

**Rochester School Board**  
**Regular School Board Minutes**  
May 12, 2016  
City Council Chambers

**DRAFT**

**Members Present:**

Mr. Paul Lynch, Chair  
Ms. Nichole Guptel  
Mr. Thomas O'Connor  
Mrs. Karen Stokes  
Mr. Matthew Pappas  
Ms. Julie Brown  
Mrs. Audrey Stevens  
Mr. Robert Watson  
Mrs. Jennifer Bryant  
Mrs. Amy Malone  
Mr. Raymond Turner  
Mr. Thomas J. Jean (arr 7:12pm)

**Members Absent:**

Mr. Travis Allen

**Also Present:**

Mr. Michael Hopkins, Superintendent  
Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Asst. Superintendent  
Ms. Linda Casey, Business Administrator  
Attorney Jerome Grossman  
Ms. Marilyn Martell  
Guests & Public  
Press

Mr. Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on a roll call with a quorum present. Members participated in the pledge of allegiance.

Last Minutes                      Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board approve the minutes of the April 14, 2016 Regular School Board meeting and the May 2, 2016 Special School Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**Superintendent's Report**

- Patriotic Award                      Col. David Yasenchock, PhD presented the Employer Patriotic Award on behalf of the Department of Defense and the National Guard to Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Assistant Superintendent. The support provided by Mrs. Moriarty and the District has made a big difference to individuals and families when they are called away for duty; from their work and home.
- Student Spotlight                      Mrs. Moriarty, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, invited Mr. Justin Roy, Assistant Principal to acknowledge representatives from the Class of 2016 - Rick Creteau, Sydney Evans and Cassandra Ford for this month's Student Spotlight. Students reviewed the community service project undertaking that occurred on March 2<sup>nd</sup>; more than 200 seniors participated in community service endeavors throughout Rochester. Students felt that it was a great opportunity to give back to the community and come together as a class; a rewarding experience that has opened doors to new ideas and community projects.
- Volunteer Recognition                      Mrs. Moriarty invited Ms. Robin Brown, Maple Street Magnet School Principal to introduce and acknowledge David Stevens, as volunteer of the month. Mr. Stevens is acknowledged for his tireless efforts helping the entire MSMS community, students and staff since August 2013. His active support throughout MSMS as a volunteer has helped us all learn from his example of service.
- Staff Recognition                      Mrs. Moriarty introduced May employee of the month recipients: Mrs. Tina Amorim, Grade 2 Teacher at Gonic School; Mrs. Cheryl Hanscom, English Teacher at Rochester Middle School; Mr. Dean Graziano, Extended Learning Opportunities Coordinator at Spaulding High School / RW Creteau Technology

Center; and Mrs. Kathy Boston, District Title I Families in Transition & Volunteer Coordinator Para-Educator.

Updates

Mr. Hopkins reported on a conference he recently attended in Washington with Deputy Commissioner of Education Paul Leather. The Commissioner presented to other states what is being done in the realm of education and student development in NH; Mr. Hopkins provided information pertaining to the Frisbie Fridays that were coordinated by Mr. Graziano as one endeavor offered to our students for learning and growth outside of their normal academic programs.

Mr. Hopkins reported on the accomplishment of the schools and students to have 90 students selected as Granite State Scholars, very proud of the students and the work they have done.

Bud Carlson Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Rochester Opera House; Spaulding High School Graduation is scheduled for Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> on the Hugo Bolin Field. Announcement of upcoming activities and events as well as graduation reminders will be forwarded to all Board members.

**Spaulding High School Student Senate Report**

Ms. Lydia Hoffman, Spaulding High School Student Senate President reported that the softball team is off to a great start this season; they have the best record of all the spring sports! Upcoming events for SHS student body include: Student Senate Spring Variety Show; Junior Class trip to Canobie Lake Park to reward all of their hard work on the SAT's in March; Sophomore Semi formal took place last weekend – huge success; and the Junior Prom is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>.

AP testing has been ongoing for the past two weeks; students have been working extremely hard in an attempt to receive college credit for their course. On June 10<sup>th</sup> the Class of 2016 will be holding our graduation ceremony ~ we invite you to come join us for the ceremony to honor all of our students.

**Public Comment**

None

**Committee Reports**

***Building Committee***

JBC Request

Mr. Jean moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve the Superintendent submitting a formal request to City Council to authorize delegation of a Joint Building Committee for the CTE Renovation Project. The motion carried unanimously.

***Instruction Committee:***

No action required.

***Personnel Committee:***

Retirement

Mrs. Bryant moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Shaune Shields, School Nurse and Deborah Allard, Title I Teacher. The motion carried unanimously.

Resignation

Mrs. Bryant moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board accept the following resignations:

- Kathleen Crosby .....Principal
- Paul Kristensen ..... English Teacher
- Carl Krukoff..... Special Education Teacher

Christine Laderbush..... Reading Specialist  
Erin Nickerson ..... Special Education Teacher  
Kathleen O'Brien..... Para-Educator

The motion carried unanimously.

**Nominations:**  
*Administrators*

Mrs. Bryant moved, second by Ms. Brown, the Board approve the following Administrator nominations:

Kyle Repucci ..... Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Justin Roy .....Principal, Spaulding High School  
Pamela Martin.....Deputy Principal, Spaulding High School

The motion carried unanimously.

*Teacher 2016-17*

Mrs. Bryant moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board approve the following 2016-2017 School Year Teacher nominations:

Lisa Emrich.....Part-time Title 1 Social Worker  
Laura Hogan ..... French Teacher  
Stephen Nugent..... Part-time HVAC Teacher

The motion carried unanimously.

*Non-Certified*

Mrs. Bryant moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board approve the following nominations:

Stephen Gray ..... Custodian  
Madeline Sexton ..... Para-Educator  
Kelly Verbicky..... Para-Educator

The motion carried unanimously.

*Extra-Curricular*

Mrs. Bryant moved, second by Ms. Brown, the Board accept the following 2015-2016 Extra-Curricular nominations:

Enrique Calero ..... (\$1.00) Baseball, Assistant Coach  
Michael Dubois.....(\$1.00) Middle School Track, Assistant Coach  
Daniel Curran..... Unified Basketball  
Sean McCarthy ..... Weight Room, Winter

The motion carried unanimously.

**Stipend**

Mrs. Brant moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board approve the stipend request in the amount of \$5,000 for Mark Hinde, to facilitate a Precision Machining Course-BGC/CTC Partnership (funding through Great Bay Community College). The motion carried unanimously.

***Special Services Committee:***

No action required.

***Finance Committee:***

**Bids**

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve the bid from Heartland School Solutions of Tempe, AZ in the amount of \$63,826 for a 3-Year Point of Sale System for School Cafeteria Contract. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Ms. Brown, the Board approve the bid from CDW Government LLC of Vernon Hills IL for 600 Chromebooks at a cost of \$152.68 each; and the bid from Hypertec USA, Inc. of Scottsdale, AZ for 25 Chromebook Carts at a cost of \$450 each, pending the receipt of grant funds. The motion carried unanimously.

Health Insurance Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve the the Health Insurance Sight of Service option with the District paying \$1,000; \$1,500; or \$2,000 towards the deductible for Administrators, Custodians/Buildings & Grounds, and Non-Union personnel. The motion carried unanimously.

SunRaise PPA Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve moving forward with the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with SunRaise Investments, LLC for solar array installation at four schools; and authorize the Superintendent to sign the final Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). The motion carried unanimously.

***Discipline Committee:***

Ms. Brown moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board accept the Committee's recommendations as set out in the backup\* regarding cases heard at the April 19, 2016 and May 4, 2016 meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

*(In accordance with the federal FERPA, 20 U.S.C. §1232 (g) the backup materials are not part of the publicly available minutes.)*

***Policy Committee:***

No action required.

**Committee Reports – Special Committees**

Mr. Hopkins recommended waiting to hold further CTE Renovation Committee meetings until a Joint Building Committee is delegated. The staff members who have been actively participating with the Renovation Committee will be invited to participate with the JBC. The May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting will be cancelled.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Mrs. Bryant recognized and thanked Mrs. Malone and the Rochester Community for the efforts put forth for Carlie, a Rochester student diagnosed with a severe health condition. Working together, everyone helped make Carlie's dreams come true; most recently meeting Justin Bieber in person.

**Other**

Bids Mr. Hopkins reported that two bids came in after the Finance Committee meeting; the bids have been analyzed and we would like to move forward with purchase of equipment.

Core Switching Mr. Jean moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board approve the bid from Adaptive Communications, LLC of Portsmouth, NH in the amount of \$84,211.38 for Core Switching Equipment. The motion carried unanimously.

Wireless Access Pts. Ms. Brown moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board approve the bid from Adaptive Communications, LLC of Portsmouth, NH for 60 Wireless Access Points at a cost of \$744.80 each. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Jean moved, second by Mrs. Bryant, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael L. Hopkins  
Board Secretary