

**Rochester School Board**  
**Regular School Board Minutes**  
January 12, 2017  
City Council Chambers

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**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

Mr. Thomas O'Connor

**Also Present:**

Mr. Michael Hopkins, Superintendent  
Mr. Kyle Repucci, Asst. Superintendent  
Ms. Linda Casey, Business Administrator  
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 Mrs. Bryant, the Board approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016 Regular School Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**Superintendent's Report**

Student Spotlight        Mr. Kyle Repucci, Assistant Superintendent of Schools with Mr. Mark Campbell, Chamberlain Street School Principal and Ms. Jenna Buinicky introduced and acknowledged Sydney Daly, Makenna Stevens, Ali Fazekas, Alyvia Stevens, and Anna Stanley. These five Chamberlain Street School students represented the School District at the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference in Manchester. They spoke to educators from across New England about using Osmos and Bee Bots in our school. Very proud of the students how they represented themselves, their family, their school and the School District.

Staff Recognition        Mr. Repucci, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, introduced December employee of the month recipients: Mrs. Joan Ouellette, Reading Teacher at School Street School; Mrs. Kristen Sturtevant, Library/Media Specialist at Rochester Middle School; Mr. Bernard "Bernie" Rodier, Custodian at SHS Creteau Technology Education Center; and Mrs. Laura Scott, District Purchasing Coordinator.

Meetings                 Mr. Hopkins reminded Board members of the scheduled Board Retreat at 6:30 p.m. on January 18, 2017 (School Dept. Board Room #1); and the Special School Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. (School Department Board Room #2).

NHSAA                    Mr. Hopkins informed the Board that he volunteered to serve on the NHSAA Legislative Committee, participation will ensure that any legislation coming forward will provide an opportunity to have an influence.

Dean of Students Mr. Hopkins provided a review of the update presented to the Personnel Committee regarding the SHS Dean of Students position; the administration reported that the position has been quite positive. The issues that this position has dealt with has provided time for the Deputy Principal to work with teachers and get into classrooms. Ms. Houston has been able to deal with and work through issues before they grew too big.

Tuition Students A recommendation for the Board to approve enrollment of tuition students at the high school, middle school and elementary schools (up to ten students at each level) will be brought forward under New Business. Mr. Hopkins noted that not many slots have been filled, tuition is a source of revenue for the district.

**Spaulding High School Student Senate Report**

Ms. Emily Benson, Student Senate Co-President reported that the SHS Varsity Basketball Team is now ranked 2nd in state; they will be playing the number 1 ranked team Portsmouth tomorrow – best of luck! The Hockey team will be playing their next game on the rink painted pink; the Student Senate Variety Show is January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Ms. Benson said that caroling with the Leadership Team was a great success! The 12 Days of Giving sponsored by the Student Senate was also a memorable success.

Congratulations to those students who won NH Scholastic Awards; very proud of these artist! The Leadership Team met yesterday afternoon, very excited about planning and moving forward with ideas to brighten up the school on dreary winter days, the next Retreat is scheduled for March 24th. The Ski Team did very well in their recent competition, despite the temperatures; SHS Unified Basketball Team beat Dover today – congratulations.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Committee Reports**

***Building Committee:***

No action required.

***Instruction Committee:***

2017-18 Calendars Mr. Watson moved, second by Mr. Jean, the Board approve second reading and adoption of the 2017-2018 school calendars. The motion carried unanimously.

***Personnel Committee:***

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

Heather Boucher ..... Para-Educator  
Mariah Tibbetts..... Para-Educator

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Karla Deinstadt ..... CTE/Health Occupations Teacher  
Mary Evilsizer..... Science Teacher  
Maeve McCarthy ..... Para-Educator  
Bethany Twitchell..... Para-Educator

Sasha Wheeler..... ESOL Para-Educator  
Jennifer York .....Rochester Community Education Counselor

The motion carried unanimously.

Co/Extra-Curricular Mrs. Bryant moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board accept the Co/Extra-Curricular resignation of Ronald Williams, Middle School Track Coach. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Keri Devine..... Cheering, Varsity Winter Coach Assistant  
Tammy Kane ..... FCCLA Advisor  
Kyle Beckwith .....(\$1.00) Ski Team, Varsity Coach Assistant  
Trevor St. Laurent..... (\$1.00) Wrestling, Varsity Coach Assistant

The motion carried unanimously.

***Special Services Committee:***

No action required.

***Finance Committee:***

Senate Request Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mr. Allen, the Board approve the “draft” letter to Senator Gray regarding School Building Aide reinstatement; and authorize the submission of the letter as approved to the Senator, Governor, and Rochester House representatives.

Mr. Papps provided a brief overview of intent of the letter being sent to elected NH Representatives from the School Board to encourage them to work in Concord to reinstate School Aide. Governor Sununu expressed his interest in reinstate School Aide; it is important to provide help and support to encourage to moving forward with legislation.

The motion on the floor carried unanimously.

Energy Savings Mr. Jean thanked Ms. Casey for finding lower costs for natural gas and energy; this will provide significant savings to the District.

***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 December 13, 2016 and January 9, 2017 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:***

Second Reading Mr. Watson moved, second by Mr. Allen, the Board approve second reading and adoption of the following policies:

- IKFA, Early Graduation
- JJIF, Daily Physical Activity
- KJ, Advertising in the Schools

The motion carried unanimously.

First Reading            The Committee recommends to the Board for first reading and review the following policies:

- BDDE, Rules of Order
- EFC, Vending Machines
- JHH, Rochester School Department Health and Nutrition Policy
- KNAJ (also JFG), Questioning, Interrogating and Searching Students

**Committee Reports – Special Committees**

East Rochester JBC      Mr. Hopkins reported that on December 20, 2016 the East Rochester JBC voted to disband. The committee’s last action was to approve final payment to Hutter Construction upon satisfying a couple small issues with flooring and HVAC; funds have been encumbered for these items.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Tuition Students      Mr. Jean moved, second by Ms. Brown, the Board approve enrollment of ten tuition students at both Spaulding High School and Bud Carlson Academy; ten tuition students at Rochester Middle School; and ten tuition students at the elementary level for the 2017-2018 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

**Other**

Gafney Home Thanks    Mr. Jean recognized the National Honor Society students and Nancy Loud School students that visited the Gafney Home to sing carols; they were well behaved and wonderful to the residents. Thanks was extended for brightening the residence day and support of the home.

Spaulding Voice        Mrs. Stevens encouraged everyone to the Spaulding Voice newspaper to get a good comprehensive look at all the amazing things being done at Spaulding.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Brown moved, second by Mr. Allen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael L. Hopkins  
Board Secretary