

DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Michelle Hubbard, Board Vice President, at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Ms. Hubbard.

ROLL CALL

Present

Mr. Randall Bacon
Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
Mr. Dale Daman
Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins
Ms. Michelle Hubbard
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk
Mr. Thomas W. Majors
Mr. Floyd Tame

Absent

Mrs. Marian Acon

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Dr. Amanda Cwynar
Mr. Michael Daman
Ms. Rachael Cipolla
Mr. Nathan Leeman
Mrs. Kathy Onuska

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Dr. Bovalino shared a Thank You note from Mrs. Shychuck, Mrs. Gorman, and GATE students who participated in Nationals in Orlando, FL, in April.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

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MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes for the following meetings: April 24, 2023 Voting Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi, Board Secretary, and April 24, 2023 Committee Meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bovalino reported on the following items:

SENIOR DAY

Our seniors presented their Senior Projects on Friday, April 28. They were greeted with well wishes from our Youth Ambassadors.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Welcome to the Rochester Class of 2036!

PROM

Congratulations to the 2023 Prom Court!

Queen Keiarra Farren
Princess Isabella Matsook
Court
Lanae Lavette
Alisha Miller
Shyanne Pierce
King Jerome "Duke" Mullins
Prince Cayden Jacobs

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

On Friday, April 21, 24 of our students participated in Special Olympics, which was held at Geneva College. In addition, we had 18 student helpers from our high school support the student athletes.

AGLOA

Congratulations to our GATE students who competed in Nationals April 20-25 in Orlando, Florida. Rochester placed in the team competitions:

Middle Division Current Events – 11th place team
Junior Division Current Events – 8th place team
Junior Division - 10th place team.

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

ENJOYING THE ARTS

Join us this week as we celebrate the artistic achievements of our students! On Wednesday, May 10, 7:00 p.m. – Middle School & High School Choirs will perform. On Thursday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m., the Middle School & High School Bands will perform. Student art work will be on display in the iCafe and Auditorium entrance before and after the concerts.

BCET

CONGRATULATIONS, to Mr. Isaac Dixon on being named the 2023 BCET Teacher of the Year! Mr. Dixon was selected for his work on the Rocky Garden. The Trust is also honoring people who have exhibited outstanding achievement and service in education over time with their Education Hall of Fame. The inaugural inductees include Jean Macaluso and Dane Matsook – both of whom have close ties with our school district! Tuesday, May 9, 6:00 – 8:00 at The Willows 6 7 8 9 10 11 7 8 9 10
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TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Every year, we take this time to thank our teachers and our entire staff for all the hard work they do to support the children and families in our community. Over the past several years, our entire staff has shown such resiliency. I am grateful for everyone's hard work, for your willingness to be creative, and for working so hard to have a positive impact on our student's lives. It really does take a village! On Tuesday, the staff will receive a gift from the Board and Admin. We will also provide a food truck, Curbside Cocina, next Wednesday on our professional development day.

DUAL CREDIT GRANT AWARDED

Rochester was one of 100 schools statewide to share in \$6.7 million in state grant money focused on supporting dual credit enrollment programs. We were notified that we received this competitive grant last week. We currently offer 24 CIHS credits within our high school. Twenty-six students (juniors and seniors) are currently enrolled and are working towards a total of 145 credits this year. We currently partner with Community College of Beaver County, Pittsburgh Technical College, Seton Hill University, and the University of Pittsburgh.

HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN

The federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency declaration will end on May 11, 2023. Most tools, like vaccines, treatments, and testing, will remain available. CDC's ability to collect and share certain data will change. CDC is updating its guidance to align with data changes. Because of ESSER funding, we are still required to review the H&SP every six months.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 17 – Early Dismissal for Staff PD
Friday, May 19 – New Horizon Graduation, 1:00 p.m.
Friday, May 26 – BCCTC Graduation, 12:30 p.m.
Monday, May 22 - Cultural Diversity Fair & Board Voting Meeting
Friday, May 26 – Act 80 Day (ELEMENTARY ONLY)
Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day, No School

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Transportation

Floyd B. Tame, Chairperson

Randall E. Bacon, Vice Chairperson

Dale C. Daman, Jocelyn N. Haskins

Mr. Tame reviewed Discussion Items 1-7 as follows:

1. Recommend adopting the 2023-2024 proposed final budget in the amount of \$19,850,000, with no tax increase.
2. Recommend approving Resolution No. 05222023-8 authorizing the advertising and public display of the 2023-2024 proposed final general fund budget.
3. Recommend approving _____ to serve as Rochester Area School District Treasurer for the 2023-2024 school year, beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024.
4. Recommend approving _____ as the Depository for the 2023-2024 school year.
5. Recommend approving 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.
6. Recommend approving the exoneration request made by Katie Prest and Brook Burtner, of all taxes, penalties and interest for 2016-2022 on the vacant land located at Spruce Avenue, East Rochester, Parcel No. 20-001-0344.000. This property has been in the repository since 2016. Delinquent taxes are \$56.10.
7. Recommend approving the contract with Medic Rescue to provide ambulance services for the 2023-2024 school year, at a total cost of \$3,500.

Teachers and Personnel

Michelle L. Hubbard, Chairperson

Christine S. Kronk, Vice Chairperson

Randall E. Bacon, Thomas W. Majors

Mrs. Kronk reviewed Discussion Items 1-16 as follows:

1. Recommend approving _____ to serve as the full-time K-6 STEAM Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.
2. Recommend approving the following teachers to serve as the Middle School In-Person Summer School Staff for the 2022-2023 school year:
 _____ English Language Arts (ELA) or English Certified Teacher
 _____ Math Certified Teacher

3. Recommend approving the following teacher to serve as the Rochester Cyber Academy (RCA) Middle School/High School Special Education Summer School Program for the 2022-2023 school year:
_____ Middle School/High School (6-12) Special Education Certified Teacher
4. Recommend approving the following teachers to serve as the Summer Keystone Boot Camp Staff for the 2022-2023 school year:
Valerie Perelman - High School English Certified Teacher
_____ High School Math Certified Teacher
5. Recommend approving the following individuals to serve as the 2022-2023 Extended School Year (ESY) teachers:
Sarah Brasko - Special Education Teacher for the Elementary ESY program
Allison Seezox - Special Education Teacher for the Middle
6. Recommend approving the following individuals to serve as the 2022-2023 Extended School Year (ESY) paraprofessionals.
2 Special Education Paraprofessionals for the Elementary ESY program
Cheryl Johnson
Terri McKinnis
1 Special Education Paraprofessional for the Middle School/HS ESY program
7. Recommend approving the following field trip(s):
 - a. May 18, 2023 – Grade 6 students to attend Dutch Ridge Elementary School for the Beaver County Annual Spelling Bee contest.
 - b. May 24, 2023 – GATE students to attend Beaver Falls Central Elementary School to participate in the annual Invention Convention.
 - c. May 25, 2023 – Grades 9-12 Youth Ambassador students to attend Beaver County Courthouse for the Youth Ambassador Program meeting with the County Commissioners.
8. Recommend accepting the resignation of the following individuals from the position of Elementary Planning Committee effective June 2, 2023:
Teacher
Kara Best
Kayla Cepull
Debra Robles
9. Recommend approving 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.
10. Recommend rescinding the vote that was approved on April 24, 2023 for the following student teacher and cooperating teacher for the Spring 2024 Semester:

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher	Subject Area
Cailey Shimko	Dan O'Brien	PK-4/PK-12 Special Education (Regular Ed) Jan. 8, 2024-March 1, 2024)
11. Recommend approving the following Geneva College student teacher and cooperating teacher for the Spring 2024 Semester:

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher	Subject Area
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Cailey Shimko

Lori Anthony

PK-4/PK-12 Special Education (Regular
Ed) Jan. 8, 2024-March 1, 2024

12. Recommend approving _____ to serve as the full-time Elementary Life Skills Paraprofessional (Grades 3-5), effective _____, due to the voluntary transfer of Melissa Ziegler.
13. Recommend approving _____ to serve as the full-time District-Wide Paraprofessional, flexible schedule, responsibilities in all three (3) buildings, effective _____, due to the voluntary transfer of Cheryl Johnson.
14. Recommend approving _____ to serve as the part-time maintenance personnel effective _____, due to the resignation of Cassie Bane.
15. Recommend approving 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

16. Recommend approving 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)

Curriculum and Technology
Christine S Kronk, Chairperson
Michelle L. Hubbard, Vice Chairperson
Thomas W. Majors, Floyd B. Tame

Mrs. Kronk reviewed Discussion Item 1 as follows:

1. Recommend approving the 2023 list of graduates, subject to the completion of all necessary graduation requirements (see attached).

Policies and Procedures
Christine S. Kronk, Chairperson
Marian R. Acon, Vice Chairperson
Dale C. Daman, Thomas W. Majors

Mrs. Kronk reviewed Discussion Item 1 as follows:

1. Recommend approving 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 Attach 1 (revised)	Operations	Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response Procedures

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Building and Grounds

Randall E. Bacon, Chairperson

Lawrence E. Blackwell, Vice Chairperson

Marian R. Acon, Jocelyn N. Haskins

Mr. Bacon reviewed Discussion Item 1 as follows:

1. Recommend approving 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.

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 7:19 p.m. Mrs. Haskins seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharmane Campisi,
Board Secretary

Att.

ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, May 8, 2023

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

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

ADMINISTRATION AND PRESENTERS

P	Dr. Jane Bovalino
	Mr. Rodney Bobin
P	Mr. Lou Campisi
P	Ms. Rachael Cipolla
P	Dr. Amanda Cwynar
P	Mr. Michael Damon
	Mr. Ryan Herstine
P	Mr. Nathan Leeman
P	Mr. Kathleen Onuska

INTERVIEWS 6:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, 6:30 P.M.

Prior to the Committee Meeting, the Board conducted interviews for the K-6 STEAM position.

Dr. Bovalino reviewed the District's Health and Safety Plan.

Health and Safety Plan

1. The federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency declaration will end on May 11, 2023.
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