

Rochester School Board
Regular School Board Minutes
June 9, 2016
City Council Chambers

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Members Present:

Mr. Paul Lynch, Chair
Mrs. Karen Stokes
Mr. Robert Watson
Ms. Nichole Guptel
Mr. Matthew Pappas
Mrs. Audrey Stevens
Mr. Travis Allen
Mr. Thomas J. Jean
Mrs. Jennifer Bryant
Ms. Julie Brown
Mr. Raymond Turner
Mrs. Amy Malone

Members Absent:

Mr. Thomas O'Connor

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 7:00 p.m. on a roll call with a quorum present. Members participated in the pledge of allegiance.

Last Minutes Mr. Watson moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board approve the minutes of the May 12, 2016 Regular School Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Retiree Recognition Mr. Hopkins and the School Board recognized the following retirees for their commitment and dedicated service to the students and families in Rochester with thanks and appreciation: Shaune Shields, Middle School Nurse – 5 years; Deborah Allard, Title I Mathematics Teacher – 7 years; Constance Copp, Para-Educator – 15 years; Kathy Boston, Title I Families in Transition & Volunteer Coordinator – 16 years; Clara Bolster, Elementary Teacher – 17 Years; Kathleen Hicks, Guidance Counselor – 17 years; Susan Copp-Silva, Para-Educator – 20 years; Anne Smith, Elementary Teacher – 24 years; Colleen Ryder, Elementary School Secretary – 29 years; Patricia LeClair, District Media Tech Coordinator – 36 years; Bonnie Mulcahy, Reading Specialist – 36 years; and Vicki O'Donnell, Middle School English Teacher – 37 years.

Recognition Mr. Pappas, on behalf of the School Board presented Mrs. Moriarty with a "The Flag of the USA" that was flown over the United States Capitol on her behalf at the request of US Senator Jeanne Shaheen. Mrs. Moriarty was thanked for her work and dedication in Rochester; and wished well as she moves on to her new position as Superintendent of SAU #2.

Student Spotlight Mrs. Moriarty, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, acknowledged the Mathalon Team winners from William Allen School: Michael Beaulier, Olivia Dionne, Sebastian Gannon, Ken Liu, Lane Madeja, Jaeda Marley, Jenna Philbrook, Louise Vaillancourt, and their team leader Mrs. Walters; and Mathalon individual winner for receiving the only perfect score, Purnika Poudel from Chamberlain Street School.

Students in Mrs. Farkas' Fourth Grade Class at Nancy Loud School were recognized for amazing achievement as writers through their selected entries to the Young Writers Illustrators Contest. Students whose work was recognized are Emilie Valliere, Ethan Welch, Wyatt Smith, Nathan Sullivan, Shannon Moore, Alayna Reeves, Rosaleigh Kendrick, Makaila Leonard, Skylar Pelletier, and Jackson Emrich,

Staff Recognition Mrs. Moriarty introduced June employee of the month recipients: Ms. Katrina Locke, ESOL Para-Educator; Liz Lampron, 8th grade English Teacher at Rochester Middle School; Mr. Sean Kenney, CTE Computer Teacher at Spaulding High School Technology Center; and District Collaborative Group – Orton-Gillingham Scholars - Kim Terry, Jen DeCost, Jennifer Readel, Elaine Menard, Jen Hedman, Margaret Miller, Margaret Richards, Kristy Croft OG Scholars Kim Terry, Jen DeCost, Jennifer Readel, Elaine Menard, Jen Hedman, Margaret Miller, Margaret Richards, and Kristy Croft

SHS Seniors Mr. Hopkins reported that he had seen on a social media platform, graduating seniors going back to visit their elementary school and middle school. SHS Seniors did that today; they first went to the Middle School then went to their elementary schools. Mr. Roy and Mr. Houghton provided a video of some of the events of the day – students walked through the entire building at RMS amongst cheers from staff and students. It was a great experience for RMS students as well as elementary students. The Seniors, although initially reluctant enjoyed the experience and the Junior Class is already anticipating their time next year. There is footage of the day on twitter and Facebook; all but 40 seniors participated in the school visits.

Graduation Mr. Hopkins reminded Board members if they would like to participate with the SHS graduation on stage, the plan is to meet in front of the Community Center by 6:00 p.m.

Spaulding High School Student Senate Report

Ms. Taylor Gauthier and Ms. Emily Benson, Spaulding High School Student Senate Co-Presidents reported that graduation is tomorrow – Congratulations and best of luck to the Class of 2016! The visit to schools by SHS seniors was a great success; the Softball Team made it to the final four; it was a great spring season. Project Graduation is scheduled for tomorrow following the graduation ceremony.

Students attending St. Paul's School Advanced Studies Program leave June 24th; winners of the State CTE Competition will be traveling to various National Competitions representing Rochester; the Junior Class trip to Canobie Lake Park was a fun success; the Unified Volleyball Team has made it to the State Championships – the game will be held June 11th at Nashua North High School.

Ms. Gauthier and Ms. Benson thanked the School Board for a great school year; they are looking forward to seeing everyone next school year.

Public Comment

None

Committee Reports

Building Committee

No action required.

Instruction Committee:

Calendar Amendment Mr. Watson moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve the 2016-2017 School Year Calendar as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee:

Retirement Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Constance Copp, Para-Educator and Colleen Ryder, Secretary The motion carried unanimously.

Resignations Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Mr. Allen, the Board accept the following resignations:

- Claire BrackettPara-Educator
- Linda Davis.....Second Cook/Cashier
- Douglas Farquhar..... Mathematics Teacher
- Suzanne Filippone..... Assistant Principal
- Margaret Lupo English Teacher
- Jacqueline Peters.....Para-Educator
- Sarah Reardon..... Health Teacher
- Scott Sylvain..... Part-time Custodian
- Christopher TeboSocial Studies Teacher
- Lauren Demers..... Mathematics Teacher
- Kimberly Patton.....Second Cook/Cashier
- William WesleySpecial Education Teacher

The motion carried unanimously.

**Nominations:
Administrators**

Mr. Allen moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve the following Administrator nominations:

- Mark CampbellPrincipal, Chamberlain Street School
- Jenna Kotsonis Assistant Principal, Spaulding High School
- Chad StroutAssistant Principal, Spaulding High School

The motion carried unanimously.

Board members welcomed the new administrators.

Non-Certified

Mrs. Malone moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board approve the following nominations:

- Denise Couture Second Cook/Cashier
- Jila Shafadeh-Beatty Para-Educator
- Emmanuelle McGowan Para-Educator

The motion carried unanimously.

Department Heads

Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve the following 2016-2017 Department Head nominations:

- Joanne RikerSpecial Education Department Head
- Frederick Apt Social Studies Department Head
- Susan Westfall English Department Head
- George Ackerman Science Department Head
- Joanne Houston.....Music Department Head
- Sheila Colson Physical Education Department Head

Karen Good..... Art Department Head
 Lee Sims World Language Department Head
 Karen McDermott Guidance Department Head
 Karrie Brady Mathematics Co-Department Head
 John Vasalle..... Mathematics Co-Department Head
 Stacy Libby.....CTE/Business/FCS Co-Department Head
 Robert NienhouseCTE/Business/FCS Co-Department Head
 Jason Eberl.....CTE/Business/FCS Co-Department Head
 Shara Hughes Speech Department Head
 Nancy GrahamNursing Co-Department Head
 Stephanie McSharry.....Nursing Co-Department Head
 Kelly Borish..... Occupational Therapy Department Head

The motion carried unanimously.

Extended School Year Ms. Brown moved, second by Mr. Allen, the Board approve the following High School Extended School year teacher nominations:

Erin Kelly.....Director/English Teacher
 Steven Prescott.....Mathematics Teacher
 Lee Sheedy..... PLATO Teacher
 Emily CarrollMathematics Teacher
 Valerie Cunha Science Teacher
 Martin RowleySocial Studies Teacher

The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stokes moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board approve the following Extended School Year nominations:

Travers Desjardins Teacher
 Daniel Saucier..... Teacher
 Sarah Frazer Teacher
 Pamela Baxter Teacher
 Laura Harwood Teacher
 Robert Desjardins Teacher
 Michael Case Teacher
 Laura Smith Teacher
 Nancy Wachowiak..... Teacher
 Susan Goodman Teacher
 Courtney Clairwood..... Teacher
 Robert Kelley Teacher
 Gail Corey..... Teacher
 Lorna Mullen Para-Educator
 Melissa-Lynn Wheeler..... Para-Educator
 Diana Craggy Para-Educator
 Jody Welch Para-Educator
 Jane Keenan Para-Educator
 Katherine Brown..... Para-Educator
 Judith Frase..... Para-Educator
 Heather Boucher Para-Educator
 Tami Lanzillo-Zeimetz Para-Educator
 Madeline Sexton Para-Educator
 Joseph Agri Para-Educator
 Kelsey Conley..... Para-Educator

Mariah Tibbetts..... Para-Educator
 Patricia LaCharite Para-Educator
 Therese Thorne Para-Educator
 Geraldine Cook Para-Educator
 Linda Grant..... Para-Educator
 Margaret Lacroix Para-Educator
 Corinne Briggs..... Para-Educator
 Marilyn Hartford..... Para-Educator
 Susan Webster..... Para-Educator
 Donna Souther Para-Educator
 Jillian Dubois Para-Educator
 Judith Turgeon Para-Educator
 Christian Behrman Para-Educator
 Crystal Bailey Para-Educator
 Victoria Reynolds Para-Educator
 Madelyn Sanfacon Para-Educator
 Steven Jason..... Para-Educator
 Suzanne Thomas Para-Educator
 Jodi McCallion..... Para-Educator
 Jennifer Burke-Guptill Para-Educator
 Kathleen Stone..... Para-Educator
 Theresa Riordan..... Para-Educator

The motion carried unanimously.

Extra-Curricular

Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board accept the following Extra-Curricular resignations:

Karissa Wells Middle School Track Coach (2015-2016)
 Paul Lewis Varsity (G) Soccer Coach (2016-2017)

The motion carried unanimously

Ms. Brown moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board approve the following Extra-Curricular nominations:

Steven Langevin Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
 Michael Dubois..... Middle School Track Coach
 Jeffrey Hunt (\$1.00) Lacrosse (B) Coach Assistant
 Matthew Barricklow (\$1.00) Lacrosse (B) Coach Assistant
 Colton Castonguay..... (\$1.00) Lacrosse (B) Coach Assistant

The motion carried unanimously.

Leave of Absence

Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve the following leave of absence requests for the 2016-2017 school year:

Breinne Famulari (1/2 year)..... English Teacher
 Michelle Webber..... Science Teacher
 Shannon Caron..... Guidance Counselor

The motion carried unanimously.

Job Description

The Committee recommends to the Board for first reading the CTE Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Teacher job description.

Special Services Committee:

2016-17 Bus Routes Mrs. Stokes moved, second by Mr. Watson, the Board approve the 2016-2017 Elementary and Secondary Bus Routes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee:

School Lunch Increase Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve a ten cent increase in school lunch prices for the SY 2016-2017; Elementary - \$2.35 and Secondary - \$2.85. The motion carried unanimously.

Legal Retainer Ms. Brown moved, second by Mr. Watson, the Board approve a 3% retainer increase for the next two years for Attorney Jerome Grossman as the School Attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

Sick Leave Donation Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board approve the RFT request for the donation from District employees of up to seven and one-half (7 ½) sick days on behalf of P.L. The motion carried unanimously.

Non-Union Salaries Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board approve the 2016-2017 Non-Union Salary Schedule as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Truck Bid Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Jean, the Board approve moving forward with a bid request for a pick-up truck with plow.

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, to table the motion on the floor. The motion carried unanimously.

Roofer - Hourly Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve retaining Scott Brochu, New England Roofing of Rochester NH as roofing consultant on an hourly basis. 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 May 16, 2016 meeting. 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:

First Reading The Committee recommends to the Board for first reading policy EBBA-5, First Aid (and Emergency Care) as amended.

Committee Reports – Special Committees

Mr. Hopkins reported that the JBC met on June 6, 2016; the committee reviewed financial report. It is anticipated that all expenditures will be wrapped up for final meeting in July. After June 20th painting will begin, signage outside and window shades are end of expenditures. A final Budget report will be approved for submission to City Council and the School Board.

Old Business

None

New Business

BCA Graduation Mrs. Stokes congratulated Bud Carlson Academy Graduates; she noted that 10 of the 12 graduates will be going on to further their education. Thanks were extended to the BCA Staff and students for their work.

RCE Graduation Mr. Pappas reminded the Board that the Rochester Community Education Graduation is scheduled for next Tuesday, June 14th at 6:00 p.m.
Mr. Pappas also commented on the impressive commitment, for the number of years worked, the retirees have shown to the families in Rochester. It is great to see them leave with a smile.

Chronicle Mrs. Bryant indicated that Chamberlain Street School is scheduled to be highlighted on Chronicle this evening; along with other stories related to Rochester. Congratulations to the school and students who participated.

Teacher of the Year Mr. Lynch congratulated Mr. Pappas for his recognition as Teacher of the Year by the Veterans of Foreign War.

Other

None

Adjournment

Mrs. Malone moved, second by Mr. Jean, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael L. Hopkins
Board Secretary