

DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 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. James A. Bogolea
Mr. Thomas B. Daman
Mr. John L. Pfeuffer, IV

Absent

Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
Mr. Dale Daman
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk, Treasurer

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Dr. Amanda Cwynar
Mr. Michael Damon
Mr. Nathan Leeman

Mrs. Kathleen Onuska
Mr. Louis Campisi
Chief Cory Zelenak

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 January 22, 2024 Voting Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi, Board Secretary, and January 22, 2024 Committee Meeting will be voted upon at the next Voting Meeting.

Mr. Tom Daman requested the January 22, 2024, Minutes be corrected to include Ms. Cipolla's explanation of the February 23, 2024, *Rainbow Fish* field trip.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

BOARD TRAINING

On Tuesday, February 6, Board Members Tom Daman, Randy Baker, Jocelyn Haskins and John Pfeuffer, along with Kathy Onuska and I, attended the mandatory school board training for newly elected and re-elected officials. Dr. John DiSanti, who has provided professional development for our

board and administrative team, was the facilitator of the session. The sessions, which covered a variety of topics including: The Team of Ten, Governance, Ethics, Operations, the Sunshine Act, Ethics Act, Right to Know, Fiscal Management and Trauma Informed Schools, were all very informative. We have made copies of the certificates of attendance and placed them in your board files for auditing purposes. The original is at your station for your records.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Dr. Cwynar reviewed the district's proposed Comprehensive Plan and Required Reports during our committee meeting on January 22. We are required to have the plan available for public inspection for twenty-eight days. It is available in my office and has been posted on both our district website (as required) and Facebook for public comment and review. The plan will be on the March 25th agenda for approval. Upon approval and appropriate signatures, we will upload the plan to the Department of Education.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our Boys Varsity Basketball team for being named the section 1A champs! In the first round of the playoffs on Friday night, the boys defeated St. Joseph's 72-28.

Congratulations also goes out to our Lady Rams for advancing to the playoffs! The girls defeated Burgettstown 48-39.

Both the boys and girls will advance to the next round of the playoffs on Wednesday evening at ChartiersValley. The girls will play #1 Greensburg Central Catholic at 6 pm and the boys will compete against #6 Carlynton at 8 pm.

MS STUDENT COUNCIL

The MS student council volunteered at the Rochester Manor today to assist with their annual Valentine's Day Bingo! Students helped the residents with their bingo cards, called the numbers, and assisted with prizes! The students had a great afternoon at the Manor and loved being a part of their special afternoon! They can't wait to go back and volunteer again.

BCCTC DISTRICT 8 SkillsUSA COMPETITION

- Advertising Design - Anthony Battagila (Freedom 3rd place)
- **Cake Decorating - Morgan Jones (Rochester) & Julia Fassenmyer (Western Beaver) 2nd place**
- Cosmetology - Elizabeth Tanaka (New Brighton 7th place)
- Cosmetology - Karliegh Matscherz (Blackhawk 1st place)
- Electrical Construction Wiring - Ethan Kenstler (Ambridge 2nd place)
- Extemporaneous Speaking - Eva Hann (Blackhawk 5th place)

- Medical Terminology - Danielle Thompson (Western Beaver 5th place)
- Pin Design - Rha'ben Thomas (Beaver Falls 3rd place)
- Welding - Benjamin Sushier (post secondary 6th place)
- Team Works - Kylie Stollenwerk (Blackhawk), Grant Koehler (Blackhawk), Andrew Jackson (New Brighton), Noah Johnson (Central Valley) 1st place

LION'S CLUB

Congratulations to JEWEL OURS for being selected as the January Student of the Month for the Lions Club!

PMEA

Congratulations to Gaige Wilkins and Jewell Ours who represented Rochester at PMEA District 5 Chorus. They performed at a concert on January 26, at Mercer High School.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 21
 - Early dismissal for students, Staff professional development
 - Playoff Games at ChartiersValley
- February 21-23, PMEA District 5 Region Band
- February 24, Shakespeare Recitation Contest
- February 26, Board Voting Meeting
- March 4, Act 93 Meet & Discuss
- March 5, K-Ready
- March 6-8, PMEA Region 1 Chorus
- March 7, NHS Induction
- March 8, Washington, DC trip
- March 10, Daylight Savings Time
- March 11, Board Discussion Meeting

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Fedeles reported that a letter was received from Mr. Dale Daman addressing the Board of Education regarding people working for the District and holding a school official position.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Transportation

Mr. Bogolea discussed that based on the request of the Auditor, recommend rescinding the August 7, 2023 approval of payment of bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$2,423,239.58 and the Cafetera Fund in the amount of \$69,200.27.

Mr. Bogolea recommended approving the following items from August 7, 2023:

Payment of Bills:

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| a. | General Fund | \$ | 1,902,054.46 |
| b. | Cafeteria Fund | \$ | 63,696.57 |

Mr. Bogolea recommended approving the exoneration of Donna S. Robson from collection of the unpaid 2023 RASD Real Estate Taxes for the Borough of Rochester in the amount of \$270,269.10 and penalty of \$27,027.26. The unpaid taxes will be turned over to Portnoff Law Associates, the District's delinquent real estate tax collector.

Mr. Bogolea recommended approving the exoneration of Deborah L. Ahern from collection of the unpaid 2023 RASD Real Estate Taxes for the Borough of East Rochester in the amount of \$26,234.84 and penalty of \$2,623.48. The unpaid taxes will be turned over to Portnoff Law Associates, the District's delinquent real estate tax collector.

Mr. Bogolea recommended approving the exoneration of Gary L. Johnson from collection of the unpaid 2023 RASD Real Estate Taxes for Rochester Township in the amount of \$137,773.82 and penalty of \$13,777.36. The unpaid taxes will be turned over to Portnoff Law Associates, the District's delinquent real estate tax collector.

Mr. Bogolea recommended approving the request made by Kacie Peterson to exonerate all taxes on Parcel No. 76-004-0130.000, the undeveloped and unused residential land located at 753 Wolf Avenue, Rochester Township. Total delinquent taxes are \$1,570.17. The property has been in the repository since April 26, 2016.

Mr. Bogolea recommended approving the continuation of the contract with Lexadan for consulting services for the 2024-2025 school year.

Teachers and Personnel

Mr. Bacon recommended approving the three-year agreement with Louis P. Campisi, Director of Maintenance and Facilities, at a salary of \$82,458, retroactive to January 22, 2024.

Mr. Bacon recommended approving the agreement with Ryan Herstine, to serve as Director of Technology, at a salary of \$86,000, effective July 1, 2024. This position will be included in the Act 93 Agreement and will receive all rights and benefits included in the Act 93 agreement.

Mr. Bacon recommended approving the following field trip(s):

- a. February 8, 2024 - Juniors and select Senior students to participate in the College Fair at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.
- b. February 9, 2024 - Grades 6-8 Middle School Student Council students perform Community service at Rochester Manor.
- c. February 14, 2024 - Grades 6-8 Middle School Youth Ambassador students to

- attend the YAP Program at Center Stage.
- d. March 26, 2024 - Grade 7-9 selected students participate in the PMEA District 5 Junior High Band at Seneca Valley School District.
 - e. March 26, 2024 - Grade 4 GATE/Enrichment students to practice the Academic Game Equations at New Brighton High School
 - f. April 12, 2024 - Select 5th & 6th Grade Chorus students to participate in Middle School Chorus Festival at Grove City High School.
 - g. April 18 - 23, 2024 - Qualifying GATE students to travel to Atlanta, Georgia to compete in the Academic Games Leagues of America (AGLOA) National Competition
 - h. May 15, 2024 - Grade 6 students participate in the Sixth Grade Spelling Bee at Western Beaver Jr./Sr. High School.

Mr. Bacon recommended approving three (3) comp days to Elise Gorman and Glory Shychuck for accompanying the GATE students in Atlanta, Georgia for the AGLOA National Competition. The three (3) comp days must be used during the 2024-2025 school year and may not be carried over.

Mr. Bacon recommended approving the following student intern from the University of Pittsburgh and cooperating teacher for the Fall 2024 Term, beginning Monday, August 26, 2024 through Friday, December 13, 2024.

<u>Student Intern</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>
Katherine "Kat" Davis	Jill Gilarno	Speech Language Pathology

Mr. Bacon recommended approving the request of Ashley Barbour, Paraprofessional, to take February 5, 2024 as an unpaid sick day.

Mr. Bacon recommended approving Kyleb J. Fracasso to be added to the substitute custodian list (clearances on file).

Mr. Bacon recommended approving the following individuals to be added to the approved volunteer list (clearances on file):

Carlen L. Blackstone (Elementary Reading and Mentoring Program)

Nicole DePace (Elementary)

Roberta S. Klaphake (Elementary Reading and Mentoring Program)

Heather M. Shoffstall (Elementary Reading and Mentoring Program)

Michael Patsch (Baseball)

Maria R. Wesley (Elementary Reading and Mentoring Program)

Timothy R. Wesley (Elementary Reading and Mentoring Program)

Curriculum and Technology

Mrs. Haskins recommended approving the Beaver County Education Initiative, Flourish Beaver County Scholarship for Beaver County students Memorandum of Understanding. The MOU allows our students to become involved in post-secondary scholarship opportunities.

Mrs. Haskins recommended approving the Addendum for the 2024-2025 Middle School and High School Plan of Studies.

Policies and Procedures

Mr. Daman recommended approving the following policies:

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Title</u>
254 (<i>new</i>)	Pupils	Educational Opportunity for Military Children
254 Att. 1 (<i>new</i>)	Pupils	Educational Opportunity for Military Children " <i>Compact Rules</i> "
610 (<i>revised</i>)	Finances	Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
611 (<i>reviewed</i>)	Finances	Purchases Budgeted
810 (<i>revised</i>)	Operations	Transportation

Building and Grounds

Mrs. Haskins recommended approving the request made by Toni Howells of CEF of Beaver County to useroom 1921 at no cost, for *The Good News Club*.

Mrs. Haskins recommended approving the request made by Rochester Area Baseball and Softball Organization (RABS) to use the Multipurpose Room on April 13, 2024, at no cost, for their team photos.

Mrs. Haskins recommended approving the request made by C.J. Iannini of Youth Cheer to use the Elementary Cafeteria on February 20th, March 11th and April 8, 2024 to hold their organization meeting and registration.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public participation on non-agenda items.

ADDENDUM TO SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

During the meeting, Dr. Bovalino received a letter of resignation from the Board of Education from Mr. Dale Daman. The Board discussed who they would like to replace Mr. Daman and asked Dr. Bovalino to follow through.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn the Discussion meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Motion: Hubbard

Second: Bacon

Result: Motion Carried, 6-0

Respectfully submitted,



Sharmane Campisi
Board Secretary

ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, February 19, 2024

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

P	Mr. Randall Bacon
AB	Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
P	Mr. Jim Bogolea
AB	Mr. Dale Daman
P	Mr. Tom Daman
P	Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins
P	Miss Michelle Hubbard (arrived at 6:32 pm)
AB	Mrs. Christine Kronk
P	Mr. John Pfeuffer

ADMINISTRATION AND PRESENTERS

P	Dr. Jane Bovalino
P	Dr. Amanda Cwynar
P	Mr. Michael Damon
P	Mr. Nathan Leeman
P	Mr. Kathleen Onuska

COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 6:00 p.m.

The board met as a committee of the whole at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2024, in the Boardroom at Rochester High School.

Curriculum Coordinator Rose Majors led an overview of the recommended textbooks for 2024-2025 implementation. Presenters included Hillary Frankenstein (Music), Caryn Morrow (Related Arts, Health, Physical Education, Business), Samantha George (STEAM), Denise Lyons (Financial Literacy), Heather Denes (Title I), Kristin Wagner (ESL), Nathan Leeman (Special Education) and Mike Damon (Spanish). The [attached chart](#) provides an overview of the textbooks and curricular resources recommended for purchase. This item will be added to the April voting agenda for Board consideration.

Mr. Damon presented an addendum to the Middle School and High School Plan of Studies that establishes prerequisites for middle school algebra and high school honors and College in High School courses. This item is on Monday's voting agenda for Board consideration.

Dr. Bovalino reviewed the following policies which are on Monday's voting agenda for Board consideration.:

1. Federal Programs
 - a. [Policy 610 - Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation](#) (Revise)
 - b. [Policy 611](#) (Review)

2. Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission developed an Interstate
 - a. [Policy 254 - Educational Opportunity for Military Families](#) (New)
 - b. [Policy 254 - Attachment](#) (New)
3. A legal citation (page 4) was added to the transportation policy. No other changes were made.
 - a. [Policy 810- Transportation](#) (Revise)
4. [Policy 006 - Meetings](#) (Reviewed - no changes were made to the policy.)

Dr. Bovalino shared that the solicitor from Rochester Township emailed Solicitor Fedeles regarding the crossing guards. Attorney Fedeles indicated the district would be willing to discuss their concerns.

The committee meeting ended at 7:00 p.m. and the Board of Education transitioned into their regular Discussion Meeting.