

REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marian R. Acon, Board President, at 7:06 P. M.

FLAG SALUTE:

The salute to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Marian R. Acon.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mrs. Marian R. Acon
Mr. Aaron M. Brant
Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard
Mr. James M. Long
Mr. Thomas W. Majors
Ms. Barbara A. Richards
Mr. Floyd B. Tame
Mrs. Holly A. Ziegler

Absent:

Mr. George Bauer

NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS:

Dr. Kathryn Gruber
Mr. Michael Damon
Mrs. Jodie Laskey
Mrs. Barbara Reddick-Glover
Mrs. Susan Vukovcan

Ms. Wanda DeSimone
Mr. Louis Paul Campisi
Mr. Ryan Bauer
Mr. Brandon Gary

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Mark Vukovcan, Social Studies Teacher, presented the 7th and 8th grade Students of the Month for January, 2013. They are: 7th Grade – Hayley Tyhonas and 8th Grade -Tanner Spratt.

Dr. Gruber announced that it was Board Directors' Month and read a Resolution thanking them for their time and effort on behalf of the Rochester Area School District.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 14, 2013 Work Session were approved as submitted by motion of Mr. Brant, second of Ms. Hubbard, and unanimous roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence to be reported this evening.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Solicitor stated an Executive Session would need to take place at the end of the meeting this evening regarding a few personnel issues.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Mr. Long motioned to approve all items as listed below:

A. Treasurer's Report for the months of November and December as submitted.

B. Payment of Bills

1. General Fund Accounts Payable	Dec. \$ 65,671.28
	Jan. \$ 352,935.57
2. Contractual Obligations and Pre-Approved Checks	Nov. \$ 517,672.37
	Dec. \$ 139,551.46
3. Payroll Payable	Nov. \$ 708,536.97
	Dec. \$ 464,589.02
4. Cafeteria Fund	Nov. \$ 0.00
	Dec. \$ 76,542.99
5. Student Activities	Nov. \$ 6,907.30
	Dec. \$ 5,326.08

C. Monthly Budget Reports

1. Cafeteria Fund
2. Student Activities

D. Informational Reports

1. Financial – Expenditure//Revenue

This motion was seconded by Mr. Brant and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Long motioned to approve the resolution authorizing the Business Manager as the liaison between the Rochester Area School District and Berkheimer. Mr. Brant seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Long motioned to approve the payment of \$1,465.96 to the John Dunn Agency for the tax collector's bond. Mr. Brant seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

The payment of \$1,054.19 to the Township of Rochester for the tax collector's bond was unanimously approved by motion of Mr. Long and second of Mr. Brant, and unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Brant motioned to approve Michele Long and Susan Smith for on-line banking transactions. Ms. Hubbard seconded this motion, and it was approved by a 7 – 0 vote as follows: Mr. Bauer was absent from this meeting; Mr. Long abstained from voting; Mr. Brant, Ms. Hubbard, Mr. Majors, Ms. Richards, Mr. Tame, and Mrs. Acon all voted "Yea". Therefore, this motion did carry.

Mr. Long motioned under the Act I Resolution not to increase Rochester Area School District tax rate above the index of 2.5% for the 2013 - 2014 school year. Mr. Brant seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL:

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve five (5) teachers to attend ASSET Inc. for Science It's Elementary in the Elementary Engineering Units in Pittsburgh on January 30, 2013. Mr. Long seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. The five teachers are:

Jacquelyn Catanzarite
Diane Eisenbrown
Donna Keith

Nicole Tomasko
Brian Verrico

The cost for the above will be paid from the Science It's Elementary funds.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Ms. Lynda Marecic to attend ASSET Inc. for Science It's Elementary in the Elementary Engineering Units in Pittsburgh on February 13, 2013. This was seconded by Mrs. Ziegler and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. The cost of this is being paid from the Science It's Elementary funds.

Ms. Glory Shychuck is approved to attend the RiverQuest Professional Workshop at the Carnegie Science Center on March 27, 2013 at a cost of \$54.00. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. (Ms. Shychuck wants to attend this workshop in order to receive the Grant for the RiverQuest Field Trip).

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the Marching Band Field Trip to attend Cedar Point and the Cleveland Zoo in Sandusky, Ohio and Cleveland, Ohio to perform at Cedar Point Amusement Park on May 24, 2013. They will also visit a water park. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. (The entire cost of the trip is the responsibility of the students).

A motion was made by Ms. Hubbard to approve the National Honor Society/Gifted Student and Academic Incentive Field Trip to attend the Pirate Game at PNC Park in Pittsburgh on May 3, 2013 to reward the students in grades 7 – 12 who have been on the Honor Roll the first two nine weeks. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. The student expense will be \$20 to pay for the ticket and the bus fare.

The GATE K-12 Field Trip to attend a historical tour in the Strip District in Pittsburgh on May 24, 2013 to introduce the students to the history and ethnic cultures found in Pittsburgh. Cost will be paid from the GATE account. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Rochester Area School District and the Rochester Education Support Professional Association that for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year, the position of Para Professional Special Needs/Personal Care Assistant shall be a day to day substitute performing duties as described in the December 20th, 2012 Para Professional Special Needs/Safety Care Specialist posting at a rate of \$10 an hour for five (5) hours a day. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Dylan Sodergren to serve as the Para-Professional Special Needs/Personal Care Assistant in a substitute position, for a high school student for five (5) hours a day. Salary is \$10 per hour for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. This was seconded by Mrs. Ziegler and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. (Current clearances are pending).

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Ms. Tracey A. Hays to be added to the substitute teacher list for the 2012-2013 school year. She is certified in art and has current clearances. This was seconded by Mrs. Ziegler and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Hubbard to approve Mr. Robert Tkacik to serve in the part-time custodian position at a rate of \$10.50 an hour, effective January 29, 2013 (with a one year probationary period). This was seconded by Mrs. Ziegler, and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve a maternity leave request from Mrs. Diane Haffey, beginning April 25, 2013. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve a request for a Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) by Mrs. Diane Haffey, commencing after all of the sick and personal days are used (pending the completion of the proper paperwork). Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the posting for a Computer Lab Proctor at a contractual fixed supplemental salary of \$25/hr. for seven (7) hours per week. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Mr. Long motioned to approve the requisition for building use for the Ambridge Area School District Boys Varsity Tennis Team to use the Rochester Area School District's Tennis Courts beginning March 4, 2013 through April 25, 2013. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

ATHLETICS/SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND TRANSPORTATION:

There was nothing to be reported by the two immediately above listed committees.

CURRICULUM:

Mrs. Ziegler motioned to approve the 2013-2014 Jr./Sr. High School Program of Studies. This was seconded by Ms. Hubbard, and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ziegler to approve the request to invite Pittsburgh CLO's Gallery of Heroes program to Rochester Jr./Sr. High School on April 24, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. The assembly will be sponsored by the Teen Leadership Club, the Jr./Sr. High School Student Councils, Transition, and internal fund raising. The cost is \$700.00.

TECHNOLOGY:

There was nothing to be reported by this committee this evening.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

Ms. Richards motioned to approve the Gifted Matrix that will be an addendum to the Gifted Education Policy No. 114. Mr. Majors seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

SAFETY AND SECURITY: INTERMEDIATE UNIT: BEAVER COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER: LEGISLATION:

There was no business to be voted upon this evening from the immediately above listed committees.

CITIZENS INPUT – ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION::

Mr. Long motioned for an executive session at 7:26 p.m. for personnel matters. This was seconded by Mr. Brant and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

RECONVENEMENT:

Mr. Long motioned to return to regular session at 8:30 p.m. Ms. Hubbard seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by motion of Mr. Long, second of Ms. Hubbard, and unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Gross
Board Secretary