

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. George A. Bauer
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:

NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Mr. Michael Damon
Mrs. Jodie Laskey
Mrs. Barbara Reddick-Glover

Mrs. Susan Vukovcan
Ms. Joan Smith
Mr. Ryan Bauer

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Mark Vukovcan, Social Studies Teacher, presented the Jr. High School Student of the Month for 7th grade – Nicolas Hermick. Tyler Borzyn – 8th Grade - Jr. High School Student of the month was not present this evening. Nicolas was congratulated by the Board for his accomplishments.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGEND ITEMS ONLY::

The Reverend Robert Singleton was present to thank the Board for permitting him to offer a Hunter and Firearm Safety and Awareness Class for students in the past, and is hopeful they will permit him to do so again this year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 11, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted by motion of Mr. Bauer, second of Mr. Long, and unanimous roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Dr. Bovalino reported that a letter had been received from Mrs. Aimee Siok, Kindergarten Teacher in this District, to the Board of Directors recognizing and expressing her gratitude toward Mrs. Jodie Laskey, Elementary Principal, for her professional and personal support over the past year during her unexpected leave due to health reasons including a pregnancy requiring bed rest. She related that Mrs. Laskey went above and beyond her role as an administrator during this time. She also wished to thank Mrs. Lori Anthony and Mrs. Judy Bittner for making her unexpected leave seamless.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

There was nothing further to be reported this evening.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Solicitor reported that two tax appeals had been received for properties that would affect Rochester. One is owned by the Salvation Army, and the other one is owned by Harbor Point Housing Corporation. They are asking to be tax exempt. Word is that Harbor Point Housing was denied, and the Salvation Army was granted a tax exemption for only the year 2013. If there are no appeals to this decision, the Salvation Army will not be on the tax roll next year for Rochester.

BOARD COMMITTEE ACTIONS

FINANCE:

Mr. Long motioned to approve the following financial reports:

A. The Treasurer's Report (*None at this time*).

B. Payment of Bills

- a. General Fund Accounts Payable \$588,073.33
- b. Cafeteria Fund (To be provided when reconciled)

C. Monthly Budget Reports - (To be provided when reconciled)

- a. Cafeteria Fund
- b. Student Activities

D. Informational Reports - (To be provided when reconciled)
a. Financial – Expenditures/Revenue

Mr. Brant seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Long motioned to accept the 2012 Audit as prepared by Cottrill, Arbutina & Associates, P.C., Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Brant seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL:

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the non-renewal of Ms. Wanda DeSimone's, Business Manager, contract at the end of the current contract period, which is to expire on June 30, 2013. Mr. Brant seconded this motion, and it resulted in an 8 – 1 vote with Mr. Long voting "Nay", and all others voting "Yea". This motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Hubbard to approve Aimee Siok's, Elementary School Faculty, request to take an additional two-and-a-half (2-1/2) weeks without pay from April 11th through April 30th, 2013. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the following Field Trips:

- a. Jr./Sr. High School Science Class – April 8, 2013 – to attend Phipps Conservatory. This will enhance the students' plant lesson and introduce invertebrates. Students will pay all costs
- b. Jr./Sr. High School Guidance – April 17, 2013 – to attend Slippery Rock University to give Juniors the opportunity to visit the campus and to review their programs. Transportation and lunch will be provided by Slippery Rock University.
- c. 5th and 6th Grades – April 19, 2013 – to attend Cinemark in Center Township to see the movie 42. Both grades spent time during Black History Month learning about Jackie Robinson, and the students entered the Breaking Barriers Essay Contest about him. The PTA will fund the transportation only. The students will be responsible for the admission fee.
- d. Junior High Student Council – April 20, 2013 – to attend Rochester Township's Community Clean-up. As a community service project, the student council will work with Rochester Township to help clean-up Route 68. The Township will provide all materials and safety vests.

- e. Beaver County Arts Education Consortium (BCAEC) – May 7, 2013 – to attend the County-wide Visual Arts Workshop at the Center for Creative Arts Expression in Beaver Falls. This will allow students the opportunity to participate in the third annual High School Visual Arts Workshop. The students will pay their \$5 for admission fee.

The above motion was seconded by Mrs. Ziegler, and was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Judy Bittner's, Kindergarten Aide, request for an intermittent FMLA beginning March 13, 2013. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

The resignation of Mr. Dylan Sodergren from the position of Para Professional Special Needs/Safety Care Specialist effective immediately was accepted by motion of Ms. Hubbard, second of Mrs. Ziegler, and a unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve Jocelyn Haskins', Nutritional Service Department, request for four-and-a-half (4-1/2) days without pay on April 29, 2013 to May 3, 2013. This was seconded by Mrs. Ziegler, and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to grant permission to advertise for a full-time Business Manager. This was seconded by Mrs. Ziegler, and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Hubbard to grant permission to post and advertise for two (2) full-time Confidential Secretaries (Accounts Payable/Payroll) in the Business Office. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Hubbard motioned to approve the extension of service of Ms. Michelle Long as a temporary Confidential Secretary in the Business Office for another month (May 1, 2013) at a rate of \$12.50 per hour. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion and it was approved upon an 8 – 0 vote with Mr. Long abstaining from voting, and all others voting "Yea".

Mrs. Hubbard motioned to approve the additional two field trips (continued from pages 3 and 4:

- f. Jr./Sr. High School Guidance – May 1, 2013, to attend the New Castle School of Trades for the students to visit their various programs. Transportation will be provided by New Castle School of Trades.

- g. Elementary and Middle School G.A.T.E. – May 14, 2013, to attend the Gifted Consortium Invention Convention at Central Elementary School in Beaver Falls, PA. The student will learn about inventions and how to develop skills necessary to take ideas and turn them in to reality. Transportation will be paid for by Special Education funds.

The above motion was seconded by Mrs. Ziegler and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Mr. Long motioned to approve Reverend Robert Singleton and Mr. George Sullivan to offer a Hunter and Firearm Safety and Awareness Class for students 11 years old or older (parents are welcomed). The course is a one day course that will be held on April 22, 24, and 25, 2013 from 3:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Little Theater. The course is funded by the U.S. Fish and Wild Life Service. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

ATHLETICS/SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Mr. Majors motioned to approve Ryan Bauer, Athletic Director, to pre-order football uniforms for the 2013-2014 school year at a cost not exceeding \$6,500. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it resulted in an 8 to 1 vote with Mr. Brant voting “Nay”. Therefore the motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION:

There was no business presented by this committee this evening.

CURRICULUM:

Mrs. Ziegler motioned to approve the resolution to participate in the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit’s “2013 Beaver County Summer Academy,” and support the program in the amount of \$500. This was seconded by Ms. Hubbard, and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

TECHNOLOGY; POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

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

SAFETY AND SECURITY:

Mr. Bauer motioned to approve Mr. Lou Campisi, Director of Maintenance and Facilities, to purchase a fire hose at a cost of \$1,200. This was seconded by Ms. Hubbard, and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

**INTERMEDIATE UNIT: BEAVER COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER:
AND LEGISLATION:**

CITIZENS INPUT – ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no citizens wishing to speak on non-agenda items at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business for this evening, Mr. Long motioned to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. This was seconded by Mr. Tame, and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Gross
Board Secretary