

VOTING SESSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian Acon, Board President, at 7:01 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. Marian Acon.

ROLL CALL

Present

Mrs. Marian R. Acon
Mr. Randall Bacon
Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins
Mrs. Christine Kronk
Mr. Thomas W. Majors
Mr. Floyd Tame

Absent

Ms. Michelle Hubbard
Mr. Dale Daman

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Ms. Rachael Cipolla
Mr. Lou Campisi
Mr. Michael Daman
Mr. Ryan Herstine
Mr. Nathan Leeman
Mrs. Kathy Onuska

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There was no correspondence to come before the Board.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

MINUTES

Mr. Bacon motioned to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2023 Voting Meeting and the June 12, 2023 Discussion and Committee meetings, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi. There were no Committee Meeting for May 22, 2023, therefore, no minutes were reported. Mr. Tame seconded the motion and unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There was no Superintendent's Report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Garen Fedeles was present at this meeting. Attorney Fedeles reported the Board had an Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the following items:

1. Treasurer's Report for the month of May.
2. Payment of Bills
 - a. General Fund: \$771,565.19
 - b. Cafeteria Fund: \$53,817.19
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 motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve adopting the Final General Fund Budget (PDE 2028) for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$19,850,000 approve Resolution No. 06262023-10 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

Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve Resolution No. 06262023-9 authorizing the Act 1 Homestead and Farmstead exclusion real estate reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2023, under the provision of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act and Taxpayer Relief Act. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the proposal from Caputo Insurance Agency, Inc. to secure and provide the following insurance coverage for the fiscal year 2023-2024 at a total annual cost of \$72,940:

Coverage

Workers compensation	UPMC	\$27,237
Property & General Liability		\$38,966
Auto		\$2,700
Umbrella		\$4,037

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

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the Lease Agreement with Private Industry Council (PIC), operating as Early Head Start of Beaver County, effective September 1, 2023 and ending on August 31, 2024, to utilize one (1) classroom at a rate of \$12,000 for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Private Industry Council (PIC), operating as Head Start of Beaver County, effective August 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024, to utilize one (1) classroom at a rate of \$9,000 for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Krystle Campbell to serve as the Assistant Business Manager at a starting salary of \$55,000, effective July 10, 2023. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the Family Medical Leave request of Employee No. 4611 in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, beginning August 24, 2023 through October 4, 2023. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the request made by Sarah Stewart, High School Teacher, for a Child Rearing Leave as per contract, Article VI, Leaves of Absence, Section C, for the 2023-24 school year. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the request made by Debra Robles, Elementary School Faculty, to take the following unpaid sick day of May 25, 2023. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Valerie Perelman, Middle School/High School teacher and Kristin Wagner, Elementary School Paraprofessional and ESL certified teacher, to serve as the Summer English as a Second Language (ESL) tutors. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Trina Greco to serve as a Middle School In-Person Summer School Staff for the 2022-23 school year. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the following field trip(s):

1. June 16, 2023 - Grades K-5 DARE2XL Summer School Program students to attend the Rochester Township Fire Department to learn about fire safety as well as to how to be safe in the community.
2. June 23, 2023 - Grades K-5 DARE2XL Summer School Program students to attend the Rochester Public Library to participate in a tour and story hour.
3. June 30, 2023 - Grades K-5 DARE2XL Summer School Program students to attend the Rochester Dairy Queen to learn about a business and to have a treat.

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

Mrs. Kronk motioned to accept the resignation of Caryn Morrow, Middle School/High School Faculty, from the supplemental position of Departmental Honors/Senior Project Co-Coordinator effective June 2, 2023. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Diane Haffey to serve as the Departmental Honors/Senior Project Co-Coordinator at a supplemental base salary of \$500 effective the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Lou Campisi's request to enroll his non-resident relative, grade 4, for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

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Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gorman's request to enroll their three (3) non-resident children, grades 6, 9, and 12, for the 2023-24 school year. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Ms. Dawna Perlick's request to enroll her non-resident child, grade 11, for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the resignation of Becky Antitomas from the position of full-time Middle School/High School Secretary effective June 2, 2023. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the voluntary transfer of Casey Woodley from the position of full-time Technology Secretary to the position of full-time Middle School/High School Secretary effective June 5, 2023, due to the resignation of Becky Antitomas. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the request of Shannon Stewart, Paraprofessional, to take the following unpaid sick days:

Thursday, May 25, 2023 (1/2 day)

Friday, May 26, 2023 (1/2 day)

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Friday, June 2, 2023

Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Elyse Ross to serve as the full-time Middle School Emotional Support Paraprofessional effective the 2023-2024 school year, as per contract, due to the voluntary transfer of Shannon Stewart (clearances on file). Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Michelle Pizella to serve as full-time District-Wide Paraprofessional, flexible schedule, responsibilities in all three (3) buildings effective the 2023-2024 school year, as per contract, due to the voluntary transfer of Cheryl Johnson (pending clearances). Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Rochester Education Support Professionals Association (RESPA) to grant temporary leave of absence for elementary paraeducator, James Onuska, for the first semester of the 2023-24 school year to serve as a Social Studies intern in the middle school, pending Mr. Onuska meets the responsibilities and requirements

outlined by Robert Morris University. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Daryll Deeever to serve as the full-time Technology Secretary at a rate of \$12.60 per hour, effective July 10, 2023 (clearances on file). Mr. Bacon seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a roll call vote of 6-0 with Mrs. Acon, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Kronk, Mr. Majors and Mr. Tame voting Yea; Mrs. Haskins abstaining; Ms. Hubbard and Mr. Daman were absent.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the resignation of Scott Sullivan from the position of Chief of Security/School Police Officer, effective June 30, 2023. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Dr. Jonathan McKrell from Heritage Valley Family Medicine, to continue to serve as the District's School Physician for the 2023-24 school year, at a rate of \$4,200. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Sarah Adams to serve as a substitute custodian at a rate of \$8.25 per hour. Ms. Adams is currently a General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the resignation of Shannon Stewart, Paraprofessional, from the position of full-time Elementary Life Skills (Grades 3-5), effective June 27, 2023. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the Middle School/High School Student-Parent Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Majors seconded and it was approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the Elementary School Student-Parent Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Majors seconded and it was approved upon roll call vote.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the following policies:

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Title</u>
204 (revised)	Pupils	Attendance

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217 (revised)	Pupils	Graduation Requirements
217 Attach I (new)	Pupils	Graduation Requirements
221 (revised)	Pupils	Dress and Grooming
233 (revised)	Pupils	Suspension and Expulsion
237 Attach I (new)	Pupils	Electronic Devices Infraction (Middle/High School)

Mr. Majors seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the following policy to align with Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) numbering system:

Current Policy 816 Electronic Records/Signatures, **Change to** Policy 800.1 Electronic Records/Signatures. Mr. Majors seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Mr. Bacon motioned to approve the request made by Rochester Youth Cheer to use the building to host their Fundamental Clinic for this years' 2023 youth cheer squads on Friday, June 9, 2023, and June 19 through June 23, 2023. There is no charge. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Bacon motioned to approve the request made by Rochester Little Rams to use the building to host a Youth Football Camp on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 and June 29, 2023. There is no charge. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motioned, and it was approved upon roll call vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for this evening, Mr. Tame motioned to adjourn this meeting at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Majors seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharmane Campisi/LAK

Sharmane Campisi,
Board Secretary

ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, June 22, 2023

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

P	Mrs. Marian Acon
P	Mr. Randall Bacon
P	Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
AB	Mr. Dale Daman
P	Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins
AB	Miss Michelle Hubbard
P	Mrs. Christine Kronk
P	Mr. Tom Majors
P	Mr. Floyd Tame

ADMINISTRATION AND PRESENTERS

P	Dr. Jane Bovalino
P	Mr. Kathleen Onuska

MINUTES

Executive Session

There was an Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a Personnel issue.

Committee Meetings

Personnel

Immediately following the Executive Session, Dr. Bovalino outlined the process and dates for the two open positions - SPO and ESL. Board interviews are scheduled for Monday, July 31 at 5:00 p.m. and the individuals will be hired on Monday, August 7, 2023. We will have a regular Discussion Meeting after the short voting meeting.

Buildings & Grounds

Dr. Bovalino showed the Board the proposed graphics for the main entrance, Reno Street doors, Auditorium entrance, Gymnasium entrance, Eagle doors, elementary office windows and Director of Student Services window. We are working with Novum Graphics and anticipate the project completion mid-August.