

May 22, 2023

VOTING MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian Acon, Board President, at 7:04 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 Acon
Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
Mr. Dale Daman
Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk
Mr. Thomas W. Majors
Mr. Floyd Tame

Absent

Mr. Randall Bacon
Ms. Michelle Hubbard

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Mr. Lou Campisi
Ms. Rachael Cipolla
Dr. Amanda Cwynar

Mr. Michael Damon
Mr. Ryan Herstine
Mr. Nathan Leeman
Mrs. Kathy Onuska

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Dr. Bovalino shared a Thank You note from Mrs. Leslie King for the Staff Appreciation Gift and an email from Patricia Ferricks, Community Connections Food Bank, expressing her gratitude for our high school students who helped at Beaver County Bounces Back. Ms. Ferricks commended the students on how well they represented Rochester High School!

PRESENTATION

Mr. Tony Ziegler and Mrs. Jessica Dorian acknowledged and congratulated the following students of the month for May in the Middle School:

6th Grade – Lexa Lunt
7th Grade – Gavin Lapping

8th Grade – Madi Henry

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mr. Blackwell motioned to move to Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. to discuss Personnel matters. Mr. Majors seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Daman motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 7:39 p.m. Mr. Majors seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

MINUTES

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the April 24, 2023, Voting Meeting minutes and the May 8, 2023, Discussion Meeting minutes, both of which were respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi, Board Secretary. Mr. Tame also motioned to approve the April 24, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes and the May 8, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas Majors and unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Bovalino reported on the following items:

COMPASSION FOR OTHERS AWARD

Congratulations to Joanne Krechowski who was awarded the “Compassion for Others” Award by The Nutrition Group. Joanne received the award because of her care for our students – the love and respect is mutual as the students love seeing her at the elementary lunch line every day!

ACTIVITIES

Middle School and High School students participated in a variety of events this week including “Teacher Dress Like Students & Students Dress Like Teacher.” We had a variety of twins and looks alike walking around the building on Friday.

TRACK & FIELD

Congratulations to Bella Matsook (Disc) and Kaitlyn Richko (400m) on qualifying for the WPIAL Track and Field Meet at Slippery Rock University.

Special congratulations to Kaitlyn Richko who achieved a personal best at the WPIALS. She placed 8th for the 400-meter run with a time of 1:02:07.

BEAVER COUNTY BOUNCES BACK

High School Youth Ambassador students volunteered their time this past Saturday at the Beaver County Bounces Back event. BCRC Program Specialist Susan Smith sent these pictures to me Sunday morning along with a message thanking our students for coming out and volunteering their time. Student

volunteers included Alexa Mahovlic, Hannah Pittman, Kaycie Hall, Natalie Gallagher, and Reese Roirdan.

ROCHESTER SCHOOL POLICE

Chief Sullivan, Lou and I picked up the police car earlier this month. The new stenciling looks great!

KENNYWOOD PICNIC

The Rochester Community Picnic Day at Kennywood is Tuesday, June 13. Ride all day tickets are \$35.99 and are good through June 13. You may also purchase a ride all day ticket that is good through June 30 for \$37.99. We will be selling tickets in school on Wednesday and Thursday, May 24 and 25. You may also purchase your tickets online at www.kennywood.com/schools

BEAVER COUNTY EDUCATIONAL TRUST

We proudly represented Rochester at the BCET banquet and recognized BCET Teacher of the Year, Mr. Isaac Dixon and Hall of Fame Inductees Dr. Dan Matsook and Mrs. Jean Macaluso.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, May 22 – Men’s Varsity Baseball v Eden Christian
- CALENDAR CHANGE:
 - Wednesday, May 24 - Cultural Diversity
- Thursday, May 25 – Kindergarten End of Year Program
- Friday, May 26
 - Act 80 Day (ELEMENTARY ONLY)
 - BCCTC Graduation, 12:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day, No School

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

- Wednesday, May 31
 - High School Awards Assembly
 - Graduation Practice
 - Senior Walk
 - Senior Brunch
 - Baccalaureate, 6:00 p.m. – Second Baptist Church
- Thursday, June 1
 - 50-year Reception, 6:15 p.m. – Board Room
 - Commencement, 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 2
 - Last Day of School

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Attorney Garen Fedeles was present this evening. 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:

Treasurer's Report for the month of April.

Payment of Bills

General Fund \$1,926,408.04

Cafeteria Fund \$72,233.57

Monthly Financial Reports

General Fund – Revenue Report

General Fund – Expenditure Report

Cafeteria Fund – Revenue Report

Cafeteria Fund – Expenditure Reports

Informational Reports

Tax Collector Reports

Bills to be Approved

Mrs. Haskins seconded the motion and the items were unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve adoption of the 2023-2024 proposed final budget in the amount of \$19,850,000, with no tax increase. Mrs. Haskins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve Resolution No. 05222023-8, authorizing the advertising and public display of the 2023-2024 proposed final General Fund budget. Mrs. Haskins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

As nominated during the Discussion Meeting by Mrs. Marian Acon, seconded by Mrs. Cristine Kronk and approved unanimously, approve Floyd Tame to serve as Rochester Area School District Treasurer for the 2023-2024 school year, beginning July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2024. Mrs. Haskins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve WesBanco as the Depository for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Haskins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the proposal from Blackwood Financial Planning, Inc. to provide All Sports (including catastrophic program) and Voluntary Student Accident Insurance through the United States Fire Insurance Company for the fiscal year 2023-2024, at a total annual cost of \$3,750. Mrs. Haskins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the request made by Katie Preist and Brook Burtner to exonerate all taxes, penalties and interest for 2016-2022 on the vacant land located at Spruce Avenue, East Rochester,

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Parcel No. 20-001-0344.000. This property has been in the repository since 2016. Delinquent taxes are \$56.10. Mrs. Haskins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the request made by Korrtrezz Martin to exonerate all taxes, penalties and interest on Parcel No. 47-002-1411.000, at 379 Ohio Avenue, Rochester, PA 15074. This property went into the repository December 19, 2022. Total delinquent taxes are \$13,183.80. Mrs. Haskins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the contract with Medic Rescue to provide ambulance services for the 2023-2024 school year, at a total cost of \$3,500. Mrs. Haskins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve purchasing one (1) seat at a rate of \$156.73 per day per student at Adelphoi Education Services, an Emotional Support program for students in grades 1-12, for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Haskins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the Education Agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services, dba St. Stephens Lutheran Academy and St. Stephens Academy Utica, to provide Special Education Services for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Haskins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Teachers and Personnel

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the termination of Byrdell Thomas from the position of Security Guard, effective immediately. Mr. Majors seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a roll call vote of 4 – 3 with Mrs. Acon, Mr. Daman, Mrs. Kronk, and Mr. Majors voting Yea; Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Haskins, and Mr. Tame voting Nay, and Mr. Bacon and Ms. Hubbard absent.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Mr. Nathan Leeman, Director of Student Services, to attend the 2023-2024 Pennsylvania Fellowship Program for Special Education Leadership Conference which includes the following overnight conferences: October 3 - 4, 2023, Harrisburg, February 27 - March 1, 2024, Hershey, July 8 - 11, 2024 Gettysburg. The cost of the conferences is \$450 registration fee, plus transportation and lodging. Additional one-day conferences are included in the registration fee. Mr. Majors seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Samantha George to serve as the full-time K-6 STEAM Teacher commencing the 2023-2024 school year, at a salary of \$69,256, MA+00, Step 11. Mr. Majors seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Valerie Perelman, High School English Teacher, to serve as a Summer Keystone Boot Camp Staff for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Majors seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

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Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the following individuals to serve as the 2022-2023 Extended School Year (ESY) teachers:

Sarah Brasko - Elementary ESY program
Allison Seezox - MS/HS program

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

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the following individuals to serve as the 2022-2023 Extended School Year (ESY) paraprofessionals for the ESY program:

Cheryl Johnson - Elementary
Terri McKinnis -Elementary
Linda Kovach - MS/HS

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

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the following field trips:

- May 18, 2023 - Grade 6 students to attend Dutch Ridge Elementary School for the Beaver County Annual Spelling Bee contest.
- May 24, 2023 - G.A.T.E. students to attend Beaver Falls Central Elementary School to participate in the annual Invention Convention.
- May 25, 2023 - Grades 9-12 Youth Ambassador students to attend Beaver County Courthouse for the Youth Ambassador Program meeting with the County Commissioners.

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

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the resignation of the following individuals from the position of Elementary Planning Committee effective June 2, 2023:

Kara Best
Kayla Cepull
Debra Robles

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

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the request made by Debra Robles, Elementary School Faculty, to take one-half (1/2) unpaid sick day on May 15, 2023. Mr. Majors seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the Family Medical Leave request of Employee #4607 in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, beginning May 8, 2023 for up to twelve (12) weeks. The employee will use eighteen (18) sick days before the Family Medical Leave begins. Mr. Majors seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the Family Medical Leave request of Employee #4685 in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, beginning June 19, 2023 through July 28, 2023. Mr. Majors seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

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Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the following Geneva College student interns and their cooperating teachers to begin their Special Education internship around September 12, 2023 through December 8, 2023.

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>
Rebekah Bell	Ed Gorman	Life Skills (Grades 3-5)
Emily Bucheit	Tiffany Halbrock	Life Skills (Grades 6-8)
Brooke Crespo	Roberta Morgan	Learning Support (Grades 11-12)
Ellie Jessop	Tara Spiker	Learning Support (Grades K-1)
Jenna Miller	Gen Gaskins	Learning Support (Grades 9-10)
Hannah Morini	Brad Verrico	Elementary Emotional Support
Cailey Shimko	Trina Greco	Learning Support (Grades 4-5)

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

Mrs. Kronk motioned to rescind the vote that was approved on April 24, 2023, for the following student teacher from Geneva College and the cooperating teacher for the Spring 2024 Semester:

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>
Cailey Shimko	Dan O'Brien	PK/4/PK-12 Special Education (Regular Ed (Jan. 6, 2024 – March 1, 2024))

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

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the following Geneva College student teacher and cooperating teacher for the Spring 2024 Semester:

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>
Cailey Shimko	Lori Anthony	PK/4/PK-12 Special Education (Regular Ed (Jan. 6, 2024 – March 1, 2024))

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

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the voluntary transfer of Shannon Stewart from the position of full-time Middle School Life Skills Paraprofessional to serve as the full-time Elementary Life Skills Paraprofessional (Grades 3-5), due to the voluntary transfer of Melissa Ziegler. Mr. Majors seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

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

Monday, May 15, 2023
Tuesday, May 16, 2023
Wednesday, May 17, 2023
Thursday, May 18, 2023
Tuesday, May 23, 2023 (1/2 day)

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

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Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the following individuals to serve as substitute custodians at a rate of \$8.25 per hour. Both individuals are currently General Assistants in the Nutrition Services Department.

Laura Friday
Dawna Perlick

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

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the following individuals to be added to the K-12 volunteer list (clearances on file):

Roberta Frazzini (Elementary)
Kellie Lembo (PTA & Elementary)
Lora Sarver (K-12)
Nathan Sarver (K-12)

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

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Mr. Isaac Dixon's request to enroll his non-resident children, grade 3 and grade 1, for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Majors seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Mrs. Casey Woodley's request to enroll her non-resident child, grade 9, for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Majors seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the Gennifer Gaskins to be added to the approved list of those who may drive District owned vehicles. Mr. Majors seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Curriculum and Technology

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the 2023 list of graduates, subject to the completion of all necessary graduation requirements (see attached). Mr. Majors seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the updated Health and Safety Plan for the Rochester Area School District. Mr. Majors seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Policies and Procedures

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve the following revised/new policies:

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Title</u>
203 Attach 1 (new)	Pupils	Immunization Exemption Letter
203 Attach 2 (new)	Pupils	Immunization Exemption Form
819 (revised)	Operations	Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

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Procedures

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

Building and Grounds

Mr. Blackwell motioned to approve the request made by Premier Dance Company to use the building to host their rehearsal and dance recital on Saturday, June 10, 2023 and Sunday, June 11, 2023. Charges include rental fee, and custodial, maintenance and security charges at an approximate cost of \$1,796.28. Mrs. Haskins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Blackwell motioned to approve the request made by Rochester Youth Cheer to use the building to host their cheerleading tryouts on May 22, 23, 24, and 26, 2023. There is no charge. Mrs. Haskins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mr. Blackwell motioned to approve the purchase of a police car from Rochester Borough Police Department at a cost of \$10,000. Mrs. Haskins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

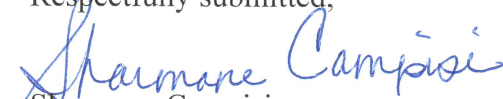
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for this evening, Mrs. Haskins motioned to adjourn this meeting at 7:51 p.m. Mr. Majors seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,


Sharmane Campisi,
Board Secretary