

## **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  
Mr. Dale Daman  
Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins  
Ms. Michelle Hubbard  
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk  
Mr. Thomas W. Majors

#### **Absent**

Mr. Floyd Tame

### **NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT**

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

### **CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

We received a thank you note from Mrs. Eugenia Priest for use of the building for the Martin Luther King Oratorical contest. She also included a \$100 donation.

### **CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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

**MINUTES**

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2023 Voting Meeting and Committee Meeting. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Bovalino reported on the following items:

**STORY WALK**

Special thanks to Kara Best and our Elementary Planning Committee on another successful Story Walk. Children had the opportunity to hear ten different stories, enjoy snacks, and make crafts.

**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**

Congratulations to the cast and crew of this year's musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Tame, Johnny Gallagher and his team, the parents and student volunteers, Kathy Onuska, Lou Campisi and all those who worked so hard to make this year's musical a success.

Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Tame as they have shared that they have worked to train a new group of parents to take over the musical.

**G.A.T.E. - NATIONALS**

CONGRATULATIONS TO Mrs. Gorman and Mrs. Shychuck and the following students who will be traveling to Orlando, FL at the end of April to compete in AGLOA Nationals!

The following students will be representing Rochester:

**High School**

Tia Yellock, Current & Theme, Presidents (grade 9)

Kamryn Newman, Current & Theme (grade 9)

Patrick Bable, Current & Theme, Presidents (grade 9)

**Middle School**

Max Lyons, Theme, Presidents (grade 8)

Mary Gorman, Current & Theme (grade 8)

**Elementary**

Owen Gorman, Current, Presidents (grade 5)

Michael Williams, Current, Presidents (grade 5)

**NUTRITION SERVICES**

The Rochester cafeteria staff was recently recognized by Lydia Logue from the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank for the "Child Hunger Award." This award is for outstanding service in child nutrition programs. Their accomplishments include:

- Serving 1,067 meals to kids this Summer,
- Vending thousands of meals to Beaver YMCA's sites,
- Operating a CACFP afterschool meal program,
- Partnering with the Darelle Revis Foundation for weekend backpacks, and

- Serving 250 elementary kids, and much more!

Thank you Rochy cafeteria ladies!

### **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Congratulations to the following students who will be inducted into the National Honor Society on Wednesday evening:

Breanna Fordyce  
Saige Holden  
Vonyea Jackson  
Courtney Lang  
Victoria McCracken  
Jewell Ours  
Angeline Pommier  
Casey Richko  
Kaitlin Richko  
Reese Riordan  
Izzabella Seamans  
Gianna Sisco  
Yuxin Zheng

### **R.A.M.S. Basketball**

Join us for the Rochester Area Middle School Student v. Faculty Basketball Game, which is being held on Wednesday, March 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The entry fee of \$1.00 will be donated to Breast Cancer Research through Magee Women's Hospital.

### **TOWN HALL MEETING - VAPING**

Join us for our second Town Hall meeting. Chief Sullivan will be with us for an open discussion about the effects of vaping, nicotine and THC on our students. The event will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Elementary cafeteria.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Wednesday, March 15 - HS Concert Band at Westminster
- Wednesday, March 15 – National Honor Society Induction
- Wednesday, March 15 – R.A.M.S. Student v Faculty Basketball game
- Wednesday, March 22 – PTA Town Hall Meeting on Vaping
- Friday, March 17 – Snow Day, No School
- Thursday, March 23 – End of third nine weeks grading period
- Friday, March 17 – Snow Day, No School
- Thursday, March 23 – End of third nine weeks grading period
- Monday, March 27 – Board Voting Meeting
- Monday, May 1 - Statement of Financial Interest Forms Due

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Attorney Garen Fedeles was present this evening and reported that the Countywide Reassessment has been conducted. A letter will be sent to every parcel in Beaver County by Tyler Technologies, which includes an assessment value of each parcel. There has not been a Reassessment since 1982.

Attorney Fedeles also reported that the Board moved into Executive session to discuss personnel matters prior to the regular Discussion/Work Session Meeting.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS****FINANCE AND TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. Bacon recommended approving the 2021-2022 Audit, as presented by J. Martin & Associates, LLC.

**TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL**

Ms. Hubbard recommended to approve Items 1-15 as follows:

1. Recommend approving the intermittent Family Medical Leave request of Employee #3039 beginning February 23, 2023 for up to twelve (12) weeks.
2. Recommend approving the following DARE2XL teachers, in partnership with TAME, Inc., for the DARE2XL Summer Program for students in grades K-5. The program will be held Monday through Friday, June 12, 2023 through June 30, 2023, from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., this includes instructional planning time. TAME will compensate teachers based on the contractual rate (\$25/hr), plus an additional bonus for time served with the program.

Sarah Brasko, Rebecca Hansen, Allison Seezox, Maria Young

3. Recommend approving \_\_\_\_\_ to serve as the full-time K-6 STEAM Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.
4. Recommend approving the following intern from the University of Pittsburgh and cooperating teacher for the Fall 2023 Term (August 28, 2023 through December 8, 2023):

<b>Student</b>	<b>Intern Cooperating Teacher</b>	<b>Subject Area</b>
Emily Blackburn	Jill Gilarno	Speech Language Pathology

5. Recommend approving the following field trip(s):
  - a) April 12, 2023 - Grades 3-5 Life Skills students to attend the National Aviary to learn about animals and nature.



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- b) April 20, 2023 through April 25, 2023 - Qualifying G.A.T.E. students to attend Orlando, Florida to compete in the AGLOA (Academic Games Leagues of America) National Competition to compete against students from all over the country.
  - c) May 12, 2023 - Grade 3 students to attend the Carnegie Science Center to experience the exhibits that are taught to them about force and motion, electricity and life science.
- 6. Recommend accepting the resignation of Nicole Tomasko from the position of Elementary Planning Committee effective March 2, 2023.
  - 7. Recommend accepting the resignation of Alexandra Javens from the position of Elementary Planning Committee effective immediately.
  - 8. Recommend approving Marcie Alford to serve on the Elementary Planning Committee at a supplemental salary of \$500 (prorated), effective immediately.
  - 9. Recommend accepting the resignation of Laynie Lyons from the position of PIMS/Technology Support effective March 15, 2023.
  - 10. Recommend approving the revised job descriptions for the following positions:

Child Accounting/Student Services/PIMS Coordinator  
Technology Support

- 11. Recommend approving the expansion of Ms. Dawn Greene's position from Child Accounting/Student Services to Child Accounting/Student Services/PIMS Coordinator, effective March 16, 2023.
- 12. Recommend approving \_\_\_\_\_ to serve as the full-time Technology Support person, effective \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13. Recommend approving the DARE2XL Paraeducators, in partnership with TAME, Inc., for the DARE2XL Summer Program for students in grades K-5. The program will be held Monday through Friday, June 12, 2023 through June 30, 2023, from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. this includes instructional planning time. TAME will compensate Paraeducators based on their contractual rate, plus an additional bonus for time served with the program.

Terri McKinnis, Shannon Stewart, Casey Woodley

- 14. Recommend accepting the resignation of Cassie Bane from the position of part-time maintenance effective March 7, 2023.
- 15. Recommend approving the following individual(s) to be added to the approved volunteer list (clearances on file).

Joann Maxin

**ATHLETICS**

Mr. Blackwell recommended items 1-2 as follows:

1. Accepting the resignation of Drew Lewis from the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Softball coach, effective March 6, 2023,
2. Accepting the resignation of Sam Laure from the position of Men's Jr. Varsity Head Basketball coach, effective immediately.

**BEAVER VALLEY INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

Mr. Blackwell recommended approving Resolution No. 03272023-5 for the 2023-2024 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit's General Operating Budget. The Budget totals \$1,608,913. This includes an increase of \$149,313 from the 2022-2023 Budget.

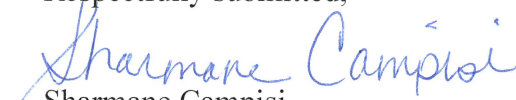
**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for this evening, Mr. Majors motioned to adjourn this meeting at 7:29 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, March 12, 2023

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### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **SCHOOL BOARD**

P	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
AB	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

### **COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, 6:00 p.m.**

#### **ATHLETICS**

Athletic Director Brad Verrico provided an overview of the athletic programs and updated the Board on the student athlete's accomplishments over the past year.

The Board discussed the difference between the two elementary basketball programs and the concerns regarding the number of people at the Bantam games and the lack of security. The Board established, like Lil Rams, the Bantam would need to provide police presence at their games. The cost of the police must be paid by the Bantam league. The district will continue to provide security as we have done so previously.

#### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Director of Buildings and Grounds Lou Campisi and Business Manager Kathy Onuska provided an update on the completed, current, and upcoming projects. They also reviewed the bids for the Drop-off Lane in front of building and the Security entrance. The drop of lane project is awarded to Youngblood Paving Inc. and the security entrance is awarded to Drumm and Sons Construction.