

Rochester School Board
Regular School Board Minutes
December 8, 2016
City Council Chambers

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Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mr. Thomas O'Connor
Mr. Travis Allen

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 Ms. Brown moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board approve the minutes of the November 10, 2016 Regular School Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

- Student Spotlight Mr. Kyle Repucci, Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Ms. Lori West, RMS Guidance Counselor introduced Samuel Clough, grade 7 student at RMS. Sam is being recognized for being an "upstander"; he stood up for a student being picked on at school – his one kind act stopped other kids from teasing. Sam had the courage to do what sometimes is difficult; he stepped up and stopped meanness. He sent a message through his action that kindness is important!
- Staff Recognition Mr. Repucci, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, introduced November employee of the month recipients: Mrs. Davita Fortier, Grade 1 Teacher at McClelland School; Mrs. Jennifer Burke-Guptill, Para-Educator at Rochester Middle School; Mrs. Caitlen Madore, Social Studies Teacher at Spaulding High School; and Ms. Cherie Mann, Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent of Schools.
- One-to-One Computing Mr. Hopkins reported that tomorrow the Rochester Middle School will begin the implementation of one-to-one computing. Chromebooks are being handed out to students; the staff has been working hard to ensure everything is in place for this to happen. This is a very exciting opportunity for students and staff!
- Christmas Village The Spaulding High School Music Department's Christmas Village is up and running for this Friday night and two shows on Saturday. If you have not attended a show, it is highly recommended to see the outstanding talent at Spaulding.
- JBC Meeting Mr. Hopkins reminded Board members the last meeting of the East Rochester School Joint Building Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20th at the SHS/RW Creteau Technology Center at 6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. the City Council Workshop will commence with a review of the CTE Programs currently offered, a brief tour, and review of projected renovations to the building and programs.

Spaulding High School Student Senate Report

A report was not presented this evening.

Public Comment

None.

Committee Reports

Building Committee:

No action required.

Instruction Committee:

No action required.

Personnel Committee:

Resignation

Mrs. Bryant, moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board accept the resignation of Terese Thorne, Pre-School Para-Educator. The motion carried unanimously.

Nominations

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

- Chelsea Belinsky..... Special Education Teacher
- Cassandra Camire Para-Educator
- Holly Bogardus Para-Educator

The motion carried unanimously.

Co/Extra-Curricular

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

- Peter Sajko Granite State Challenge Team Co-Advisor
- Andrea Pastelis Granite State Challenge Team Co-Advisor
- Kenneth Billings (\$1.00) Girls Basketball, Coach Assistant
- Tracey Camire..... (\$1.00) Swimming Coach Assistant
- Sheila Colson Weight Room – Winter Advisor
- Kevin Laroche..... Wrestling, Varsity Coach Assistant
- Scott Couture (\$1.00) Wrestling, Coach Assistant
- Lyndsey Barton..... (\$1.00) Cheering, JV Winter Coach Assistant

The motion carried unanimously.

Special Services Committee:

Attendance Process

Mrs. Stokes moved, second by Mr. Watson, the Board approve a pilot attendance process beginning February 1, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee:

Stipends

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Watson, the Board approve the stipend for Kent Hemingway in the amount of \$3,600; for instructing a Plymouth State University Class. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Ms. Brown, the Board approve the stipend for Justin Roy in the amount of \$3,600 each for instructing two Plymouth State University Classes. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board approve the stipend request for Heidi Zollman in the amount of \$3,600; for instructing the Orton-Gillingham Class for the District. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Watson, the Board approve the stipend request for Alicia Goff in the amount of \$1,000; for data entry into the TS Gold Database. 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 two cases heard at the November 28, 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: No action required.

Committee Reports – Special Committees

No action required.

Old Business

Adopt-a-School

Mr. Lynch reminded Board members if they were interested in connecting with a school to send him an e-mail. He will work with Mr. Hopkins to coordinate initial visit with school.

New Business

17-18 Calendars

The Superintendent recommends the 2017-2018 School Calendars to the Board for first reading.

Other

Para Openings

Mr. Pappas asked how many Para-Educator positions were still open. Mr. Hopkins responded that Title I schools are struggling to fill Para positions due to the certification or degree required; an exact number was not readily available.

Gonic Road Race

Mr. Pappas announced that the Gonic School Annual Road Race is scheduled for May 6, 2017; it is a walk or run 5K.

Non-Public

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Watson, the Board enter non-public session at 7:27 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. Turner, Ms. Brown, Mrs. Malone, Mr. Lynch, Ms. Guptel,
Mr. Pappas, Mrs. Stevens, Mr. Watson, Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Stokes,
Mr. Jean

NO: None

Public-Session

Ms. Brown moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board enter public session at 7:46 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael L. Hopkins
Board Secretary