

VOTING SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian Acon, Board President, at 7:00 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
Mr. Dale C. Daman
Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk
Mr. Floyd B. Tame

ABSENT

Mr. Patrick J. Cunningham
Mr. Brian C. May

NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

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

Mrs. Kathleen Onuska
Mr. Louis Campisi
Mr. Rodney Bobin
Mr. Ryan Herstine

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

There were no correspondences to be reported this evening.

PRESENTATIONS:

The Elks Essay Contest winners were presented by Ms. Laurie Frank who familiarized the Board with the contest:
The winners are as listed below:

5th/6th Grade Level

Hailey Babinec
George Klezia
Sophia Matsook

7th/8th Grade Level

Thomas Henry
Colin Leksell
*Gemma Sisco

*Gemma Sisco's essay moved on to State.

Mrs. Acon sent congratulations to those students listed above and urged them to continue the good work.

The Students of the Month were presented by Mr. Tony Ziegler. They are:

Sixth Grade – Bentley Williams
Seventh Grade – A'lora Coller – not present
Eighth Grade – Wyatt Antitomas

Mrs. Acon conveyed that they were proud of them and urged them to continue the good work.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

MINUTES:

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the January 24, 2022 Voting Meeting Minutes, the January 24, 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes, and the February 14, 2022 Discussion Meeting Minutes as submitted. Mr. Tame seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Congratulations are extended to Elks Essay Contest winners and our Students of the Month. In addition, two more students have qualified for Nationals. Joining fifth grader, Ehren Ketterer, are 8th graders Patrick Bable and Tia Yellock. Congratulations to these three students who will travel to Knoxville, Tennessee, to compete in April.

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 the following financial reports, the first four items alone first:

Treasurer’s Report for the month of January.

Payment of Bills

General Fund	\$643,136.97
Cafeteria Fund	\$ 47,760.36

Monthly Financial Reports

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

Informational Reports

- Tax Collector Reports
- Bills to be Approved

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

ACTION ITEMS:

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the items 1 – 6 as listed:

1. Approve the Act 1 – Accelerated Budget Opt-Out Resolution No. 022822-01. The Act 1 index for the 2022-2023 fiscal budget year is set at 3.4% and Rochester’s adjusted index is set at 4.9%. Therefore by approving this resolution, real estate taxes may not be set above 77.89 mills without a voter referendum.

2. Approve the exoneration of Donna S. Robson from collection of the unpaid 2021 RASD Real Estate Taxes for the Borough of Rochester in the amount of \$206,068.74 and penalty of \$20,885.62. The unpaid taxes will be turned over to Portnoff Law Associates, the District's delinquent real estate tax collector.
3. Approve the exoneration of Deborah L. Ahern from collection of the unpaid 2021 RASD Real Estate Taxes for the Borough of East Rochester in the amount of \$28,102.61 and penalty of \$2,810.26. The unpaid taxes will be turned over to Portnoff Law Associates, the District's delinquent real estate tax collector.
4. Approve the exoneration of Gary L. Johnson from collection of the unpaid 2021 RASD Real Estate Taxes for Rochester Township in the amount of \$146,359.76 and penalty of \$14,635.99. The unpaid taxes will be turned over to Portnoff Law Associates, the District's delinquent real estate tax collector.
5. Approve the exoneration of taxes, penalties and interest on Parcel No. 49-001-0402.000, a vacant lot located at 447 Jackson Street, Rochester Borough, per request of Penny Snyder. This property has been in the repository since 2015.
6. Approve the revised agreement with Kelly Education Exhibit A, which was updated to include services for our after school program.

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

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL:

ACTION ITEMS:

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve items 1 –12 as listed:

No. 1 was read aloud first and the rest were voted on without being read aloud.

1. Approve Ms. Rachael Salopek Cipolla as Elementary Principal, at an annual salary of \$85,000.00, effective March 15, 2022.
2. Approve the voluntary transfer of Marcie Sisco from the position of part-time General Assistant (6 hours) to the position of part-time Lead General Assistant (6.5 hours), effective Tuesday, February 1, 2022, left vacant as per the retirement of Mary Beth Dishler.
3. Approve the change in hours for the following General Assistants in the Nutrition Services Department, as per contract, effective February 1, 2022.
 - a. Mary Lou Fulton from 5.5 hours to 6 hours
 - b. Felipe Sanitago from 5.5 hours to 6 hours.
4. Approve the following DARE2XL Teachers, in partnership with TAME, Inc., for the DARE2XL Summer Program for students in grades 1-5. The program will be held Mondays through Fridays, June 13 through July 1, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Teachers will be paid at the contractual rate of \$25 per hour, plus an additional bonus for time served with the program. This program is supported through ARP ESSER Act 24 Learning Loss grant funding:

Denver Altieri
Sarah Brasko
Kayla Cepull

Rebecca Hansen
Allison Seezox
Maria Young

5. Approve the following DARE2XL Paraeducators, in partnership with TAME, Inc., for the DARE 2XL Summer Program for students in grades 1-5. The program will be held Mondays through Fridays, June 13 through July 1, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Teachers will be paid at their contractual hourly rate, plus an additional bonus for time served with the program. This program is supported through ARP ESSER Aft 24 Learning Loss grant funding.

Michael Cunning
James Onuska
Casey Woodley
6. Approve the enrollment of Mr. Isaac Dixon's two non-resident children, grades kindergarten and two, for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Dixon teaches in our elementary school.
7. Approve the enrollment of elementary teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gorman's three non-resident children, grades five, eight and eleven, for the 2022-2023 school year.
8. Approve the following field trip(s):
 - a. Highschool Youth Ambassador Program students to attend Beaver Falls High School on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, to participate in the Do No Harm Program with county high school students.
 - b. Grades 3-5 Life Skills students to travel to Ewing Park on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, for Community-based instruction.
 - c. Qualifying GATE students to compete in the National Academic Games Tournament, April 21 through April 26, in Knoxville, TN.
 - d. Fourth and Fifth grade Student Council to attend SpongeBob Musical at Lincoln Park Performing Arts School on Saturday, April 30, 2022. The tickets have been donated by the PTA.
 - e. Grades 3-5 Life Skills students to travel to Living Treasures Animal Park on Thursday, May 12, 2022, to learn about animals and their habitats.
 - f. Third grade to travel to the Carnegie Science Center on Thursday May 19, 2022. The cost of admission is being provided through a grant obtained by third grade teacher, Ms. Kara Best. The cost of transportation is being provided by the Rochester PTA.
 - g. Fifth grade to attend JA Biztown, part of Junior Achievement of Western PA, located in Bridgeville, on Thursday, May 19, 2022. The field trip supports the 339 Plan and is funded through Federal Programs.
 - h. Seventh and eighth grade students to Cedar Point on Friday, May 27, 2022. (The seventh and eighth grade students were previously approved to go to Washington, D.C. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the coordinators are unable to secure hotels and restaurants at this time; therefore, the trip must be postponed. Students have been for the DC event and will use proceeds for this trip. The trip will include the first 50 students who sign up.)
 - i. Fifth grade to YMCA Camp Kon-O-Kwee on Thursday, June 2, 2022 to explore the outdoors and learn about ecology in the field of study. The Rochester PTA will cover the cost of transportation.
9. Approve the following conference:
 - a. Mrs. Rose Majors, Federal Program Coordinator, and Ms. Amanda Cwynar, Assistant to the Superintendent, to attend the Pennsylvania Federal Programs Coordinator Annual Conference at Seven Springs, Sunday, April 3, through Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at a cost of \$420.00 per individual for registration, plus transportation and lodging.
10. Approve Holly Walsh as a part-time, 5-1/2 hours, General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department, at an hourly rate of \$13.25, as per contract, effective February 14, 2022 (clearances on file).
11. Approve Linnea Greco as a part-time, 5-1/2 hours, General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department, at an hourly rate of \$13.25, as per contract, effective February 14, 2022 (clearances on file).

12. Approve the retirement of Mr. Michael Arthur from the position of part-time maintenance, effective April 1, 2022. Mr. Arthur has been with the District for three and a half years.

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

CURRICULUM and TECHNOLOGY:

ACTION ITEMS:

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve items 1 – 3 as listed:

1. Approve the implementation of the Future Educators of America Club for middle school and high school students at a supplemental salary of \$400.
2. Approve the proposal made by Ms. Valerie Perelman to implement a Foundations of Education College in High School Course, in collaboration with the Community College of Beaver County. Implementation will be determined based on projected enrollment.
3. Approve the one year extension of the Articles of Agreement for BC RWAN with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit and consortium members for the purchase of one Gbps at \$1,233.63 per month, August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023.

Ms. Hubbard seconded this motion and it was approved unanimously upon a roll call vote.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

ACTION ITEMS:

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve item 1:

1. Approve the revisions to Policy 827, Operations, Conflict of Interest.

Ms. Hubbard seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

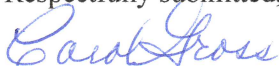
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Hubbard motioned to adjourn this meeting at 7:25 p.m. as there was no further business to be discussed at this time. Mrs. Kronk seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Gross,
Board Secretary