

**VOTING SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian Acon, Board President, 7:07 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. Lawrence E. Blackwell  
Mr. Patrick J. Cunningham  
Mrs. Annette R. Hubbard  
Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard  
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk  
Mr. Brian C. May  
Mr. Floyd B. Tame

Absent

Mr. Randall E. Bacon

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

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

Mrs. Kathleen Onuska  
Mr. Louis Campisi

**CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:**

Dr. Bovalino reported that Mrs. Annette Hubbard has received a Certificate of Appreciation from the PSBA for her eight (8) years of service on the Rochester Area School District Board of Education.

**CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

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

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the August 16, 2021 Voting Meeting and September 13, 2021 Discussion Meeting were approved upon motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mrs. Annette Hubbard, and unanimous roll call vote.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Dr. Bovalino reported the Middle School Open House and the High School Open House is this Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and the Elementary Open House is on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Both of the aforementioned are from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

As a reminder, Dr. Bovalino reported that Board and Community members have access to our regularly updated COVID-19 numbers by looking at the COVID Tracker on our Website. Currently we have six (6) positive cases throughout our school district – 2 Elementary, 3 Middle School, and 1 High School. In addition to those six (6) since the beginning of the school year we have had 20 additional cases, - 5 Elementary, 7 Middle School, 7 High School, and 1 district-wide.

Mrs. Acon commended the Maintenance Department, Staff and Administrators on keeping all involved as safe as possible, and continuing with exemplary face to face educational services.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Attorney Garen Fedeles was present this evening and stated that there had been an Executive Session to discuss litigation prior to this meeting this evening. He then discussed the new rules regarding having an item added to the agenda as an addendum. If it is a deminimis item – (lacking significance or importance, or so minor as to merit disregard) it may be added if there is a motion, second and unanimous vote. Therefore number 22 under Teachers and Personnel on the addendum to this agenda for this evening was approved this evening by motion of Ms. Michelle Hubbard, second of Mrs. Kronk and unanimous roll call vote.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS:**

Mr. Blackwell motioned to approve items 1-2 as listed below:

1. Approve the request made by Dance, INC to use the building to host a holiday production to be held on Friday, December 17, 2021 and Saturday, December 18, 2021. Charges include the building rental fee and cost of custodians and security, which equate to \$1,665 (estimated cost).
2. Approve the request made by Eugina Priest to use the building to host a Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration for the Annual Student Oratorical Semi-Final Program, to be held on Saturday, November 20, 2021. Charges include the Security fees of \$51.75.

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

#### **ATHLETICS:**

Mr. Blackwell motioned to approve items 1-4 as listed below:

1. Accept the resignation of Jennifer Milne from the supplemental position of Bocce Co-Coach effective September 1, 2021.
2. Approve Michael Cuning to serve as the Bocce Co-Coach for the Winter Scholastic Unified Bocce team at a supplemental base salary of \$500 for the 2021-2022 school year, due to the resignation of Jennifer Milne.
3. At the recommendation of Gene Matsook, approve Matthew Bedekovich to serve as a volunteer coach for the varsity football program (clearances on file).
4. Approve the addition of a Cross Country Team for the 2022-2023 season and the posting of a head coach position.

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

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**

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

1. Approve the following revisions to Policy 200 – Enrollment in District:
  - a. Remove the seven (7) attachments
  - b. Implements Gratuitous Keep (Attachment 1)
  - c. Implement Certificate of Multiple Occupancy (Attachment 2)
2. Approve the following revised Policies:

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Title</u>
006	Local Board Procedures	Meetings
903	Community	Public Participation in Board Meetings

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

**FINANCE AND TRANSPORTATION:**

Mr. Tame motioned to approve items 1-9:

1. Treasurer's Reports for the month of August.
2. Payment of Bills

General Fund	Aug. \$1,096,830.96
Cafeteria Fund	Aug. \$21,323.79
3. Monthly Financial Reports

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

Information Reports

Tax Collector Reports
Bills to be Approved
4. Approve the Class Academy Educational Service agreement for one (1) student to attend the Private Academic School for Grades 4-12 for the 2021-2022 school year at a rate of \$16,780 per student.
5. Approve the agreement with TAME, Inc. to provide the DARE2XL After School Program for up to thirty (30) students in Rochester Elementary for the 2021-2022 school year at a cost of \$24,200. As per this agreement, the District will pay the teachers through payroll at an hourly compensation not to exceed \$28 per hour per teacher.
6. Approve the exoneration of all taxes, penalties and interest on Parcel No. 49-002-0500.000, located at 235 Brighton Avenue, Rochester Borough, PA 15074, per request from Rochester Borough, for the years 2012 through 2021.
7. Approve the exoneration of all taxes, penalties and interest on Parcel No. 49-002-1040.000, located at 425 Railroad Street, Rochester Borough, PA 15074, per request from Rochester Borough, for the year 2021.

8. Approve the exoneration of all taxes, penalties and interest on Parcel No. 49-001-1523.000, located at 454 Riverview Street, Rochester Borough, PA 15074, per request from James Law, for the years 2015 through 2021.
9. Approve the agreement with the Reschini Group to complete and process the 2021 Affordable Care Act Employer Report at a rate of \$6.25 per Form 1095, with a minimal cost of \$500.

Mrs. Annette Hubbard seconded the motion to approve items 1–9 as listed above and this motion was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

### **TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL:**

Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to approve items 1-22 as listed below:

1. Approve a four (4) year extension of the contract for Dr. Jane W. Bovalino, Superintendent of Schools, beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026.
2. Approve the following field trips:
  - a. Saturday, September 25, 2021 – Middle School/High School Marching Band students to attend Geneva College for the Band Festival.
  - b. Thursday, September 30, 2021 – Select High School Chorus students (Grades 9-12) to attend Westminster College to audition for the Honors Choir.
  - c. Friday, October 1, 2021 – Middle School Student Council students to attend Freddie's Haunts for an after school event.
  - d. Friday, October 1, 2021 – Elementary and Middle School Life Skills students to attend the Rochester Township Police Department/History Museum to learn about Police, Fire Safety, and community history.
  - e. Tuesday, October 5, 2021 – Spanish class students to attend California University of Pennsylvania for their Cultural Diversity Fair.
  - f. Thursday, October 14, 2021 – Elementary and Middle School Life Skills students to visit Hozak's Pumpkin Farm to learn the agriculture and science of living and nonliving things.
  - g. Tuesday, October 19, 2021 – Grade 11 English students to attend The Great Lakes Theater in Cleveland, Ohio to see a Shakespearian play.
  - h. Tuesday, November 16, 2021 – Grades 9-10 students to attend the Beaver County Career and Technology Center for Career Exploration.
  - i. Friday, February 25, 2022 – High School Holocaust students to attend the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. to view Holocaust artifacts and hear stories related to the Holocaust.
3. Approve the voluntary transfer of Kayla Cepull from the position of full-time Elementary Learning Support Teacher to serve as a full-time Kindergarten Teacher, due to increased enrollment in Kindergarten.
4. Approve the following individuals to serve as teacher for the DARE2XL After School Program as per agreement with TAME, Inc., the district will pay the teachers through payroll at an hourly compensation not to exceed \$28 per hour per teacher.

Sarah Brasko  
Debbie Carr  
Gennifer Gaskins

Rebecca Hansen  
Allison Seezox



5. Accept the resignation of Jennifer Milne from the supplemental position of Teen Leadership/Youth Ambassador Program Sponsor effective September 1, 2021.
6. Approve Glory Shychuck to serve as the Teen Leadership/Youth Ambassador Program Sponsor at a supplemental base salary of \$700 for the 2021-2022 school year.
7. Approve the following Inductee and their Mentor:

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Inductee</u>
Jill Gilarno	Erika Brunner

8. Approve the following student intern from the University of Pittsburgh and the cooperating teacher for the Fall 2021 term (September 21, 2021 to December 17, 2021).

<u>Student Intern</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Subject Teacher</u>
Lisa Rittenhouse	Jill Gilarno	Speech Language Pathology

9. Approve Melanie Jarrett to serve as a full-time Elementary (one-on-one) Paraprofessional at a rate of \$11.90/hour, effective August 23, 2021 (clearances on file). Ms. Jarrett was hired as a General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department on August 16, 2021, effective August 13, 2021. This will terminate her position as a General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department.
10. Approve Allison Seezox to serve as a full-time Elementary Emotional Support (K-5) Paraprofessional at a rate of \$11.90/hour, effective August 25, 2021 (clearances on file).
11. Approve Cheryl Johnson, formerly the Head Cook in the Nutrition Services Department, to serve as a full-time District-wide Paraprofessional with a flexible schedule with the responsibilities in all three buildings (Elementary, Middle School, and High School), effective September 2, 2021.
12. Approve the addition of secretarial substitutes, at a rate of \$11.25 per hour, to the Kelly Services contract.
13. Approve Sandy DeLarre-Zivko to serve as the Head Cook in the Nutrition Services Department, effective September 3, 2021. This is a seven (7) hours per day position that includes single healthcare coverage.
14. Approve Michele Lane to serve as a part-time General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department at a rate of \$13.25/hour, 5.5 hours per day, effective Tuesday, September 7, 2021, as per contract.
15. Approve the following change in hours of staff in the Nutrition Services Department, effective September 3, 2021, due to the transition of Cheryl Johnson.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Previous Hours</u>	<u>New Hours</u>
Debbie Bonomo	5.5 hours	6 hours
Joanne Krechowski	5.5 hours	4 hours

16. Approve Chrystal Siget to be added to the cafeteria substitute list (clearances on file).
17. Approve the voluntary transfer of Renee Coleman from the position of full-time Custodian/Floater to full-time Custodian/Stock Room Attendant, as per contract, effective October 4, 2021, due to the retirement of Renae Crider.

18. Approve the voluntary transfer of Lashawnda Smitherman from part-time Custodian to full-time Custodian/Floater, effective October 4, 2021, as per contract, due to the voluntary transfer of Renee Coleman.
19. Approve Anne Bankowski to be added to the Substitute List as a custodian at a rate of \$8.25 per hour, effective Monday, September 13, 2021 (clearances on file).
20. Approve Anne Bankowski to serve as a part-time custodian, thirty-four and one-half (34.5) hours per week, effective October 4, 2021, as per contract, due to the voluntary transfer of Lashawnda Smitherman (clearances on file).
21. Approve the following individuals to be added to the approved list of who may drive District owned vans:

Amanda Bable  
Mathew Yunt

22. Approve the request made by Cheryl Johnson, paraprofessional, to take one (1) unpaid day on Monday, October 11, 2021.

Mrs. Kronk seconded the above motion to approve items 1-22 as motioned and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

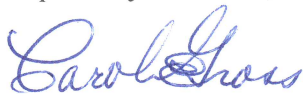
**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

There were no citizens present who wished to approach the Board regarding non-agenda issues.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business Ms. Michelle Hubbard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. This was seconded by Mr. Tame and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Gross,  
Board Secretary