

DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian Acon, Board President, at 7:17 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. Dale Daman
Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins
Ms. Michelle Hubbard
Mr. Thomas W. Majors

Absent

Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
Mrs. Christine Kronk
Mr. Floyd Tame

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Dr. Amanda Cwynar
Mr. Michael Daman
Ms. Rachael Cipolla
Mr. Nathan Leeman
Mr. Lou Campisi
Mr. Ryan Herstine
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

Mrs. Marian Acon stated that the May 22, 2023 Voting Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi, will be approved at the voting meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

RHS STUDENTS FEATURED ON NPR

Allison Benedum's students, Aric Alberts, Reese Riordan and Pepper Seamans, were featured on NPR recently. The students discussed the impact of pollution, specifically the Norfolk Southern train derailment and the Shell plant, on our community.

[Click](#) to list to the story.

FOUNTAIN DEDICATION

Under the direction of Ms. Valerie Perelman, our Future Educators of America spearheaded the fundraising and memorial contributions for the beautiful fountain that has been installed in the courtyard. Ms. rika Brunner and our Life Skills students dedicated the fountain in a short ceremony. The fountain is dedicated to the memory of Rochester educator and Coach Ms. Jen Milne and Rochester Coach Joe Maverro.

CLASS OF 2023

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2023! We wish you success in your future endeavors!

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER

Many thanks to our PTO and Card My Yard for coordinating the cool signs that were outside our building for commencement and the last day of school. Parents and students enjoyed taking pictures in front of the signs.

SUMMER LUNCH

- FREE summer lunch
- 11:30am-12:30pm
- Summer lunch will be served on the high school lunch line.
- Use door 16 (bus entrance)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, June 12 - Summer School began
- Tuesday, June 13 – Kennywood Picnic Day
- Thursday, June 22 – Federal Programs Stakeholders Meeting, 9:30 a.m., iCafe

- Monday, June 26 – Board Committees & Voting Meeting
- No Meetings in July
- Monday, August 8 – Discussion Meeting

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Garen Fedeles was present this evening and stated there was nothing to report at this time.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Bacon recommended approving Discussion Items 1-5 as follows:

1. Recommend 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
2. Recommend approving 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.
3. Recommend approving 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:

<u>Coverage</u>		
Workers compensation	UPMC	\$27,237
Property & General Liability		\$38,966
Auto		\$2,700
Umbrella		\$4,037
4. Recommend approving 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.

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5. Recommend approving 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.

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL

Ms. Hubbard recommended to approve Items 1-16 as follows:

1. Recommend approving 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.
2. Recommend approving the request made by Debra Robles, Elementary School Faculty, to take the following unpaid sick day:

May 25, 2023

3. Recommend approving _____ to the Summer position of English as a Second Language (ESL) Tutoring (ESL certification is required).
4. Recommend approving the following teacher to serve as the Middle School In-Person Summer School Staff for the 2022-2023 school year:
Trina Greco – Math Certified Teacher
5. Recommend approving 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.
6. Recommend accepting 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.
7. Recommend approving 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.

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8. Recommend approving Lou Campisi's request to enroll his non-resident relative, grade 4, for the 2023-2024 school year.
9. Recommend approving 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.
10. Recommend approving Ms. Dawna Perlick's request to enroll her non-resident child, grade 11, for the 2023-2024 school year.
11. Recommend accepting the resignation of Becky Antitomas from the position of full-time Middle School/High School Secretary effective June 2, 2023.
12. Recommend approving 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.
13. Recommend approving 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
14. Recommend approving 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).
15. Recommend approving 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).
16. Recommend approving 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for this evening, Ms. Hubbard motioned to adjourn this meeting at 7:31 p.m. Mr. Majors seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharmane Campisi,
Board Secretary

ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, June 12, 2023

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

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

ADMINISTRATION AND PRESENTERS

P	Dr. Jane Bovalino
	Mr. Rodney Bobin
P	Mr. Lou Campisi
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	Mr. Ryan Herstine
P	Mr. Nathan Leeman
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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, 6:00 p.m.

School Safety - Chief Sullivan presented an overview of the school safety plan and updated the board on the impact of the SPO position on the district to date. The board discussed possible revisions to the overall safety plan of the district.

Policy - Mr. Damon provided an overview of the following policies that have been reviewed and updated by the district's policy committee:

- Policy 204 - Attendance, revision
- Policy 217 - Graduation, revision
- Policy 217 - Graduation Attachment, new
- Policy 221 - Dress and Grooming, revision
- Policy 237 - Electronic Devices, Attachment A and B, new

Personnel

Dr. Bovalino informed the Board that Chief Sullivan is resigning to return to New Brighton. We will post the SPO position immediately. In addition, this Board reviewed the ESL proposal and spending analysis for the upcoming school year and authorized the administration to post for an ESL teacher for the 23-24 school year.

Dr. Bovalino reviewed the proposal of implementing student interns, specifically paraeducators within our school district, and entering into an agreement to provide a leave of absence from their para position so as to perform the internship responsibilities. Currently, James Onuska is interested in this program.

Finally, the Board reviewed the proposal to modify substitute pay as follows:

- Cafeteria - \$10.25/hr
- Custodian - \$10.25/hr
- Maintenance - \$10.25/hr

Paraeducator (certified and non-certified) - \$10.25/hr

Secretary - \$10.25/hr

Security - \$10.25/hr

Teacher, day-to-day, building sub - \$175/day

Teacher, long-term sub (more than 45 days in the same placement) - \$200/day