

VOTING MEETING/DISCUSSION SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Michelle Hubbard, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Hubbard led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present

Ms. Michelle Hubbard, President
Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins, Vice President
Mr. Randall Bacon
Mr. Thomas Majors
Mr. John L. Pfeuffer, IV

Absent

Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
Mr. James Bogolea
Mr. Thomas Daman
Mrs. Christine Kronk

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Mr. Lou Campisi
Dr. Amanda Cwynar
Mr. Michael Damon
Ms. Rachael Cipolla
Mr. Nathan Leeman
Mrs. Kathleen Onuska
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 citizens wishing to address the Board on agenda items

MINUTES

Motion to accept the following minutes:

- May 20, 2024 Voting Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi, Board Secretary.
- May 20, 2024 Committee Meeting.

Motion: Majors
Second: Bacon
Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Fedeles reported there was nothing further to report at this time.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Teachers and Personnel

Motion to approve the involuntary transfer of Mr. Wes Hunkler from the position of High School Mathematics teacher to serve as a Middle School Mathematics teacher commencing the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion: Bacon
Second: Haskins
Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

Motion to approve the involuntary transfer of Mr. Scott Culley from the position of Middle School Mathematics teacher to serve as the High School Mathematics teacher commencing the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion: Bacon
Second: Haskins
Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

Motion to accept the retirement of Mr. Wes Hunkler, effective December 20, 2024. Mr. Hunkler will receive all rights of the Voluntary Retirement Incentive approved by the Board of Education on March 25, 2024. Mr. Hunkler has been teaching at Rochester since 1992.

Motion: Bacon
Second: Haskins
Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

Motion to approve the involuntary transfer of Mrs. Samantha George from the position of K-6 STEAM teacher to serve as a Middle School Mathematics teacher commencing the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion: Bacon
Second: Haskins
Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

Motion to approve the involuntary transfer of Mr. Dave Cervone from the position of Middle School Reading teacher (Grades 7 & 8) to serve as the K-6 STEAM teacher commencing the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion: Bacon
Second: Haskins
Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

Motion to approve the voluntary transfer of Mr. Ryan Bauer from the position of 5th & 6th grade Social Studies and Science teacher to serve as the Middle School/High School Dean of Students/K-12 Rochester Academy Coordinator commencing the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion: Bacon
Second: Haskins
Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

Motion to approve the voluntary transfer of Mr. Dave Cervone from the position of K-6 STEAM teacher to serve as the 5th & 6th grade Social Studies and Science teacher commencing the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion: Bacon
Second: Haskins
Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

This concludes the voting portion of the meeting and we will now switch to our regular Discussion Session.

Finance and Transportation

Mr. Majors recommended approving Items 1-5 as listed:

1. Recommend approving Resolution No. 062424-07 to fix the tax rate for the year 2024 to comply with the County Wide Reassessment. The tax levied on all real property within the Rochester Area School District subject to taxation for the year 2024 until otherwise amended by the Board of Directors:

“Tax rate for general purposes, the sum of 12.0469 dollars on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of 12.0469 dollars on each one thousand dollars of assessed valuation.”

2. Recommend approving the Final General Fund Budget (PDE 2028) for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$20,206,708, with .70 mil tax increase, and the Resolution No. 062424-08 to levy/re-enact the supporting tax basis.

- A. Real Estate Tax = 12.7469 mills
- B. Per Capita Tax = \$10
- C. Earned Income Tax = 5 mills
- D. Occupation Tax = \$5
- E. Occupation Privilege Tax = \$5
- F. Local Services Tax = \$5
- G. Mercantile Tax(retail)/business Privilege = .75 mill
- H. Mercantile Tax (Wholesale) = .5 mill
- I. Realty Transfer Tax = 5 mills

3. Recommend approving the proposal from Caputo Insurance Agency, Inc. to secure and provide the following insurance coverage for the fiscal year 2024-2025 at a total annual cost of \$99,219:

Coverage

Workers compensation	UPMC	\$48,278
Property & General Liability		\$43,744
Auto		\$ 2,841
Umbrella		\$ 4,356

4. Recommend approving the proposal from Blackwood Financial Planning, Inc. to provide All Sports (including catastrophic program) and Voluntary Student Accident Insurance through the United States Fire Insurance Company for the fiscal year 2024-2025, at a total annual cost of \$3,750.
5. Recommend approving Exhibit B of the Educational Services Agreement with The School at McGuire Memorial to provide Extended School year (ESY) services for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of \$286 per day (5 hours).

Teachers and Personnel

Mr. Bacon recommended approving Items 1-14 as listed:

1. Recommend accepting the resignation of Miss Genevieve Zajac from the position of School Social Worker, effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
2. Recommend approving _____ to serve as the Social Worker commencing the 2024-2025 school year as per contract, due to the resignation of Miss Genevieve Zajac.
3. 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 Mrs. Sarah Stewart.
4. 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 Miss Sarah Brasko.
5. Recommend approving _____ to serve as the K-6 STEAM Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year, as per contract, due to the voluntary transfer of Mr. Dave Cervone.
6. Recommend approving the following individuals to serve as the 2023-2024 Elementary School Summer School teachers. (*The number of teachers is dependent on the number of students attending summer school.*):

Erika Brunner
Allison Seezox

7. Recommend approving the following individuals to serve as the 2023-2024 Elementary School Summer School paraprofessionals. (*The number of teachers is dependent on the number of students attending summer school.*):

Cheryl Johnson
Terri McKinnis

8. Recommend approving the following individuals to serve as the 2023-2024 Middle School In-Person Summer School teachers:

Gennifer Gaskins (ELA)
Trina Greco (Math)

9. Recommend approving the following individuals to serve as the 2023-2024 Rochester Cyber Academy (RCA) Middle School/High School Summer School Program Monitors:

Phyllis Trevino-Chambers
Caryn Morrow
Brandy Rossi-Tesnovich

10. Recommend approving the following individuals to serve as the 2023-2024 Middle School/High School Special Education Summer School Program Teachers:

Zach Rosa
Gennifer Gaskins (Substitute)

11. Recommend approving the request of Phyllis Trevino-Chambers, Middle School/High School Spanish teacher to take the following unpaid sick day:

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 - ½ day

12. Recommend approving elementary employee's Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gorman's request to enroll their two (2) non-resident children, grade 7 and grade 10, for the 2024-2025 school year.
13. Recommend approving elementary employee's Mr. Isaac Dixon's request to enroll his non-resident children, grade 2 and grade 4, for the 2024-2025 school year.
14. Recommend approving the request of Employee No. 4679 in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993, to receive intermittent FMLA beginning May 21, 2024 through December 31, 2024, per district policy.

Curriculum and Technology

Mrs. Haskins recommended approving Item 1 as listed:

1. Recommend approving the Robert Morris University, College in High School Enrollment Agreement, beginning June 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (2024-2025) at a tuition cost of \$250/Course.

Policy and Procedures

Mr. Majors recommended approving Item 1 as listed:

1. Recommend approving the following revised policy and the new attachment:

<u>Policy No.</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Title</u>
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618 <i>(revised)</i>	Finances	Student Activity Funds
618 Att. 1 <i>(new)</i>	Finances	Student Activities Procedure Manual

Athletics

Mr. Bacon recommended approving Items 1-2 as listed:

1. At the recommendation of the Marching Band Director, Brianna Carr, approve the Co-Color Guard Instructors with stipends as follows:

Ashley Barbour Head Instructor - \$650
Daryll Deever Assistant Instructor - \$350

2. At the recommendation of the Varsity Cheerleading Sponsor, Jaclyn Trylko, recommend approving Natalie Roser as the Junior Varsity/Junior High Cheerleading Sponsor at a base supplemental salary of \$1,000 for the 2024-2025 school year, as per contract.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public participation on non-agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

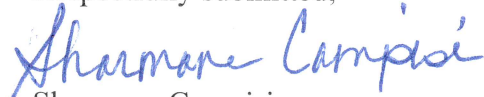
Motion to adjourn the Voting meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Motion: Bacon

Second: Majors

Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,



Sharmane Campisi
Board Secretary

ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, June 10, 2024

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

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

ADMINISTRATION AND PRESENTERS

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

The Committee-of-the-Whole met at 6:55 p.m. in the Boardroom at Rochester High School. As required as a recipient of ESSER funding, Dr. Bovalino reviewed the Health & Safety Plan.

Dr. Cwynar reviewed the changes to the High School Plan of Studies. The changes are on page 13 and are specific to our College in High School (CHS) courses. As Pittsburgh Technical College is closing, we were forced to seek partnerships with other colleges and universities so we may continue to offer these courses to our students.

Dr. Bovalino and Mr. Damon shared a variety of policies that are in need of updating. Mr. Damon reviewed the attendance policy and highlighted the changes being recommended. Dr. Bovalino shared the policy changes as recommended by PSBA. Act 33 of 2023 amended several sections of the PA Public School Code, including sections related to school safety and security. One of the major changes was removal of School Code language outlining the Office of Safe Schools in PDE and moving those responsibilities to the School Safety and Security Committee, which operated under PCCD. The following policies were updated to reflect those changes. In addition language was removed that specifically stated "Juul" products and more inclusive wording of all vaping products was added.

- a. [Policy 222](#) - mandatory
- b. [Policy 323](#) - mandatory
- c. [Policy 707](#) - recommended
 - i. [707 Attachment 1](#)

In addition, language was updated for legal citations that address incident reporting under safety and security sections of the Code. The following policies were changed:

- d. [Policy 227](#) - recommended
- e. [Policy 351](#) - recommended
- f. [Policy 451](#)
- g. [Policy 551](#)

The Committee meeting ended at 7:25 p.m.