

DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Hubbard led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present

Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard, President
Jocelyn N. Haskins, Vice President
Mr. Randall E. Bacon
Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
Mr. James A. Bogolea
Mr. Thomas Daman
Mrs. Christine Kronk, Treasurer
Mr. Thomas Majors
Mr. John L. Pfeuffer, IV

Absent

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. Jane Bovalino	Mrs. Kathleen Onuska
Dr. Amanda Cwynar	Mr. Louis Campisi
Mr. Michael Damon	Chief Cory Zelenak
Mr. Nathan Leeman	Mr. Ryan Herstine
Ms. Rachael Cipolla	

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There was no correspondence to come before the Board.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There was no citizen input on agenda items.

MINUTES

The minutes of February 26, 2024, Voting Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi, Board Secretary, and February 26, 2024, Committee Meeting will be voted upon at the next Voting Meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bovalino noted that an Executive session was held prior to this evening's committee meeting to discuss contract negotiations.

LEAP DAY

The Elementary PTA helped celebrate Leap Day by planning a frog hunt. Over 600 little frogs were croaking throughout the hallways and classrooms to celebrate this special day.

MEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our Men's Varsity Basketball team for clinching the Section and advancing to the PIAA State Playoffs. Unfortunately, the Rams lost to Farrell, 69-45, on Friday night. We are proud of their accomplishments!

LADY RAMS

Our Lady Rams also advanced to the PIAA State Playoffs and traveled to Everett on Friday evening. They lost 36-35 in a hard fought game. Congratulations on a great season!

COACH OF THE YEAR

Men's Varsity Basketball Head Coach Sean Keaton was named the KDKA Super 7 Basketball Coach of the Year. For Class 1A. Congratulations, Coach Keaton!

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into the National Honor Society: Alexa Mahovlic, Parker Munroe and Michael Norman. The guest speaker was Rochester alum Julian Taylor, who spoke about failure and how important it is to learn from our mistakes.

PSSA INCENTIVE

Middle school students who scored Advanced or Proficient, or showed growth, on the PSSA were recognized during an Assembly. They also were rewarded with smoothies. We are gearing up for the assessments, which begin next month. Congratulations to all of the students who were recognized!

DISTRICT MUSICAL

Join us on March 14 – 16 for the district musical, Anything Goes, (2022 version). You may purchase your tickets online or at the door. Showtime is 7:00 p.m.

PTA CRAFT SHOW

Mark your calendars - the PTA Craft Show is Saturday, April 6.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday - Friday, March 11 – 15
 - Special Education Cyclical Monitoring
- Wednesday, March 13
 - Early Dismissal for staff professional development
 - Student v Faculty Basketball Game
- Thursday – Saturday, March 14 – 16

- Anything Goes*
- Wednesday, March 20
 - Town Hall Meeting & Parent Advisory Committee
- Thursday, March 21
 - MS/HS Band Concert
- Monday, March 25
 - Board Voting Meeting

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Fedeles reported that a letter was shared from the District Attorney's office clarifying Mr. Dale Daman's seat on the Board.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Transportation

Mrs. Kronk recommended approving the request made by MKB Property Solutions and Investments, LLC to exonerate all taxes on Parcel No. 49-001-1519-000-01-1, the undeveloped and unused residential land located at 471 Kossuth Street, Rochester Borough. Total delinquent taxes are \$12,680.57. The property has been in the repository since 2016.

Mrs. Kronk recommended approving the request made by W. John Rackley, Esquire on behalf of the Rochester Borough Sewer and Maintenance Authority to exonerate the real estate taxes of the following Parcel Numbers that are situated in the Borough of Rochester. The Authority acquired the Parcels on September 12, 2022.

Parcel No. 49-002-1100.000 (0 Lewis Way, Rochester Borough)
Parcel No. 49-002-1039.000 (201 Water Street, Rochester Borough)
Parcel No. 49-002-1038.000 (0 Harrison Street, Rochester Borough)
Parcel No. 49-002-1035.000 (0 Harrison Street, Rochester Borough)
Parcel No. 49-002-1033.000 (0 Water Street, Rochester Borough)
Parcel No. 49-002-1034.000 (0 Water Street, Rochester Borough)

The Borough Sewer and Maintenance Authority paid the 2023-2024 School taxes and requests that the School District exonerates those taxes and refunds the sum of \$2,528.60.

Teachers and Personnel

Mrs. Kronk recommended approving the five (5) year Act 93 Administrator Compensation Plan Agreement beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029 as required by Section 1164 of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949.

Mrs. Kronk recommended approving the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program for the Professional Staff valid for the 2023-2024 school year.

Mrs. Kronk recommended approving the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program for the Non-Professional Staff valid for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

- a. March 15, 2024 - Grades 3-5 Life Skills students to travel to Cinemark Theater as part of their Community Based Instruction program.
- b. March 21, 2024 - Grades 9-12 to attend Lindsay Family Theater and Beaver Valley Mall Food Court as part of their School-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (SWPBIS) Program
- c. May 10, 2024 - Grade 3 students to attend the Carnegie Science Center to Learn about hands-on science applications.
- d. May 24, 2024 - Grades 9-12 Future Educators of America (FEA) students to attend Kindred Spirits Rescue Ranch in Darlington.

Mrs. Kronk recommended approving the following individual to be added to the approved list of those who may drive District owned vehicles:

Valerie Perelman

Mrs. Kronk recommended approving the following individuals to be added to the approved volunteer list:

Lynn Sevick (Elementary Reading and Mentoring Program)
Shannon Stewart (Elementary)

Curriculum and Technology

Mrs. Haskins recommended approving the Rochester Area School District Comprehensive Plan for 2024-2027. Besides the district's overall comprehensive program, this plan also includes the Gifted Education Plan (Chapter 16), the Student Services Plan (Chapter 12), the Educator Induction Plan (Chapter 49), and the Professional Education/Professional Development Plan (Act 48).

Mrs. Haskins recommended approving the 2024-2025 School Calendar (see attached).

Mrs. Haskins recommended approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Rochester Area Education Association (RAEA) to utilize Rochester Cyber Academy (RCA) to provide online courses offered to the District students through August 15, 2029.

Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit

Mr. Blackwell recommended approving Resolution No. 032524-02 for the 2024-2025 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit's General Operating Budget. The Budget totals \$2,313,189. This includes an increase of \$704,276 from the 2023-2024 Budget.

Mrs. Haskins recommended approving Lawrence E. Blackwell to serve as the Representative for the Rochester Area School District on the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit's *Board of Directors* to serve for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending of June 30, 2027.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

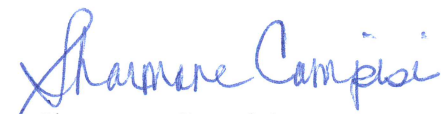
There was no public participation on non-agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn the Discussion meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Motion: Haskins
Second: Bacon
Result: Motion Carried, 9-0

Respectfully submitted,



Sharmane Campisi
Board Secretary

ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, March 11, 2024

SCHOOL BOARD

P	Mr. Randall Bacon
P	Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
P	Mr. James Bogolea
P	Mr. Thomas Daman
P	Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins
P	Miss Michelle Hubbard
P	Mrs. Christine Kronk
P	Mr. Thomas Majors
P	Mr. John Pfeuffer

ADMINISTRATION AND PRESENTERS

P	Dr. Jane Bovalino
P	Mr. Kathleen Onuska

EXECUTIVE SESSION, 6:00 P.M.

The Board had an Executive Committee at 6:00 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee-of-the-Whole met immediately following the Executive Session, at 6:15 p.m. in the Boardroom located in the Rochester High School.

The Board reviewed the 2024-2025 proposed calendar.

In addition, the Board discussed the need for a new roof at the Beaver County Career and Technology Center and the Joint Operating Committee's proposal to fund phases 1 and 2 of the project.

The Board reviewed the changes to the memorandum of Understanding with the Rochester Area Education Association to provide educational services to the Rochester Cyber Academy.