

DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian R. Acon, Board President, at 7:05 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 R. Acon
Mr. Randall E. Bacon
Mr. Lawrence E. Blackwell
Mr. Dale C. Daman
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk
Mr. Floyd B. Tame

Absent

Mr. Patrick J. Cunningham
Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard
Mr. Brian May

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

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

Mr. Nick Long
Mrs. Kathleen Onuska
Mr. Louis Campisi

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There were no correspondences to be reported this evening.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

A group of cheerleaders were present this evening to support Varsity Cheering Coach, Denver Altieri. Kamryn Newman and Keiarra Farren spoke in support of the coach.

MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the September 26, 2022 Voting Meeting were submitted for the Board's perusal.
- b. Committee Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2022 are attached.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bovalino presented the following informational items:

SUPPORTING OVARIAN CANCER

In memory of Jen Milne, students from Ms. Brunner's Class made posters supporting ovarian cancer awareness. Some of the students even joined in at the Ovarian Cancer Walk in Jen's memory.

6TH GRADE BUBBLE GUM LAB

Mrs. Twaddle is working hard to make math fun and tangible. Students explored unit rate and worked with partners to complete a Bubble Gum Lab and Scavenger Hunt!

BAND ASSEMBLY

Mr. Kibble and the marching band members were in the spotlight as they performed for the 4th and 5th graders. Students had the opportunity to learn about each instrument and were provided an opportunity to learn, along with how to join the band and rent an instrument from Brighton Music Center.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Our fourth grade students made cards of encouragement and cheer for the Mental Health Association here in Rochester. They will be passed out at a luncheon at the Center.

HOMECOMING COURT

Congratulations to the 2022 Homecoming Court: Queen Nya Martin, escorted by Anthony Puniak; Princess Alisha Miller, escorted by Aric Alberts; Sammarrah Garcia, escorted by Shannon Zawislak; Isabella Seybert, escorted by Alexander Fultz-Reeher; and Amarina Simoni escorted by Austin Hewitt.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our elementary school will be celebrating Grandparents Day on Thursday of this week.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Shannon Steele was present and reported that there had been an Executive Session prior to this meeting and Attorney Garen Fedeles was coordinating a date to go before the judge regarding transitioning Frank Mercier to our School Police Officer.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mrs. Kronk read aloud items 1-14 as listed below for discussion:

1. Recommend accepting the resignation of Brian C. May from the position of School Director, effective immediately.
2. Recommend approving Dr. Amanda Cwynar, Assistant to the Superintendent, to attend the Pennsylvania Title I Improving School Performance Conference, in Station Square, Pittsburgh on January 29, 30, 31, 2023, and February 1, 2023, at a cost of \$450 registration fee, plus transportation.
3. Recommend approving the Head of Security/School Police Officer job description (attached).
4. Recommend approving _____ to serve as the Social Worker for the District.
5. Recommend approving the following field trips:
 - a. November 10, 2022 – Grades 7 & 8 students to attend Schroeder industries to participate in the “*What’s So Cool About Manufacturing*” competition.
 - b. November 10, 2022 – Select High School Chorus members to attend Blackhawk High School to rehearse and perform in the Beaver County Chorus with other students within the County.
 - c. November 15, 2022 – Grades 5-12 GATE students to attend Geneva College to participate in the *Propaganda Tournament*.
 - d. November 18, 2022 – Grades 10-12 students to attend Community College of Beaver County to learn about the programs they offer as their Post Secondary Transition information.
 - e. December 7, 2022 – Grades 6-8 GATE students to attend the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to participate in the *Lego Mind Storm* for Robotics Day.
 - f. January 12, 2023 – Select High School Chorus member to attend Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District Chorus to rehearse and perform with other students from other counties.
 - g. January 20, 2023 – Select 7-9 Grade chorus students to attend Seneca Valley School District to rehearse and perform with other students from other counties in the Jr. High District Chorus.

- h. January 26, 2023 – Grades 5-12 GATE students to attend Blackhawk Middle School to participate in the *World Events Tournament*.
6. Recommend approving Caryn Morrow to serve as the Prom Co-Sponsor at a supplemental base salary of \$125 for the 2022-2023 school year.
7. Recommend approving Nicole Tomasko to be added to the list of Elementary Saturday Detention Monitors at a rate of \$25/hour, as per contract.
8. Recommend accepting the resignation of Diane Eisenbrown from the position of School-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (SWPBIS) committee member, effective October 5, 2022.
9. Recommend approving Alyssa Miles to be added to the list of S.P.I.R.E./Sound Sensible Teachers for the after school program.
10. Recommend approving the Family Medical Leave request of Employee #4629 beginning November 17, 2022 through December 29, 2022.
11. Recommend approving the Family Medical Leave request of Employee #4680 beginning August 22, 2022 through November 14, 2022.
12. Recommend approving the request of Jennifer Pittman, High School Paraprofessional, to take the following unpaid days:

October 27, 2022 – 0.5 day (P.M. Only)
October 28, 2022 – 1.00 day
October 31, 2022 – 1.00 day

13. Recommend approving the following student teacher from Geneva College and the cooperating teacher for the Spring 2023 semester (January 9, 2023 through April 27, 2023).

Student Teacher

Vernell Gardner-Quarrells

Cooperating Teacher

Glory Shychuck

Subject Area

Math 7-12

14. Recommend approving the following individual to be added to the K-12 volunteer list, (clearances on file):

Courtney Hilliard (PTA)
Jennifer Pittman (DARE2XL)

ATHLETICS

Mr. Blackwell read aloud items 1-3 as follows for discussion.

1. Recommend approving Mike Frank to serve as the Bocce (Interscholastic Unified) Co-Coach effective immediately at a supplemental stipend of \$500 for the 2022-2023 school year, due to the resignation of Michael Cunning.
2. Recommend accepting the resignation of Denver Altieri from the position of Varsity Cheerleading Sponsor, effective October 6, 2022.
3. Recommend approving Amanda Bable, Middle School Cheerleading Sponsor, to serve as the Varsity Cheerleading Sponsor, effective October 7, 2022, at a supplemental base salary of \$2,500 (prorated), for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year, due to Denver Altieri's resignation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no citizens present wishing to approach the Board on non-agenda items at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for this evening Mr. Tame motion to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Mr. Bacon seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Gross,
Board Secretary

Att: 1

ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, October 10, 2022

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

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| P | Mrs. Marian Acon |
| P | Mr. Randall Bacon |
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| P | Mr. Lou Campisi |
| | Mr. Brad Verrico |
| | Mr. Rodney Bobin |
| | Mr. Ryan Herstine |

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held prior to the Discussion Meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 6:00 p.m.

CURRICULUM

Mr. Damon, Mrs. Lambert, and Dr. Cwynar reviewed the proposed changes to policy 217 - Graduation Requirements. Dr. Bovalino reviewed the proposed changes to policy 008 - Organizational Chart.

PERSONNEL

Dr. Bovalino reviewed the [School Police Officer Job Description](#) and updated the board on the status of the school Social Worker position.

The Board of Education received a resignation, effective immediately, from Board Member Brian May. Discussion was held regarding filling the open seat.