

REGULAR VOTING SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Mrs. Marian Acon 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. Randall E. Bacon
Mr. Dale C. Daman
Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk – via phone
Mr. Floyd B. Tame

Absent:

Mr. Lawrence E. Blackwell
Mr. Patrick J. Cunningham
Mr. Brian C. May

NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

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

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

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

There were no correspondences to be reported this evening.

PRESENTATION:

Mrs. Carr and her students (who will be entering second grade) presented a demonstration of their challenge and results from the Statewide STEM Challenge through Discovery Education. They were Partners with Clarion County School. There were 10,000 students involved in all. Our students met their challenge.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

There were no citizens wishing to address the Board on Agenda Items this evening.

INFORMATION:

The Board recognizes that the following teachers will be granted tenure pursuant to the provisions of 24 PA 11-1108 and 24 PS 11-1121 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended:

Allison Benedum
Sarah Brasko
Kayla Cepull
Robertta Morgan
Valerie Perelman
Tara Spiker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Hubbard motioned to accept the following minutes:

- May 23, 2022 Voting Meeting and June 13, 2022 Discussion Meeting
- May 23, 2022 and June 13, 2022 Committee Meetings

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

There was nothing to be reported this evening.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND TRANSPORTATION:

Mr. Tame motioned to approve items 1-4:

1. **Treasurer's Report for the month of May**

2. **Payment of Bills**

General Fund	\$1,100,562.17
Cafeteria Fund	\$65,368.55

3. **Monthly Financial Reports**

General Fund – Revenue Report
General Fund – Expenditure Report
Cafeteria Fund – Revenue Report
Cafeteria Fund – Expenditure Report

4. Informational Reports
Tax Collector Reports

Mr. Bacon seconded the above motion and items #1-4 were unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve items #1-11 as listed below:

1. Adopt the Final General Fund Budget (PDE 2028) for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$19,511,497 and approve Resolution No. 062722-16 to levy /re-enact the supporting tax basis as follows (this represents no tax increase):
 - A. Real Estate Tax = 74.25 mills
 - B. Per Capita Tax = \$10
 - C. Occupation Tax = \$5
 - D. Earned Income Tax = 5 mills
 - E. Local Services Tax = \$5
 - F. Mercantile Tax (Retail)/Business Privilege = .75 mill
 - G. Mercantile Tax (Wholesale) = .5 mill
 - H. Realty Transfer Tax = 5 mills
2. Approve Resolution No. 062722-17 authorizing the Act 1 Homestead and Farmstead exclusion real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2022, under the provision of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act and Taxpayer Relief Act.
3. Approve the Articles of Agreement with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit (BVIU) to continue using Discovery Education at a cost of \$1.55 per student, for the 2022-2023 school year.
4. Approve the Articles of Agreement with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit (BVIU) to continue participating in the Technology Council Pool Consortium at a projected cost of \$384, for the 2022-2023 school year. The projected cost is based on the number of school districts participating.
5. Approve the Day Student Education Agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services, dba St. Stephens Lutheran Academy and St. Stephens Academy Utica, to provide Special Education Services for the 2022-2023 school year.
6. Approve the agreement with C-L Education Consultants, LLC to provide English as a Second Language (ESL) Training at a cost of \$1,500.
7. Approve Dr. Jane Bovalino and Mrs. Kathy Onuska to approve the bills deemed necessary for the month of July.
8. Approve the Educational Service Agreement with CLASS Academy to purchase one (1) seat for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$17,880.

9. Approve the exoneration of all taxes, penalties, and interest on Parcel No. 20-001-0346.001, located at 868 Spruce Avenue, East Rochester Borough, PA 15074, per request from Brooke Burtner and Katie Prest, for the years 2002 through 2020.
10. Approve the agreement with The Watson Institute to provide classroom planning, observation and direct consultation services, at a rate of \$290 per half-day session during the 2022-2023 school year.
11. Approve the proposal from Caputo Insurance Agency, Inc. to secure and provide the following insurance coverages for the fiscal year 2022-2023 at a total annual cost of \$62,640 as listed below:

Coverage		
Workers Compensation	UPMC	\$24,962
Property	Utica National	\$13,143
General Liability	Utica National	\$17,084
Auto	Utica National	\$ 2,141
Inland Marine	Utica National	\$ 924
Crime	Utica National	\$ 924
Umbrella	Utica National	\$ 3,462

Mr. Bacon seconded the motion including 1-11 as listed and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL:

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve items #1-17 as listed:

1. Approve Nick Long, Special Education Director, to attend the 2022 Special Education Leadership Academy, "Connecting Through Challenge. Change, and Opportunity," at Seven Springs on July 19-21, 2022, at a cost of \$150 registration fee, plus transportation and lodging.
2. Approve the involuntary transfer of Sarah Stewart from the position of 6yhj Grade English Language Arts to serve as the High School Life Skills Teacher, commencing the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Approve Maria Young to serve as the 6th Grade English Language Arts (ELA) Teacher beginning the 2022-2023 school year at a salary of \$58,701, MA+00, Step 4, due to the involuntary transfer of Sarah Stewart.
4. Approve Allison Seezox to serve as the Middle School Emotional Support Teacher beginning the 2022-2023 school year at a salary of \$48,853, BA+00, Step 1.

5. Approve the Addendum to the Rochester Area Education Association (RAEA) Collective Bargaining Agreement, which was approved on November 19, 2018 and is in effect through August 24, 2024. The addendum was created through the collaborative efforts of the Association and the Administration.
6. Approve the following field trips:
 - a. June 17, 2022 – Elementary School Summer Reading Program students to attend Neighborhood North in Beaver Falls.
 - b. June 24, 2022 – Elementary Summer School students to attend Dairy Queen to learn how a business runs.
7. Approve the following individuals to serve as Kinder Camp Staff. Kinder Camp is scheduled for Thursday, August 18, 2022:

Denver Altieri, Kindergarten Teacher
Lori Anthony, Kindergarten Teacher
Hailee Bachman, Kindergarten Teacher
Allison Seezox, Special Education Teacher
Tara Spiker, Special Education Teacher
Rose Majors, Reading Specialist
Sherrie Nichols, Reading Specialist
Jill Gilarno, Speech Teacher

8. Approve Jill Gilarno, Speech Teacher, to serve as the K-12 Special Education Department Head, at a supplemental salary of \$550, commencing the 2022-2023 school year.
9. Accept the resignation of Brandy Rossi-Tesnovich from the following supplemental positions effective June 3, 2022:

Prom Co-Coordinator
Jr. Class Co-Sponsor

10. Accept the resignation of the following teachers from the Elementary Planning Committee:

Heather Denes, effective May 27, 2022
Elise Gorman, effective May 26, 2022
Tara Spiker, effective May 26, 2022

11. Approve Kayla Cepull to serve on the Elementary Planning Committee, at a supplemental base salary of \$500, for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$4,200.
12. Approve Dr. Jonathan McKrell, from Heritage Valley Family Medicine Center, to serve as the District's School Physician for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$4,200.
13. Approve Dr. Lance G. Rose and Dr. Katherine Rose to serve as the District's School Dentist for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$2.00 per student.

14. Approve the following individual to be added to the K-12 volunteer list (clearances on file).

John Harper Brady, III (Summer Choral & Instrumental Academy)

Mikayla Bryant (Middle School/High School Cheerleading)

15. Approve the involuntary transfer of Theresa McKinnis from the position of high school one-on-one paraeducator to the position of middle school paraeducator.

16. Approve the following recommendations made by Marching Band Director, Mr. Kaleb Kibble:

- Jamie Hinkle, Assistant Band Director, at a stipend of \$1,032.50, as per contract, (Ms. Hinkle was previously the Percussion Instructor.)
- Daryl Deever, Color Guard Instructor, at a stipend of \$700, as per contract.

17. Approve Ms. Rachael Cipolla to be added to the approved list of those who may drive District owned vans.

Mr. Bacon seconded the above motion approving items 1-17 and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

CURRICULUM and TECHNOLOGY:

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve items #1-3:

1. Accept the following scholarships and awards:
 - a. Rottura Scholarship in honor of Janet Rottura, Vincent Rottura and Joseph Rottura, from Joyce and Bob Armen.
 - b. Ginny Howe Vekasy "Spirit of the Band" Award in honor of Ginny Howe Vekasy by the family of Ginny Howe Vekasy.
2. Approve the Chapter 339 Guidance Plan
3. Approve the Rochester Area High School Improvement Plan.

Mr. Tame seconded the above motion which includes items #1-3 and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

POLICIES and PROCEDURES:

Mr. Daman motioned to approve item #1 as listed:

1. Approve the Health and Safety Plan

Mr. Tame seconded the motion to approve Item #1 and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Mr. Bacon motioned to approve item #1 as listed:

1. Approve the request made by the Rochester Little Rams Mitey Mite Football Team to use the practice field beginning June 13, 2022 through October, 2022, Monday through Friday, time to be determined by Varsity Football, at no cost.

Ms. Hubbard seconded the motion approving item #1 and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

ATHLETICS:

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve items #1-2 as listed:

1. Accept the resignation of Lucas D'Alessandro from the position of 1st Assistant Track Coach, effective May 20, 2022.
2. Approve the Cooperative Sports Agreement with Freedom Area School District for a Boys Wrestling Team, in collaboration with Rochester and New Brighton Area School Districts' students. Each District will reimburse Freedom on a per athlete basis equal to the amount of \$250 per student.

Mr. Tame seconded the motion to approve items #1-2 and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

There was no one wishing to address the Board on non-agenda items this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business for this evening Ms. Hubbard motioned to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Mr. Tame seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Gross,
Board Secretary