

Rochester School Board
Regular School Board Minutes
November 10, 2016
City Council Chambers

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Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Ms. Jennifer Bryant

Also Present:

Mr. Michael Hopkins, Superintendent
Mr. Kyle Repucci, 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. Pappas moved, second by Ms. Brown, the Board approve the minutes of the October 13, 2016 Regular School Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Student Spotlight Mr. Kyle Repucci, Assistant Superintendent of Schools with Mrs. Caitlen Madore introduced SHS Senior Jenna Harwick. Ms. Harwick is both inquisitive and intelligent; and highly involved with all things political. She represented Rochester in Girls All State and Girls All Nation. From her success in Girls All State, Jenna received an all-expense paid trip to attend Girls All Nation in Washington, DC. She was acknowledged for her aptitude to speak persuasively and publicly. Spaulding community is very proud and lucky to have you.

Staff Recognition Mr. Repucci, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, introduced November employee of the month recipients: Ms. Nancy Davis, Grade 3 teacher at East Rochester School; Ms. Sue Schuler, Art Teacher at Rochester Middle School; Ms. Susan Goodman, Special Education Teacher at Spaulding High School; and Ms. Christine Labrie, District Payroll Coordinator.

Spaulding High School Student Senate Report

Student Senate representatives excused their absence to participate in the Senior Semi-Formal and Leadership Training Workshop.

Public Comment

Maegan Jerr, resident, teacher, and alumni of Rochester schools stated that we need to believe in what this City is capable of – Gonic School Community recently suffered a tragedy; the school district and community rallied to provide whatever support was needed for the Gonic School Community. Deepest appreciation to the District's administration, crisis support team, families and district staff for being there without hesitation was expressed. The best way forward is with the support of a community – we are stronger when we stand together.

Stacy Beck, Gonic School Parent – echoed, Maegan’s statements. The response received was overwhelming from the whole district! The staff was amazing that came into the school to work with our students; Gonic School staff held it together for their students – kind and compassionate. To all in District thank you.

Committee Reports

Building Committee:

No action required.

Instruction Committee:

Mr. Watson reviewed the School Reports presented at the October 20 and October 26, 2016 meetings; the District is making steady progress. He encouraged people to review the presentations on the district website: www.rochesterschools.com/Reading/readinggoals.html

Personnel Committee:

Resignations

Ms. Guptel, moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board accept the following resignations:

Mary Hoyt..... Para-Educator
Mark Kraines Para-Educator
Bethany Vance Occupational Therapist

The motion carried unanimously.

Nominations

Ms. Guptel moved, second by Mr. Allen, the Board approve the following nominations:

Misty Cooper Licensed Nursing Assistant
Amanda Fields-Provost..... Para-Educator
Sarah Glidden Para-Educator
Melody McCune Para-Educator
Julie Ares Second Cook/Cashier
Donna Mardikis Para-Educator
Chelsea Newcomb Para-Educator
Jill Panteledes Para-Educator
Kate Stimmell Occupational Therapist
Jennifer Tilden Special Education Teacher

The motion carried unanimously.

ESOL Position

Ms. Guptel moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board approve the District position change request, to exchange one English as a Second Language Teacher (ESOL) position for an increase of a current ESOL Para-Educator hours from 27.5 hours per week to 35 hours per week and add another 35 hour per week ESOL Para-Educator position. The motion carried unanimously.

Co/Extra-Curricular

Ms. Guptel moved, second by Ms. Brown, the Board approve the following Co/Extra-Curricular nominations:

Michael BergeronElementary Band Advisor
Melissa Hunt.....Elementary Band Advisor
Zoe Jost..... Middle School Chorus Advisor
Eric Diamond..... Middle School Band Advisor
Curtis Lalonde..... National Junior Honor Society Advisor
Timothy Cronin..... Basketball, Varsity (B) Coach
Donald Betz Basketball, Varsity (B) Assistant Coach

Steven Foster Basketball, Junior Varsity (B) Coach
Dennis Emerson Basketball, MS (B) “A” Team Coach
Kenneth Daynard Basketball, MS (B) “B” Team Coach
Steven Langevin Basketball, Varsity (G) Coach
Matthew Benjamin Basketball, Junior Varsity (G) Coach
Randi Margey Basketball, MS (G) “A” Team Coach
Sean McCarthy Basketball, MS (G) “B” Team Coach
Erin Kelly Bowling Co-Coach
Daniel Bamford Bowling Co-Coach
Tony Monetta Bowling Assistant Coach
Hannah Lavoie Cheering, Varsity – Winter Coach
Alyssa Fogarty Cheering, Varsity – Winter Assistant Coach
Madeline Sexton Cheering, Junior Varsity – Winter Coach
Rachel Drougras Cheering, Junior Varsity – Winter Assistant Coach
Jennifer Marshall Cheering, Middle School Coach
Kia Littlefield Cheering, Middle School Assistant Coach
Rae Chrane Gymnastics, Varsity Coach
Emily Fortescue Gymnastics, Varsity Assistant Coach
Jamie Ferullo Hockey, Varsity Coach
Thomas Auger Hockey, Varsity Assistant Coach
John Duplinsky Hockey, Varsity Assistant Coach
David Colson Hockey, Junior Varsity Coach
Amy McNulty Ski Team, Varsity Coach
Tyler Nutter Ski Team, Varsity Assistant Coach
Bonita Varney-Lachance Swimming, Varsity Coach
Jennifer McClain Swimming, Varsity Assistant Coach
Richard Poole Track, Winter-Indoor (B) Coach
Allison Gilbert Track, Winter-Indoor (B) Assistant Coach
Michael O’Brien Track, Winter-Indoor (G) Coach
Danielle Costanza Track, Winter-Indoor (G) Assistant Coach
Daniel Curran Unified Basketball Coach
Evan Drouin Wrestling, Middle School Coach
Scott Doyon Football, Varsity (B) Assistant Coach
Alexander Clement Wrestling, Varsity Coach
Christopher Proulx Basketball, Freshman (B) Coach

The motion carried unanimously.

Nomination Ms. Gupta moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve the Administrator nomination of Stacey Libby as the Pre-School/Elementary Special Education Coordinator. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Services Committee:

No action required.

Finance Committee:

Stipend Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Watson, the Board approve the stipend for Kathy DeGrechie in the amount of \$1,400 for additional work with multiple students at William Allen School. The motion carried unanimously.

RFQ Approval Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Watson, the Board approve moving forward with the submission of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Construction Manager for High School Sprinkler Upgrade. 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 the three cases heard at the October 20, 2016 and October 31, 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

No action required.

Old Business

Adopt a School

Mr. Lynch suggested revisiting the possibility of moving forward with Board members adopting a school; if you are interested please e-mail Mr. Lynch. He will coordinate with Mr. Hopkins and the school; the concept is to make connections, provide support, just stop in to say hello.

Veteran's Assembly

Mrs. Stevens thanked and commended the Rochester Middle School staff, students and administration for the amazing Veteran's Day Assembly they hosted to recognize our veterans. The work and commitment by everyone involved was incredible.

New Business

None.

Non-Public

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board enter non-public session at 7:28 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c) to discuss matters that if discussed in public, would likely adversely affect the reputation of a person, other than a member of the board. The roll call vote as follows:

YES: Mr. Watson, Mrs. Stevens, Mr. Pappas, Mr. Allen, Mr. Lynch, Mrs. Malone, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Stokes, Mr. Jean, Ms. Gupta, Mr. Turner, Ms. Brown

NO: None

Public-Session

Mr. Jean moved, second by Mr. Allen, the Board enter public session at 7:37 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Ms. Brown moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael L. Hopkins
Board Secretary