

DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian Acon, Board President, at 7:09 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
Ms. Michelle Hubbard
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk
Mr. Thomas W. Majors

Absent

Mr. Dale Daman
Mr. Floyd Tame

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

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

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

No correspondence to come before the Board at this time.

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 March 27, 2023 Voting Meeting and the March 27, 2023 Committee Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi, will be approved at the voting meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bovalino reported on the following items:

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! The celebration ceremony is pm Tuesday, May 9, from 6:00 – 8:00 at The Willows.

STEAM NIGHT

Our annual STEAM Night was held on Thursday, April 13. Teachers partnered with local businesses to offer fun activities relating to science, technology, engineering, art and math. This event is sponsored in part by the Beaver County Educational Trust.

PMEA CHORAL WORKSHOP

Corbin Wilkins and Eliada Kaufmann participated in the PMEA Choral Workshop.

SPACE GALLERY

Middle School and High School Art class students traveled to Pittsburgh last week to tour the Space Gallery on Liberty Avenue and explore the scenic overlooks on Mount Washington.

ROCHY BARD BASH - SHAKESPEARE WEEK

Our high school is celebrating the 459th birthday of William Shakespeare this week. Students will be participating by reciting pieces of his plays, dressing up, and completing a scavenger hunt.

WSCAM

Rochester Area Middle School students took FIRST PLACE for most creative video in a statewide contest known as "What's So Cool about Manufacturing". Rochester students were paired with the manufacturing company Schroeder Industries. With Shroeder employees, Rochester students created a themed video to demonstrate "What's so cool" about manufacturing. Congrats to this year's team on a job well done! The team members included, Coach Jessica Dorian, 8th graders, Emily Dempsey, Teagan Och, Colin Leksell, Travis Moore and Sariyah Menifield, as well as 7th graders, Jack Egley and Rylan McCullough

AGLOA

Our GATE students leave for Florida on Thursday of this week to compete in Nationals. Please help me cheer on the following students and wish them well in their travels and competition! They will return Tuesday evening.

HIGH SCHOOL

Tia Yellock

Kamryn Newman

Patrick Bable

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Max Lyons

Mary Gorman

ELEMENTARY

Owen Gorman

Michael Williams

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, April 21, Special Olympics
- Monday, April 24, Board Voting Meeting
- Monday, May 1, Statement of Financial Interest Forms Due

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. Bacon reviewed Discussion Items 1-2 as follows:**

1. Recommend approving Resolution No. 04242023-7 to permit Dr. Jane W. Bovalino, Superintendent, to authorize and direct any and all contracts, agreements, grants and/or licenses [hereinafter collectively referred to as contract(s)] with the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the use of electronic signatures and that no handwritten signature shall be required.

2. Recommend approving a continuation of the agreement with Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) to provide software services July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, at an approximate cost of \$25,645. Rates are based on our 2022-2023 enrollment and include the following services: Student Information System, On-line Registration, GURUBoard, Fund Accounting, Inventory/Assets, Payroll, and Personnel.

Teachers and Personnel
Michelle L. Hubbard, Chairperson
Christine S. Kronk, Vice Chairperson
Randall E. Bacon, Thomas W. Majors

Ms. Hubbard reviewed Discussion Items 1-22 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

ELA Session (June 5, 2023-June 30, 2023, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)

Math Session (June 5, 2023-June 30, 2023, Monday-Friday, 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.)

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

- **1st Session** (June 5, 2023-June 30, 2023, Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)
- **2nd Session** (July 10, 2023-August 4, 2023, Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)

The teacher will support the special education students in their completion of their RCA Credit Recovery courses.

4. Recommend approving the following teacher to serves as the Rochester Cyber Academy (RCA) Middle School/High School Summer School Program Monitors:

Gennifer Gaskins
Brandy Rossi-Tesnovich

- **1st Session** (June 5, 2023-June 30, 2023, Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)
 - **2nd Session** (July 1, 2023-August 4, 2023, Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)
5. Recommend approving the following teachers to serve as the Summer Keystone Boot Camp Staff for the 2022-2023 school year:

_____ High School English Certified Teacher
Brandy Rossi-Tesnovich - High School Biology Certified Teacher
_____ High School Math Certified Teacher

- **Bootcamp Sessions** (July 17, 2023-July 21, 2023, Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)
- **Keystone Testing Sessions** (July 24, 2023-July 27, 2023, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)

Teachers will prepare students during the Boot Camp for the Summer Keystone Session Teachers will also receive four (4) hours of instructional planning time for the week of Boot Camp. Teachers will also supervise students during the Summer Keystone Sessions.

6. Recommend approving the following field trip(s):
- a. April 21, 2023 - Grades 6-12 Life Skills students to attend Geneva College for the Special Olympics for track and field.
 - b. May 10, 2023 - Grades 6-8 Life Skills students to attend Brunton Dairy Farm to see the daily working of a farm and how to take care of and learn about the process of milking a cow.
 - c. May 10, 2023, May 16-18, 2023 - Grade 11 English students to attend the Hope Haven Farm Animal Rescue to learn from a nonfiction text and a real life example of a rescue organization.
7. Recommend approving Matthew Noll to serve as the Technology Coordinator Assistant, effective immediately, with a starting salary of \$48,000.
8. Recommend approving the voluntary transfer of Casey Woodley from the position of full-time Elementary Learning Support Paraprofessional (Grades 4 & 5) to serve as the full-time Technology Secretary, effective April 13, 2023, due to the resignation of Laynie Lyons.

9. Recommend approving the voluntary transfer of Melissa Ziegler from the position of full-time Elementary Life Skills Paraprofessional (Grades 3-5) to serve as the full time Elementary Learning Support Paraprofessional (Grades 4 & 5), effective _____, due to the voluntary transfer of Casey Woodley.
10. Recommend approving _____ to serve as the full-time Elementary Life Skills Paraprofessional (Grades 3-5), effective _____, due to the voluntary transfer of Melissa Ziegler.
11. Recommend accepting the resignation of Lynn Granati as the full-time Elementary Life Skills Paraprofessional (Grades K-2) effective April 19, 2023.
12. Recommend approving the voluntary transfer of Cheryl Johnson from the position of full-time District-Wide Paraprofessional, flexible schedule, responsibilities in all three (3) buildings to serve as the full-time Elementary Life Skills Paraprofessional (Grades K-2), effective April 20, 2023, due to the resignation of Lynn Granati.
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 were as the part-time maintenance personnel effective _____, due to the resignation of Cassie Bane.
15. Recommend approving the request of Jaimie Powell, General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department, to take an unpaid sick day on Wednesday, April 26, 2023.
16. Recommend approving the request of Sarah Adams, General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department, to take an unpaid sick day on Monday, April 3, 2023.
17. At the recommendation of Chief Scott Sullivan, recommend approving Benjamin Rader to serve as a part-time Security Guard through TREND, Inc. at a rate of \$_____, effective _____ (clearances on file)
18. Recommend approving the following General Assistants in the Nutrition Services Department to work the Summer Food Service Program at their hourly rate:

19. Recommend approving the following Substitute General Assistants in the Nutrition Services Department to work the Summer Food Service Program at their hourly rate:

20. Recommend approving the following Gannon University intern and cooperating administrator for the Summer Semester (May 8, 2023 through August 12, 2023):

Student Intern

Rachel D. Lance

Cooperating Administrator

Dr. Amanda Cwynar

Internship ProgramDistrict-Wide Supervisory
Certificate in Curriculum and
Instruction

21. Recommend approving the following Geneva College student teacher and cooperating teacher for the Spring 2024 Semester (January 8, 2024 through March 1, 2024):

Student Teacher

Cailey Shimko

Cooperating Teacher

Dan O'Brien

Subject AreaPK-4 Regular Ed./PK-12 Special
Education

22. Recommend approving the following individuals to be added to the K-12 volunteer list (clearances on file):

Barbara A. Rosensteel (Elementary Morning Program)

Melody Santilli (Elementary)

Trisha M. Speicher (Elementary)

Megan R. Stanislow (Elementary Morning Program)

Michael J. Stanislow (Elementary Morning Program)

Holly Walsh (Band)

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

Mrs. Kronk reviewed the following item for discussion:

1. Recommend approval of the Special Education Plan that was presented by Director of Student Services, Mr. Nathan Leeman, on Monday March 27, 2023, and has been available for public review on our district website and in our elementary and Middle School/High School offices This is a three (3) year plan that must be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) by May 1, 2023.

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

Mrs. Kronk reviewed the following policies for discussion:

1. Recommend approving the following revised and new policies:

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Title</u>
137 (<i>revised</i>)	Programs	Home Education Programs
137.1 (<i>revised</i>)	Programs	Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
137.2 (<i>new</i>)	Programs	Participation in Cocurricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students
137.3 (<i>new</i>)	Programs	Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students
146.1 (<i>new</i>)	Programs	Trauma-Informed Approach
218.1 (<i>revised</i>)	Pupils	Weapons
218.2 (<i>revised</i>)	Pupils	Terroristic Threats
252 (<i>new</i>)	Pupils	Dating Violence

Building and Grounds
Randall E. Bacon, Chairperson
Lawrence E. Blackwell, Vice Chairperson
Marian R. Acon, Jocelyn N. Haskins

Mr. Bacon reviewed the following items for discussion:

1. Recommend approving the request made by Maria's School of Dance to use the building to host their rehearsal and dance recital on Friday, May 12, 2023 and Saturday, May 13, 2023. Charges include rental fee, and custodial, maintenance and security charges at an

approximate cost of \$1,649.28.

2. Recommend approving the request made by Paula Scriva Dance Studio to use the building to host their rehearsal and dance recital on Friday, May 19, 2023 and Saturday, May 20, 2023. Charges include rental fee, and custodial, maintenance and security charges at an approximate cost of \$1,149.28.
3. Recommend approving the request made by Dana's Dance Center to use the building to host their rehearsal and dance recital on Saturday, June 3, 2023 and Sunday, June 4, 2023. Charges include rental fee, and custodial, maintenance and security charges at an approximate cost of \$1,149.28.
4. Recommend approving the request made by Inc Cares to use the building to host their rehearsal and dance recital on Sunday, June 18, 2023. Charges include rental fee, and custodial, maintenance and security charges at an approximate cost of \$1,649.28.
5. Recommend approving the request made by Reach For The Stars Dance Studio to use the building to host their rehearsal and dance recital on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 and Thursday, June 22, 2023. Charges include rental fee, and custodial, maintenance and security charges at an approximate cost of \$1,649.28.

Athletics

**Lawrence E. Blackwell, Chairperson
Thomas W. Majors, Vice Chairperson
Marian R. Acon, Michelle L. Hubbard**

Mr. Blackwell reviewed the following item for discussion:

- 1 At the board meeting held on March 27, 2023, there was an item under the Athletics Committee that was approved that said:

At the recommendation of Head Softball coach, Michael Cuning, approve Julie Moore to serve as the 2nd Assistant Softball coach at a supplemental base salary of \$700, effective March 7, 2023, due to the resignation of Drew Lewis.

The amount listed at \$700 was incorrect. The correct amount should be \$1,000.

**Beaver County Career and Technology Center
(Joint Operating Committee)**

**Floyd B. Tame, Delegate
Lawrence E. Blackwell, Alternate**

Mr. Blackwell reviewed the following item for discussion:

1. Recommend approving Resolution No. 04242023-6 for the 2023-2024 Beaver County Career and Technology Center's General Fund Budget. The Budget totals \$6,915,699.

This includes an increase of \$470,054 from the 2022-2023 Budget.

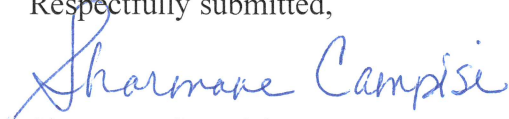
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for this evening, Ms. Hubbard motioned to adjourn this meeting at 7:33 p.m. Mr. Bacon 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, April 17, 2023

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

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

ADMINISTRATION AND PRESENTERS

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

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Board of School Directors met as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, April 17, 2023. The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Rachael Cipolla presented the 2023-2024 Elementary plan and Mr. Michael Damon presented the Middle School/High School plan. Both presentations included a review of the FUture Ready data.

Dr. Bovalino reviewed the changes in personnel and provided an update of the open positions.

We have continued conversations with Rochester Borough regarding the purchase of a police car. The car, which is a 2012 Ford Taurus with 77,000 miles and is already outfitted with the appropriate police gear, is assessed at \$10,000. The Blue book value (without police equipment) is \$6,200 - \$7,600. The board agreed to move forward with the purchase of the vehicle. Dr. Bovalino will contact the borough and discuss our next steps.