

VOTING MEETING/DISCUSSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian Acon, Board President, at 7:03 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. Lawrence Blackwell
Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk
Mr. Thomas W. Majors
Mr. Floyd B. Tame

Absent

Mr. Randall Bacon
Mr. Dale Daman
Ms. Michelle Hubbard

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Mr. Michael Damon
Ms. Rachael Cipolla

Dr. Amanda Cwynar
Mr. Louis Campisi
Mr. Ryan Herstine

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There were no correspondences to be reported this evening.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

MINUTES

Mr. Tame motioned to approve the January 23, 2023, Regular Voting Meeting, and the January 23, 2023, Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Majors, and unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bovalino reported on the following items:

GIFTED AND TALENTED (GATE)

Rochester hosted a Civic Light Opera (CLO) performance this past Friday. Students from around the county came to our high school to enjoy the performance.

PTA – KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE

On February 2, 2023, the PTA hosted a Town Hall Meeting on “Keeping Your Students Safe.” Chief Sullivan, along with officer Shane (Rochester Borough), Officers Foltz and Lockhart (Rochester Township), and Detective Timmie Patrick (Beaver County District Attorney’s Office), participated in the extremely informative and interactional session.

Representatives from the DA’s office will be with us again on February 23 to share information with our students on the Safe2Say Anonymous reporting tool.

PTA – CRAFT SHOW

Come out and support our PTA on April 1, from 10 -2, for their first Craft Show and Food Truck Event. The PTA has close to 90 vendors participating in this event! Our varsity cheer, youth cheer and band will be there as well.

KID’S HEART CHALLENGE

Mr. Dixon’s elementary PE classes are participating in the Kid’s Heart Challenge Throughout the month, Mr. Dixon highlights heart health and promotes celebrating fundraising efforts to support the American Heart Association. Donations are welcome!

MIDDLE SCHOOL BEST “STUDENT TEACHERS”

Mrs. Ford’s middle school students just teaching grammar lessons on phrases, clauses and sentence structure. Peers voted on who taught it best!

PMEA

Congratulations to Sydni Barrett, Elizabeth Campbell and Kaitlin Richko who represented Rochester High School at PMEA District 5 High School Band, which was held at Slippery Rock University.

ATHLETICS

Both the varsity men’s and women’s basketball teams advanced to the playoffs. After a hard fight, the women lost to Serra Catholic on Friday night. The men beat Summit Academy with a score of 57-52 and advance to the next round. They play Imani Christian at Moon High School on Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, February 24 – Football Banquet
- Monday, February 27 – Board Voting Meeting

- Wednesday, March 1 – National Honor Society Induction
- Thursday, March 9 – Saturday, March 11 – District Musical, Little Shop of Horrors
- Monday, May 1 – Statement of Financial Interest Forms Due

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Attorney Garen Fedeles was present this evening and reported that he sent a letter to Mr. Senior regarding the board's decision to decline his request for a tax forgiveness on a tax bill that was in the penalty phase.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

TEACHERS AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Nathan Leeman to serve as the Director of Student Services at a salary of \$100,000. Mr. Majors seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon roll call vote.

Mrs. Kronk motioned to approve Director of Student Services and the Special Education Student Services Office Secretary job descriptions. 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 policies:

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Title</u>
008 (revised)	Local Board Procedures	Organization Chart
103 (revised)	Programs	Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
104 (revised)	Programs	Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students

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

Mrs. Acon announced the conclusion of the voting meeting and the transition to the discussion meeting.

DISCUSSION MEETING

Mrs. Kronk recommended to approve the request made by Elementary teacher Debra Robles to take one (1) day (February 8, 2023) without pay.

Mrs. Kronk recommended to approve the following field trip(s):

- a. March 8, 2023 - Grades 9-12 students to attend Tull Family Theater in Sewickley, Pennsylvania as part of their School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (SWPBIS) Program
- b. March 15, 2023 - Grades 9-12 Band Students to attend Westminster College for them to perform for a panel of judges to receive a score based on their performance.
- c. March 22, 2023 - Grade 4 GATE/Enrichment students to attend New Brighton High School to practice the Academic Game Equations against other 4th grade students in Beaver County.
- d. April 4, 2023 - Grades 10-11 English students to attend Hanna Theater in Cleveland, Ohio to see *As You Like It- Shakespeare* to appreciate a live performance.
- e. April 13, 2023 - Grades 6-8 students to attend Carnegie Natural History and Art Center to see exhibitions that are related to content they have studied.
- f. April 14, 2023 - Select Middle School Chorus students to attend Hickory High School to rehearse and perform for Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Songfest with other students from other counties.
- g. May 4, 2023 - Kindergarten students to attend Keystone Safari as part of their science class.

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

Cory Hauser (Videographer Women's' Basketball)

Lauren Murtha (Nurse for Washington, D.C. Trip)

Mrs. Kronk recommended to approve the request made by Nutrition Services General Mary Lou Fulton to take two (2) days (February 9 and February 10, 2023) without pay.

Mrs. Kronk recommended to approve Scott Sullivan be added to the approved list of those who may drive District owned vehicles.

CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. Kronk recommended approving the 2023-2024 School Calendar.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

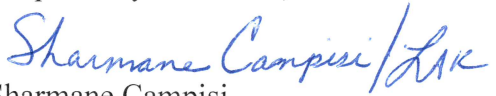
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for this evening, Mrs. Haskins motioned to adjourn this meeting at

February 20, 2023

7:13 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, February 20, 2023

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

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

ADMINISTRATION AND PRESENTERS

P	Dr. Jane Bovalino
P	Dr. Amanda Cwynar
P	Mr. Michael Damon
P	Ms. Rachael Cipolla
P	Mrs. Kathleen Onuska
P	Mr. Lou Campisi

COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 6:00 p.m.

The committee meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with a presentation by Mrs. Rose Majors, Curriculum Coordinator, and various teachers. Mrs. Majors and her colleagues presented the proposed ELA and science textbook adoptions for the 23-24 school year and rationales for the textbooks selected.

Mrs. Majors stated that the ELA adoption is a five-year adoption and the science is a four-year adoption. Professional development is included for all core programs.

Mrs. Lori Anthony, Kindergarten teacher, and Mrs. Nicole Tomasko, fifth grade ELA teacher, spoke on behalf of their colleagues and proposed McGraw-Hill *Wonders*, an evidenced-based K-5 program. English Department Chairperson and High School English teacher, Mrs. Diane Haffey spoke on behalf of the secondary teachers. Mrs. Haffey recommended Carnegie Learning *Mirrors and Windows* for grades six through twelve, along with the purchase of three additional novels to be purchased as classroom sets. These include *Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay (th grade), *Between the Lines* by Nikki Grimes (9th grade) and *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kid (9th - 12th grades). These novels will be added to the approved novel list. As supplemental resources, Mrs. Haffey also recommended *Perfection Learning*, a comprehensive vocabulary development resource, and *Scholastic Magazine Choices*. For our College in High School course Public Speaking, which is offered in collaboration with the Community College of Beaver County for college credits, Mrs. Haffey recommended the updated edition of *A Speaker's Guidebook*.

Mrs. Anthony and second grade teacher, Mrs. Donna Keith, presented Discovery Education's

Mystery Science, with *Mystery Packs* for grades K-1. Mrs. Keith noted that *Mystery Science* will be available for grades 2 - 5 as a supplemental resource. Mr. Dan O'Brien, fourth grade Science teacher, recommended McGraw Hill *Inspire Science* for grades 2 - 5.

Ms. Brandy Rossi, Science Department Chairperson and High School Biology teacher, spoke on behalf of the secondary staff. Like Mr. O'Brien and the 2-5 elementary recommendation, McGraw-Hill *Inspire* was selected for grades six through eight. Ms. Rossi presented the following textbooks for the high school science department:

COURSE	GRADE(S)	PUBLISHER	TITLE
Earth Science	Grade 9	McGraw-Hill	<i>Inspire Science High School Series: A High School Science Curriculum</i>
Biology	Grades 9-10	Lab-Aids	<i>Science & Global Issues: Biology</i>
Chemistry	Grades 10-12	Lab-Aids	<i>A Natural Approach to Chemistry</i>
Anatomy & Physiology	Grades 11-12	Biozone	<i>Anatomy & Physiology Student Workbook</i>
Forensic Science	Grades 11-12	Cengage	<i>Forensic Science</i>

Estimated costs of the K-12 science textbooks \$140,000 and \$200,000 for the K-12 ELA textbooks.

Ms. Cipolla presented the proposed STEAM program, which will expand the current K-6 computer related arts rotation. Upon approval by the Board at next week's voting meeting, the STEAM position will be posted internally. As per the Pennsylvania Department of Education, qualified persons include those with any of the following certifications:

- Computer Science 7-12
- Technology Education PK-12
- Mathematics 7-12
- Mid-level Math 6-9 and 4-8
- Grades PK-4
- Elementary K-6
- Art (STEAM)
- Music (STEAM)
- Team teaching and/or collaborative planning/design

Dr. Bovalino presented the proposed 2023-2024 school calendar for review and approval.