

## **DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION MEETING**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Haskins led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **Present**

Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins, Vice President  
Mr. Randall Bacon  
Mr. Lawrence Blackwell  
Mr. Thomas B. Daman  
Mr. Thomas Majors  
Mr. John L. Pfeuffer, IV

#### **Absent**

Ms. Michelle Hubbard, President  
Mr. James Bogolea  
Mrs. Christine Kronk, Treasurer

### **NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS**

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

Mrs. Kathleen Onuska  
Mr. Louis Campisi  
Chief Cory Zelenak

### **CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

Dr. Bovalino reported that each Board member was provided a Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board ballot at their seat at this meeting. It was requested that each board member cast their vote at this time.

### **CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

There was no citizen input on agenda items.

### **MINUTES**

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

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Bovalino shared that she and Mr. Campisi have been working on the Public School Facility Improvement Grant, which is being administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development. We anticipate requesting \$800,000 and we are required to make a 25% match, so we would utilize \$200,00 from the Capital Improvements Fund. If awarded, we would replace two major sections of the roof, along with high school air handler unit 21 and the band room air handler unit. We will also try to offset costs from this project through the Pennsylvania School Environmental Repairs Grant Program using PDE's School Construction and Management Program. Schools have been

encouraged to apply for both programs, even if it is for the same project, as funding will be limited. You will see resolutions for both projects on the voting agenda.

It has been a busy couple of weeks. We have had the high school and middle school band and chorus concerts, the Art Show, and Prom. Congratulations to all of our students who were selected for Court: Queen Samantha Moore, Princess Lydia Shaffer, King Jeremiah Haskins and Prince Brady Gorman.

The Middle School had their 4th Annual Amazing Race this past Friday. Special thanks to the New Sewickley Township Police Department, Rochester Borough, Beaver Valley Regional Police Department, Rochester Fire Department and Kona Ice Pittsburgh West for coming out and showing their support. This event also could not be possible without our amazing staff members and high school volunteers who made the day go smoothly.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Attorney Fedeles reported that the record should reflect there was an executive session prior to this board meeting to discuss contract negotiations.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance and Transportation**

Mr. Majors recommended approving Items 1-10 as follows:

1. Recommend adopting the 2024-2025 proposed final budget in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, with \_\_\_\_\_ tax increase.
2. Recommend approving Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ authorizing the advertising and public display of the 2024-2025 proposed final General Fund Budget.
3. Recommend Christine Kronk, Board Member, to serve as Rochester Area School District's Treasurer for the 2024-2025 school year, beginning July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025.
4. Recommend approving WesBanco as the Depository for the 2024-2025 school year.
5. Recommend approving the Sponsor-to-Sponsor Agreement (PDE 3086) between YMCA of Beaver County and the Rochester Area School District, to supply lunches for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.
6. Recommend approving the submission of all federal, state and local grant proposals for the 2024-2025 school year.
7. Recommend approving the purchase of one (1) seat at a rate of \$162.22 per day per student at Adelphoi Education Services, an Emotional Support program for students in grades 1-12, for the
8. Recommend approving the Agreement between the Western PA Psych Care and the Rochester Area School District, to provide the following services and programs:

Outpatient Mental Health including Psychiatric Evaluations and Medication Management  
School-Based Behavioral Health  
Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS)

9. Recommend approving the Lease Agreement with Private Industry Council (PIC), operating as Early Head Start of Beaver County, effective September , 2024 and ending on August 31, 2025, to utilize one (1) classroom at a rate of \$12,000 for the 2024-2025 school year.
10. Recommend approving the Memorandum of Understanding with Private Industry Council (PIC), operating as Head Start of Beaver County, effective August 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025, to utilize one (1) classroom at a rate of \$9,000 for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Teachers and Personnel**

Mr. Bacon recommended approving Items 1-19 as follows:

1. Recommend approving the voluntary transfer of Tracy Hansen from 5th Grade Mathematics Teacher to serve as a 2nd Grade Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year, as per contract. This transfer is due to the retirement of Diane Eisenbrown.
2. Recommend approving the voluntary transfer of Nicole Tomasko from 5th Grade English Language Arts Teacher to serve as the 4th Grade English Language Arts (ELA) Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year, as per contract, due to the retirement of Linda Choma.
3. Recommend approving the voluntary transfer of Sarah Brasko from Elementary Emotional Support Teacher to serve as the 5th Grade Elementary Mathematics Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year, as per contract, due to the voluntary transfer of Tracy Hansen.
4. Recommend approving the voluntary transfer of Sarah Stewart from 7th & 8th grade Special Education Teacher to serve as the 5th Grade Elementary School English Language Arts (ELA) Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year, as per contract, due to the voluntary transfer of Nicole Tomasko.
5. Recommend approving \_\_\_\_\_ to serve as the Elementary Emotional Support teacher for the 2024-2025 school year, as per contract, due to the voluntary transfer of Sarah Brasko.
6. Recommend approving \_\_\_\_\_ to serve as the 7th & 8th Grade Special Education teacher for the 2024-2025 school year, as per contract, due to the voluntary transfer of Sarah Stewart.
7. Recommend approving the request made by Sarah Stewart, for a Child Rearing Leave as per contract, Article VI, Leaves of Absence, Section D, for the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year.
8. Recommend approving the following field trip(s):



- a. May 9, 2024 - Grades 9-12 Youth Ambassadors Program (YAP) students to visit the Beaver County Courthouse to participate in the countywide Proclamation for Mental Health Awareness and Acceptance Program.
  - b. May 14, 2024 - Elementary Gifted And Talented Enrichment (GATE) students to visit Big Beaver Falls Central Elementary School to participate in the Invention Convention Competition.
  - c. May 22 through May 23, 2025 (2024-2025) - Grades 6-8 Student Council to travel to Gettysburg to learn about American history.
9. Recommend approving Kristin Wagner, English Language Learners (ELL) teacher, to serve as the 2024 Summer English as a Second Language (ESL) tutor.
10. Recommend approving the following individuals to serve as the 2023-2024 Extended School Year (ESY) teachers:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ESY will be held on July 8-25, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

11. Recommend approving the following individuals to serve as the 2023-2024 Extended School Year (ESY) paraprofessionals for the ESY program:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ESY will be held on July 8-25, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

12. Recommend approving the request of Mrs. Ramona White, Elementary School Teacher, to enroll her non-resident grandchild, grade 1, for the 2024-2025 school year.
13. Recommend approving the student practicum placement from PennWest University and the cooperating professional staff for the 2024-2025 school year.

<b><u>Student Placement</u></b>	<b><u>Cooperating Professional Staff</u></b>	<b><u>Subject Area</u></b>
Casey Coles	Katrina Smith	Psychology

14. Recommend approving the following individual to be added to the approved list of those who may drive District owned vehicles:  
Megan Mouas
15. Recommend approving the request of Jaimie Powell, General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department, to take the following unpaid day:

Thursday, May 16, 2024



16. Recommend approving the leave of absence for Employee No. 4708 beginning May 17, 2024 through the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.
17. Recommend accepting the resignation of Donald Waxler from the position of part-time (4) hour evening custodian effective Wednesday, May 22, 2024.
18. Recommend approving Zachary Groves to be added to the approved substitute list for Custodian, Maintenance and Security at a rate of \$10.25 per hour (clearances on file).
19. Recommend approving the following individuals to be added to the approved volunteer list (clearances on file).

Lindsay Groves (Elementary and PTA)  
Zachary Groves (Elementary and PTA)  
Michael T. Williams (Middle School Football)

### **Buildings and Grounds**

Mr. Majors recommended approving the following Information Item:

Chief Cory Zelenak, School Police Officer, and the Rochester Area School District will be hosting an Active Shooter training on June 12, 14, 19 and 21, 2024. Chief Zelenak is working with Beaver County Sheriff Tony Guy to coordinate the event.

Mr. Majors recommended approving Items 1-2 as follows:

1. Recommend approving the request made by C.J. Iannini, former Women's Head Basketball Coach, to use the High School Gymnasium every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday beginning May 14, 2024 through June 27, 2024 to hold the Annual Middle School/High School Basketball Summer League for local schools, at no cost.
2. Recommend approving the request made by Dr. Lori Murtha with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit's (BVIU) Early Intervention Program to use areas in the Elementary School that will be determined by Ms. Rachael Cipolla and Mr. Lou Campisi, to provide Early Intervention Summer Services to Rochester children, at no cost.

### **Athletics**

Mr. Blackwell recommended approving Items 1-4 as follows:

1. Recommend approving Ronald Moncrief to serve as the Women's Head Basketball Coach at a supplemental base salary of \$3,098 effective the 2024-2025 school year, as per contract (clearances on file).
2. Recommend approving Jaclyn Trylko to serve as the Varsity Cheerleading Sponsor at a supplemental base salary of \$3,000 effective the 2024-2025 school year, as per contract (pending receipt of clearances).

3. Recommend approving Julian Taylor to serve as the 7th & 8th Grade Assistant Football Coach at a supplemental base salary of \$1,000 effective the 2024-2025 school year, as per contract (clearances on file).
4. At the recommendation of Head Football Coach, Gene Matsook, recommend approving the following football coaching positions for the 2024-2025 season (stipends are aligned with the contract and clearances are on file):

Football - Assistant Coach/Defensive Coordinator	Brian Burton	\$2,127.30
Football - Assistant Coach/Offensive Coordinator	Matt Yunt	\$2,127.30
Football - 2nd Assistant	Dan O'Brien	\$1,360.47
Football - 3rd Assistant	Matt Bedekovich	\$1,098.04
Volunteer Assistant	Tom Santry	Volunteer
Volunteer Assistant	Tony Ziegler	Volunteer
Volunteer Assistant	Jimmy Siget	Volunteer
Volunteer Assistant	Elijah Goosby	Volunteer

#### **Beaver County Career & Technology Center**

Mr. Blackwell recommended approving Resolution No. 052024-03 for the 2024-2025 Beaver County Career and Technology Center's General Fund Budget. The Budget totals \$7,546,214. This includes an increase of \$630,515 from the 2023-2024 Budget. The budget includes three (3) new full-time employees (Marketing and Public Relations Specialist, Cosmetology Instructor and Welding Instructor).

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

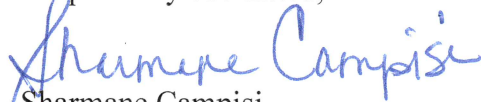
There was no public participation on non-agenda items.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn the Discussion meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Motion: Bacon  
Second: Majors  
Result: Motion Carried, 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sharmane Campisi  
Board Secretary

ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, May 13, 2024

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ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

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

ADMINISTRATION AND PRESENTERS

P	Dr. Jane Bovalino
P	Dr. Amanda Cwynar
P	Mr. Kathleen Onuska

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

An Executive Session was held at 6:00 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations.

The Committee-of-the-Whole began at 6:20 p.m. in the Boardroom located in Rochester High School. Superintendent Dr. Jane Bovalino presented the proposed security changes for the 2024-2025 school year. Then transitioned into an overview of the district’s millage history since 2005. Business Manager Kathleen Onuska and Solicitor Fedeles explained the county tax reassessment. Mrs. Onuska then reviewed the changes made from the prior budget presentation held last month and the impact on the proposed preliminary budget. Dr. Bovalino also shared updates regarding the business office, Career and Technical School Articles of Agreement and two grants she and Mr. Campisi are working on supporting facility improvements.