

**AREA Board Meeting**  
**Rochester School Department Board Room**  
May 15, 2017  
6:00 PM

**Rochester Members Present:**

Mrs. Amy Malone  
Ms. Nichole Gupta  
Mr. Raymond Turner

**Wakefield Members Present:**

Mrs. Beth Seldin  
Mrs. Bonnie Cyr

**Also Present:**

Mr. Kyle Repucci, SAU #54  
Mr. Earl Sussman, SAU #64  
Ms. Marilyn Martell  
SHS Administrators  
Guests

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present. Introduction of Board members and HS Administrators

**GED Option / HiSET Program**

Mr. Kyle Repucci, Assistant Superintendent of Schools opened discussion regarding GED Options and the HiSET Program. Ms. Ann Kebler, Wakefield/Milton Director of Student Services provided an update on the work she has done to account for students from Wakefield ensuring they are enrolled and are receiving services to gain a diploma or equivalent.

Mrs. Cyr stated that the HiSET Coordinator in Wakefield informed her that there were a large number student dropouts from Wakefield. Discussion regarding the numerous reasons impacting the drop-out rate. Mrs. Cyr wants to be sure there are options for students to obtain their diploma and reduce the number of students dropping out of school. Mr. Justin Roy, SHS Principal and Mrs. Pamela Martin, SHS Deputy Principal provided an in-depth review of several programs and options available to all students to earn their diploma.

Discussion regarding the need to ensure Wakefield students are introduced to a safe place they can be after school so they can get additional support; and enable them to participate in after school activities. The safety concerns of a high school student not having a place to go for 3-4 hours awaiting practice was also reviewed. Mr. Roy indicated that supervision is provided until 5:00 p.m. in the area of the Gymnasium lobby; same location students wait for late bus transportation. Families should be referred to the SHS Administration with any questions or concerns regarding scheduling, program options, afterschool activities, and anything related to their students enrollment at Spaulding. Mr. Roy has not heard from any Wakefield parents with concerns or questions.

After lengthy discussion it was determined that scheduling meetings with key staff from Wakefield and administrators for Spaulding would enable open communication to ensure that everyone is aware of the options available to all students; student enrollment status; student placement and interventions; and ongoing activities at Spaulding. Mr. Repucci reiterated that all students at Spaulding High School are our students; and they all are provided the same opportunities and support.

**Drop-Out Rate (Wakefield Students)**

Mrs. Cyr would like to know the number of students that dropped out this year. As previously discussed, it would be helpful to develop a line of communication regarding what tools are available to make sure these students are successful.

**Student Profile, Wakefield**

Mr. Sussman reviewed the data they would like to see for Wakefield students: cohort of students in grade 12 – moving on to 4 year school or 2 year school; number of student drop-outs, military; or job placement. What does profile look like of students coming to Rochester from Wakefield – pull out Wakefield students.

Mr. Repucci referred to the District website that provides a great deal of information regarding goals, objectives and outcomes that may be helpful for anyone with questions regarding the Rochester School District ([www.rochesterschools.com](http://www.rochesterschools.com)).

### **Discipline**

Mr. Repucci coordinates all discipline referrals. Mrs. Cyr and Mrs. Seldin would be representatives to the Discipline Committee for Wakefield students.

### **Event/Activity Notification Process**

Mrs. Martin will coordinate weekly updates, it was suggested that contact be made with the Wakefield IT Director.

### **Annual AREA Board**

The following AREA Board meetings have been scheduled for the 2017-18 School Year:

Monday, October 23, 2017

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mrs. Cyr would like to have quarterly meetings to stay up-to-date; we can always ask for more meetings. SHS administrators are open to meeting as previously discussed.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Sussman thanked the SHS Admin Team, he was very impressed with the information they had to share and receptive attitude towards developing better communications with Wakefield.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Guptel moved, second by Mrs. Seldin, to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Kyle Repucci, Assistant Superintendent  
SAU #54