

VOTING SESSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Hubbard led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present

Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard, President
Mrs. Jocelyn N. Haskins, Vice President
Mr. Randall E. Bacon
Mr. James Bogolea
Mr. Dale Daman
Mr. Thomas Daman
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk, Treasurer

Absent

Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
Mr. John L. Pfeuffer, IV

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS IN ATTENDANCE

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

Mrs. Kathleen Onuska
Mr. Louis Campisi
Mr. Ryan Herstine
Chief Cory Zelenak

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There was no correspondence to come before the Board.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Tony Ziegler and Mrs. Jessica Dorian addressed the Board by presenting each of the following students with certificates. *Congratulations to all students for their exemplary work, behavior, and abilities!*

- a. **DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**
 - 6TH - Michael Williams - present
 - 7TH - Maleaha Tenney - present
 - 8TH - Jesse Shanor - present
- b. **JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**
 - 6TH - Sam Miller - present
 - 7TH - Jesse Kuppinger - present
 - 8TH - Araya Bailey - absent

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

MINUTES

Accept the following minutes:

- December 4, 2023 Reorganization and Voting Meetings, January 8, 2024 respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi, Board Secretary.
- January 8, 2024, Committee Meeting.

Motion: D. Daman
Second: Bacon
Results: Motion Carried, 7-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bovalino stated there was nothing to report at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Fedeles reported that the Board went into Executive Session prior to the Board Meeting to discuss personnel matters.

BOARD COMMITTEES

Approve the 2024 Board Committees as presented at the January 8, 2024 Discussion Meeting.

Motion: Hubbard
Second: Haskins
Results: Motion Carried; 7-0

FINANCE AND TRANSPORTATION

Approve the following reports:

I. Treasurer's Report for the month of November and December.

II. Payment of Bills

General Fund	November	\$1,121,613.12
	December	\$1,381,317.71
Cafeteria Fund	November	\$52,842.73
	December	\$35,786.65

III. Monthly Financial Reports

General Fund – Revenue Report
General Fund – Expenditure Report
Cafeteria Fund – Revenue Report
Cafeteria Fund – Expenditure Report

IV. Informational Reports
Tax Collector Reports
Bills to be Approved

Discussion: Mr. Tom Daman inquired if Board members received the “numbers” for the Monthly Financial Report pertaining to III. It was relayed that all reports were included in each Board members’ packets prior to the Board Meeting.

Motion: Kronk
Second: Haskins
Results: Motion Carried; 7-0

Approve Engle Florist property, located at 299 Adams Street, and the request to reduce delinquent taxes in the amount of \$7,000. Current delinquent taxes are \$23,888.76. A \$7,000 reduction would mean a collection of \$16,888.76.

Motion: Kronk
Second: Bacon
Results: Motion Carried; 7-0

Approve the agreement between Rochester Area School District and Kennywood Park for the 2024 School Picnic, which is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

Motion: Kronk
Second: Bacon
Results: Motion Carried; 7-0

Approve the twenty-four (24) month agreement with the Caring Foundation to provide School-Based Peer Support for Grieving Children and Adolescents at the Rochester Area School District, at no cost.

Motion: Kronk
Second: Bacon
Results: Motion Carried; 7-0

Approve the request made by Devin Mosley to exonerate all taxes on Parcel No. 47-002-0241.000, at 398 Deer Lane, Rochester Borough. Total delinquent taxes are \$3,808.97. The property has been in the repository since October 16, 2018.

Motion: Kronk
Second: Bacon
Results: Motion Carried; 7-0

Approve the request made by Devin Mosley to exonerate all taxes on Parcel No. 49-002-0836.000, at 130 Hinds Street, Rochester Borough. Total delinquent taxes are \$12,630.07. The property has been in the repository since December 14, 2017.

Motion: Kronk
Second: Bacon
Results: Motion Carried; 7-0

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL

Approve Hillary Frankenstein, Chorus Teacher, to attend the 2024 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Annual State Conference in Erie, Pennsylvania, on April 17, 2024 through April 20, 2024, at a cost of \$175 registration fee, plus transportation and lodging.

Motion: Kronk
Second: Bacon
Results: Motion Carried; 7-0

Approve the following field trip(s):

- a. December 15, 2023 - High School Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) students to attend the YMCA in New Brighton, Pennsylvania, for the Beaver County Suicide Prevention Youth Summit.
- b. January 5, 2024 - Select Middle School Students to attend Ambridge Area High School to participate in the Beaver County Band Festival where they will perform with other students in Beaver County.
- c. January 9, 2024 - Grade 10 and select Grade 9 students to attend the Beaver County Career and Technology Center (CTC) to tour the facility.
- d. January 29, 2024 - Middle School/High School Students, who are in the District Musical, to attend a musical theater workshop, hosted here at Rochester, to work with clinicians focused on singing, acting and dancing.
- e. February 23, 2024 - Grade 1 students to attend the Byham Theater to see the *Rainbow Fish*. They were awarded a scholarship through Trust Arts for the cost of the tickets.

Discussion: Tom Daman inquired as to what *Rainbow Fish* meant. It was discussed that this was an elementary piece of literature 1st graders were reading.

Motion: Kronk
Second: Bacon
Result: Motion Carried; 7-0

Approve the following PennWest California University student teachers and cooperating teachers for the Spring 2024 Semester, beginning Wednesday, January 17, 2024, through Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

Student Teacher

Kelsey Gianfrancesco
Lydia Aquino
Claire Whaples

Cooperating Teacher

Diane Haffey
Joe Barsic
Brittany Skelton

Subject Area

English 7-12
Social Studies 7-12
Elementary K-4

Motion: Kronk
Second: Bacon
Results: Motion Carried; 7-0

Approve the request made by Sarah Stewart, Middle School Teacher, for a Child Rearing Leave, as per contract, Article VI, Leaves of Absence, Section C, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

Discussion: It was discussed that as per Contract, teachers can take up to 2 years of Leave, per child.

Motion: Kronk
Second: Bacon
Results: Motion Carried; 7-0

Approve the intermittent Family Medical Leave Request of Employee No. 2039 in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, beginning December 13, 2023, through December 13, 2024.

Motion: Kronk
Second: Bacon
Results: Motion Carried; 7-0

Approve the resignation of John E. Moore, III from the position of part-time Security Guard effective December 13, 2023, to serve as a substitute part-time Security Guard.

Motion: Kronk
Second: Bacon
Results: Motion Carried; 7-0

CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY

Approve the 2024-2025 High School Program of Studies (attached), as presented by Middle School/High School Principal Mr. Michael Damon.

Motion: Haskins
Second: Bacon
Results: Motion Carried; 7-0

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Approve the Review/Discussion of the following policies of which no changes were made.

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Title</u>
011 <i>(reviewed)</i>	Local Board Procedures	Principles for Governance and Leadership
918 Att. 1 <i>(reviewed)</i>	Community	District - Title I " <i>Parent and Family Engagement 2023-2024</i> "
918 Att. 2 <i>(reviewed)</i>	Community	Elementary - Title I " <i>Parent and Family Engagement 2023-2024</i> "
918 Att. 3 <i>(reviewed)</i>	Community	Elementary - Title 1 " <i>School/Parent Compact 2023-202</i> "

Discussion: Tom Daman asked if Board members have access to the policies being reviewed. It was discussed that all Board members have been provided copies of the policies in previous Board Packets and the policies have been reviewed at previous committee meetings.

Motion: D. Daman
Second: Bacon
Result: Motion Carried; 7-0

ATHLETICS

Approve the termination of Van Norman from the supplemental contracts for basketball and football, effective immediately.

Motion: Hubbard
Second: Bogolea
Result: Motion Carried; 7-0 (Hubbard, Haskins, Bacon, Bogolea, D. Daman, T. Daman and Kronk voting yea; Blackwell and Pfeuffer were absent)

Approve Jaelin Yellock to be added to the approved volunteer list (clearances on file) for Elementary Boys' Basketball.

Motion: Hubbard
Second: Bogolea
Result: Motion Carried; 7-0

Approve Todd Weischedel to serve as the 2nd Assistant Baseball Coach at a supplemental base salary of \$1,000 effective the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion: Hubbard
Second: Bogolea
Result: Motion Carried; 7-0

At the recommendation of Head Football Coach, Gene Matsook, approve the resignation of Isaac Dixon from the supplemental position of Football Conditioning effective immediately and approve Dan

O'Brien to serve in the position of Football Conditioning at a supplemental base salary of \$1,000 effective January 8, 2024.

Motion: Hubbard
Second: Bogolea
Result: Motion Carried; 7-0

Beaver County Career and Technology Center

Approve Mr. Dale Daman to serve as the Representative and Mr. Lawrence Blackwell to serve as the Alternate for the Rochester Area School District on the *Beaver County Career and Technology Center's Joint Operating Committee*. This is a three (3) year term beginning January 2024 through December 2027.

Motion: Haskins
Second: Bacon
Result: Motion Carried; 7-0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public participation on non-agenda items.

Discussion:

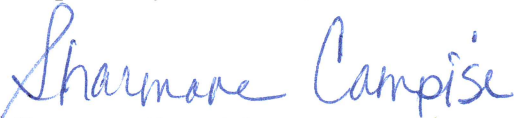
1. Tom Daman discussed possibly changing the format of the agenda pertaining to Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items. This is a Board Decision, which can be discussed further during a Committee Meeting.
2. Dale Daman and Tom Daman discussed fobs not working. It was further discussed that fobs are programmed based on the person's role.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn the Discussion meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Motion: Haskins
Second: Bacon
Result: Motion Carried, 6-0 (Mr. Dale Daman left the meeting prior to adjournment at 7:45 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,



Sharmane Campisi
Board Secretary

ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, January 22, 2024

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

P	Mr. Randall Bacon
AB	Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
P	Mr. Jim Bogolea
AB	Mr. Dale Daman
AB	Mr. Tom Daman
P	Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins
P	Miss Michelle Hubbard
P	Mrs. Christine Kronk
AB	Mr. John Pfeuffer

ADMINISTRATION AND PRESENTERS

P	Dr. Jane Bovalino
P	Dr. Amanda Cwynar (FOR CURRICULUM)
P	Mrs. Kathleen Onuska

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, 6:00 p.m.

The board began its committee as a whole at 6:05 p.m. with Finance and Personnel. Dr. Bovalino and Mrs. Onuska shared that Mr. Bobin will be retiring, effective June 30, 2024, and the district's shared services for a Director of Technology would no longer be feasible. Mr. Herstine, currently the Technology Supervisor, was recommended as Mr. Bobin's replacement. The board discussed the transition plan, including retaining Mr. Bobin as a contracted service for one year to support the district through the transition, and the potential to look at expanding shared services in the coming years. Mr. Campisi's contract was also reviewed. The board discussed extending his contract. Both Mr. Herstine's and Mr. Campisi's contracts will be added to February's voting agenda.

The Board discussed the upcoming Act 93 Agreement. Dr. Bovalino will schedule a meeting for the Personnel and Finance committee members to have a "meet and discuss" with the Act 93 members in March.

We transitioned to Curriculum with an overview of the comprehensive planning process as presented by Dr. Cwynar.

The committee meetings concluded at 6:45 p.m. and the board had an Executive Session.