

VOTING SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian Acon, Board President, at 7:05 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. Brian C. May
Mr. Floyd B. Tame

Absent

Mr. Patrick J. Cunningham

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. Ryan Herstine

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

There were no correspondences this evening.

PRESENTATIONS:

RECOGNITION OF HEAD FOOTBALL COACH, GENE MATSOOK'S 200TH WIN – Please see the attached.

JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH were presented by Mr. Tony Ziegler and Miss Jessica Smith. They are:

For December, 2021	6 th Grade – Danica Castelucci
	7 th Grade – Sariah Menifield
	8 th Grade – Dezirae Alexander

For January, 2022	6 th Grade – Jackson Egley
	7 th Grade – Joey Conwell
	8 th Grade - Haley Westfall

Mrs. Acon congratulated the students and encouraged them to continue the great work.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

MINUTES:

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the following minutes submitted for the meetings listed below:

- December 6, 2021 Reorganization Meeting
- December 6, 2021 Voting Meeting
- January 10, 2022 Committee Meeting and
- January 10, 2022 Discussion Meeting

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Bovalino congratulated the following staff members who received grants from the Beaver County Education Trust for a total of \$3,800.

- Michael Benedum, \$500, Drip Irrigation for Courtyard Learning Garden
- Allison Benedum, \$500, Adapting iPads for Student essays
- Brandy Rossi, \$500, Hydroponics Garden
- Valerie Perelman, \$500, FrankenSTEAM
- Isaac Dixon, \$1,000, Rocky Garden Advancements
- Nicole Tomasko, \$300, Bringing Reading to LIFE!
- Tracy Hansen, \$500, Future Entrepreneurs

Dr. Bovalino also reported the following events:

WINTER CARNIVAL:

Mrs. Halbrock's middle school Life Skills class held a Winter Carnival for the elementary Life Skills classes.

JR. HIGH DISTRICT CHORUS:

Congratulations to Natalie Holibaugh and Gaige Wilkins who were selected to represent Rochester at Junior High District Chorus at Hopewell High School this past Friday.

SNOWBALL DANCE:

Our elementary school held their annual Snowball Dance – what a great opportunity for our students to get dressed up and enjoy a Friday evening out!

MLK RECONCILIATION AWARD:

Congratulations to Lawrence Blackwell who received the Reconciliation Award at the Christians United in Beaver County 35th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

Dr. Bovalino also reminded the school directors, administrators and solicitor to return your SFI by May 2, 2022.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the following financial reports 1 through 4 as listed:

1. Treasurer’s Report for the months of November and December.
2. Payment of Bills

General Fund	November	\$ 988,532.67
	December	\$ 434,961.26
Cafeteria Fund	November	\$ 35,915.37
	December	\$ 29,627.84
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
Bills to be Approved

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

ACTION ITEMS:

Mr. Tame motioned to approve items 5 and 6 as listed:

5. Approve the exoneration of all taxes, penalties and interest on Parcel No. 20-001-0222.00, located at Highland Avenue, East Rochester, PA 15074, per request of Michael T. Silosky. This property has been in the repository since 2014.
6. Approve the following list of bus and van drivers from Frye Transportation to be added for the 2021-2022 school year (clearances on file:

Laurie Hacko
Abby Kail
Sylvia Mann
Amanda Saulnier
Theodore Sell
Linda Yovich

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

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL:

ACTION ITEMS:

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve items 1 through 14 as listed:

1. Approve the request of Nick Long to attend the 2022 Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) Conference entitled *Making a Difference: Educational Practices that Work!* in Hershey, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, March 2, 2022 through Friday, March 4, 2022, at a cost of \$225 registration fee, plus transportation and lodging.
2. Approve the following field trips:
 - a. Thursday, January 27, 2022 – Selected Grade 12 Band students to attend New Castle Jr./Sr. High School to perform at a concert.
 - b. Friday, February 4, 2022 – Middle School Life Skills students to attend Sims Lanes as part of their community based instruction.
 - c. Thursday, February 17, 2022 – Grades 5-10 G.A.T.E. students to attend Geneva College to participate in the Academic Games Practice Tournament, Presidents.
 - d. Friday, February 18, 2022 – Middle School Student Council to visit UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex as part of the SWPBIS Program.
 - e. Thursday, February 24, 2022 – Grades 9-12 SWPBIS students to attend Cinemark Theater in Monaca, or Tull Theater as part of their Positive School Behavior Reward.
 - f. Wednesday, March 9, 2022 – 4-12 Grade G.A.T.E. students to attend the Math 24 Competition at Penn State Beaver.
 - g. Thursday, March 17, 2022 – Grade 11 students to attend the David L. Lawrence Convention Center for the National College Fair.
 - h. Thursday, March 17, 2022 – 4th Grade G.A.T.E. students to attend Dutch Ridge Elementary to participate in Academic Games – Equations. The alternative site is New Brighton Elementary.
 - i. Friday, March 25, 2022 – students in 10th – 12th Grade Anatomy to observe an open heart surgery at Allegheny General Hospital.
 - j. Thursday, March 31, 2022 – 1st Grade to attend the Westminster College Celebrity Kids Series to see a play. PTA will pay for transportation and Church Union will cover the admission fee.
 - k. Thursday, April 28, 2022 – Grades 9-12 Business Classes to attend Geneva College to participate in a business competition.
 - l. Friday, May 27, 2022 – 6th Grade students to attend JA BizTown, Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania. Students will have the opportunity to operate a bank, manage a restaurant, learn how to write checks and vote for a mayor in this real-life simulation.
3. Approve the request of Marissa Sterling, Middle School Teacher, for a Child Rearing Leave as per contract, Article VI, Leaves of Absence, Section C, for one (1) month. Mrs. Sterling intends to return February 1, 2022.

4. Approve the following substitute Inductee and Mentor:

Inductee	Mentor
Alyssa Miles	Debbie Carr (Elementary School)

5. Approve the following individuals to serve as teachers for the SPIRE/Sound Sensible Before and After School Program.

Erika Brunner
Alyssa Miles
Tara Spiker

6. Approve the following student intern from Edinboro University and cooperating individual for the Spring Semester, one (1) day a week for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Student Intern</u>	<u>Cooperating Individual</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>
Caitlin Robbins	Lori Bollen (Positive Steps)	Master's of Social Work

7. Approve the Family Medical Leave request of Employee #4275 beginning January 11, 2022 for approximately 6-8 weeks. The employee will be using 19 sick days and 9 vacation days.
8. Accept the retirement of Mary Beth Dishler from the position of part-time Lead General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department effective January 31, 2022. Mrs. Dishler has been with the District since February 1997 (22.35 years).
9. Accept the resignation of Debbie Bonomo from the position of part-time General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department effective December 22, 2021.
10. Approve the following substitute to be added to the TREND list for the 2021-2022 school year (clearances on file).

Charles Bennett – Custodian

11. Approve the request made by Paraeducator Elizabeth Lane for three unpaid days, January 4, 5, and 7, 2022, due to sickness.
12. Approve the addition of the position of Assistant to the Superintendent to the Act 93 Agreement.
13. Approve Amanda Cwynar as the Assistant to the Superintendent at a salary of \$98,305.00, effective January 25, 2022.
14. Approve the request made by Paraeducator Allison Seezox for one-half unpaid day for the afternoon of January 21, 2022, due to sickness.

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

CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY:

ACTION ITEMS:

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve item 1 as listed:

1. Approve the Course of Studies for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

ACTION ITEMS:

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve item 1 as listed:

1. Approve the District's Health & Safety Plan.

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

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

ACTION ITEMS:

Mr. Bacon motioned to approve item 1 as listed:

1. Approve the request made by Reach For The Stars Dance Studio to use the building to host a parent/company preview show, to be held on Thursday, February 3, 2022. Charges include the building rental fee of \$500.

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

ATHLETICS:

ACTION ITEM:

Mr. Blackwell motioned to approve item 1 as listed:

1. At the recommendation of Head Coach Brian J. Verrico, approve Brian K. Verrico as a Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach (clearances on file).

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Tony Ziegler wished to extend the recognition of Coach Gene Matsook at this time and congratulated him.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Hubbard motioned to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. as there was no further business for this evening. Mr. Tame seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Gross,
Board Secretary

ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Congratulations

WHEREAS, Coach Gene Matsook, a graduate of Shenango High School and Slippery Rock University, has served as Head Coach for the Rochester High School Football Team for twenty-two seasons, from 2000 to the present.

WHEREAS, Coach Matsook led the Fighting Rams to victory against Northgate on Friday, October 29, 2021, and thus marked his 200th victory as Head Coach of the Rochester Rams

WHEREAS, Coach Matsook has a distinguished career as Head Football Coach of the Fighting Rams and has represented Rochester Football with dignity. Coach Matsook has received many honors including the Associated Press Class A Coach of the Year; the Pennsylvania State Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year; the Big Seven Conference Coach of the Year, the MAC Coaches Association Coach of the Year; the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review Class A Coach of the Year; and has been inducted into both the Lawrence County Hall of Fame and the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame.

Now therefore, on this twenty-fourth day of January in the year two-thousand twenty-two, the Board of Education and Administration of the Rochester Area School District congratulates Gene Matsook upon his 200th victory and offers best wishes for continued success.