,845.37.

- FT 4. Approve the Rochester Area School District's Bus Routes for the 2020-2021 school year (see attached). There were no changes from 2019-2020 school year.
- FT 5. Approve the list of bus drivers, van drivers and monitors from Frye Transportation for the 2020-2021 school year (see attached).

Mrs. Annette Hubbard seconded the above motion including FT 1 - FT 5 and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

ACTION ITEMS:

Mrs. Annette Hubbard motioned to approve items 1 through 2 as listed:

PP 1. Approve the following new policy:

Policy No.	Section	<u>Title</u>
816	Operations	Electronic Records/Signatures

PP 2. Approve the first reading of the following revised policies:

Policy No.	Section	<u>Title</u>
103	Programs	Discrimination/TITLE IX Sexual
		Harassment Affecting Students
		Discrimination/TITLE IX Sexual
		Harassment Affecting Staff

Mrs. Kronk seconded the above motion including PP 1 - PP 2 and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL:

ACTION ITEMS:

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve items 1 through 8 as listed:

- TP 1. Appoint Nick Long to serve as the Title IX Coordinator effective immediately.
- TP 2. Approve the request of Melanie Rhodes for a Child Bearing Leave as per contract, Article VIII, Leaves of Absence, Section 4, for the 2020-2021 school year.
- TP 3. Approve Denise Lyons to serve as the Student of Services Sponsor at a supplemental base salary of \$400 for the 2020-2021 school year.
- TP 4. Approve Sarah Brasko's request to transfer five and one-half (5.5) sick days from Southern Huntingdon County School District.
- TP 5. Approve the Family Medical Leave request of Employee No. 4671 beginning August 24, 2020 through September 21, 2020.
- TP 6. Approve the Family Medical Leave request of Employee No. 4581 beginning August 24, 2020 through September 21, 2020.
- TP 7. Approve the request of Geneva College for the following students to complete their Music Field Experience with Rochester Area School District beginning the Fall semester:

Olivia Alexander Jordan Kiesewetter Brittany Reitler

TP 8. Approve Karen Martin's request to have her daughter (non-resident) to continue her High School education for the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Martin is a Nutritional Service employee.

Mrs. Kronk seconded the above motion including TP 1 - TP 8 and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

ATHLETICS:

ACTION ITEMS:

Mr. Blackwell motioned to approve item 1 as listed:

1. Approve the COVID-19 pay for Athletic and Special Activities coaches as follows:

Should athletic seasons be disrupted due to COVID-19 during the 2020-2021 school year:

25% of the stipend will be paid if the official season is canceled prior to it starting.

50% of the stipend will be paid to all coaches if the official season starts but less than half of the season is completed prior to cancellation.

If a sports season is rescheduled to another period within the 2020-2021 school year, the coaches affected by the schedule change will receive 50% of their coaching stipend when the season would have originally ended. The remaining 50% will be paid at the completion of the newly rescheduled season.

100% of the stipend will be paid if the official season is canceled after more than half of the season has been completed.

Mr. Tame seconded this motion and it resulted in a 6-2 vote as follows: Yea: Mr. Bacon, Mrs. Annette Hubbard, Ms. Michelle Hubbard, Mrs. Kronk, Mr. Tame, Mrs. Acon. Nay: Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Cunningham.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Cunningham asked to hear from the Mighty Mites on their field usage. Although Mr. Blackwell had met with the Mayor and approval was granted for the Mighty Mites to use the community fields. Edward Johnson of the Mighty Mites Team was present and stated: "We don't want to be somewhere we are not wanted. We want to practice three (3) days a week. Baseball doesn't want us on

those fields." The Board discussed the importance of being consistent and discussed the groups associated with the students who had requested use.

ACTION ITEM: (ATHLETICS)

Mr. Cunningham motioned to approve practice on the field after high school play is over. No games would be played until after September 12, 2020. Mr. Bacon seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Blackwell motioned to permit the elementary basketball program use of the outside courts effective immediately. Mr. Cunningham seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business for this evening Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to adjourn this meeting at 7:51 p.m. This was seconded by Mrs. Annette Hubbard and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Gross
Board Secretary

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