

Rochester School Board
Regular School Board Minutes
March 9, 2017
City Council Chambers

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Members Present:

Mr. Paul Lynch, Chair
Mr. Thomas O'Connor
Mrs. Karen Stokes
Mr. Travis Allen
Mrs. Jennifer Bryant
Ms. Nichole Guptel
Ms. Julie Brown
Mr. Matthew Pappas
Mrs. Amy Malone
Mr. Robert Watson

Members Absent:

Mrs. Audrey Stevens
Mr. Thomas J. Jean

Also Present:

Mr. Michael Hopkins, Superintendent
Mr. Kyle Repucci, Asst. Superintendent
Ms. Linda Casey, Business Administrator
Atty. 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 Mr. Allen, the Board approve the minutes of the February 16, 2017 Regular School Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Staff Recognition Mr. Kyle Repucci, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, introduced February employee of the month recipients: Ms. Holly Beaulieu, Para-Educator at Nancy Loud School; Mr. Scott Prieto, Grade 8 Math Teacher at Rochester Middle School; Mr. Jay Keough, Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Teacher at Spaulding High School; and Mr. Eric Juliani, District Technology Integrator.

Meeting Schedule Mr. Hopkins, Superintendent of Schools, noted that it was suggested at the last Committee meetings to post the start time for Personnel, Building and Finance at 6:00 p.m.; the Board would need to have a consensus for this type of change.

Reminder – Special School Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the School Department Board Room #1.

Seacoast Leadership The Seacoast Region Leadership Program visited Spaulding as their Education Day; visiting with teachers and students throughout the course of a day. Mr. Hopkins shared the contents of a letter from participants, which stated how impressed they were with the education going on at SHS; they are amazed at the programs offered, the students and staff.

Meeting Time Mr. Lynch asked Board members for a consensus vote regarding posting the Personnel, Building and Finance Committee meetings start time at 6:00 p.m. Personnel will be called to order first with Building and Finance to immediately follow. Consensus affirmed posting of meetings at 6:00 p.m.

Spaulding High School Student Senate Report

Ms. Taylor Gauthier, Student Senate Co-President provided the following report regarding many events and activities at Spaulding High School: The Play Beauty and the Beast starts Thursday March 9th – a must see! Rachel and Xavier Bamford placed 1st and 2nd for the individual Bowling State Championship;

Unified Basketball won their playoff game and Boys Varsity Basketball will play their first playoff game March 10th – good luck! Emily Benson and Taylor won 3rd place in the Get Schooled NH Video Contest.

Music in Our Schools is scheduled for March 25th at the Rec Center; All-State Music Festival is March 30-31 – we are sending 19 students this year. Spring sports will be starting March 20th – looking forward to another exciting season. Raider Pride Night is a revamped Open House scheduled for March 22nd. Seacoast Leadership toured Spaulding, they had nothing but praise for our school. 40 students attended an opioid summit at SNHU.

The Senior Spring Fling is scheduled for April 1st; the Interact Decathlon is April 2nd. April 5th will be a busy day; SAT and PSAT are scheduled for Sophomores and Juniors; Seniors will be hosting a community service day; and Freshmen will have a bonding group activity. The Sophomore Semi-Formal will be held April 8th. Aya Magherbeh from Israel will be coming back to present her experiences to the Social Studies Department.

Lowes has generously donated paint and workers to repaint our Gym in July – thank you! For Reading Week at the elementary schools, students from SHS have been visiting schools to read to students throughout the week. We are all looking forward to a busy and productive spring.

Public Comment

Ms. Amber Bower, Nancy Loud School parent expressed concerns to the Board regarding the possibility of combining grades 4/5; it would be detrimental for students preparedness for RMS. Think about how this change is going to affect students and their academics before moving forward.

Mrs. Mandy Smith, Nancy Loud School parent, understands tough decisions that need to be made by the Board regarding the budget. She asked that consideration be made to what the real impact is to combining teachers, taking a principal away from their little school – these types of changes will not have a positive impact.

Mrs. Doris Gates, brought forward concerns with lack of available documentation and budget information on the School District website, related to Regular and Committee meetings. Would like to also see a little more information with regards to Cash CIP. Mrs. Gates noted that people are asking why consolidation of the Nancy Loud School is not happening; closing the school would mean savings within the budget.

Mrs. Gates reviewed information obtained via a Right to Know Request regarding a letter of investigation received by the Office of Civil Rights in regards to Maple Street Magnet School accessibility. The Board needs to think wisely about taxpayers; do the right thing and go back to 180 day school year and avoid additional expenditures.

Committee Reports

Building Committee:

No action required.

Instruction Committee:

No action required.

Personnel Committee:

Retirement

Mrs. Bryant, moved, second by Mr. Allen, the Board accept the following resignations for retirement purposes:

Linda Burks Elementary Teacher
Raymond Poliquin Art Teacher

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Sheila Comfort Title I Para-Educator
Donna Mardikis Para-Educator
Robert Roy Custodian

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Ashley LaGrange Para-Educator
Diane Lang Para-Educator
David Orrell Custodian
Paul Stevens 2nd Cook/Cashier

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Paul George Baseball, Varsity (B)
Gary Bryant Baseball, Varsity (B) Asst.
Karl Douglass (\$1.00) Baseball, Varsity (B) Asst.
Willard Young ((\$1.00) Baseball, Varsity (B) Asst.
Enrique Carlero (\$1.00) Baseball, Varsity (B) Asst.
Jerry Lachance (\$1.00) Baseball, Varsity (B) Asst.
Robert Gee Baseball, JV (B)
Brad Taylor (\$1.00) Baseball, JV (B) Asst.
Benjamin Douglass Baseball, Freshman (B)
Joshua Nesbitt (\$1.00) Baseball, Freshman (B) Asst.
Kevin Gosselin (\$1.00) Baseball, MS
Robert Lang Lacrosse, Varsity (B)
Brike Hall Lacrosse, Varsity (B) Asst.
Jeffrey Hunt (\$1.00) Lacrosse, Varsity (B) Asst.
Mathew Barricklow (\$1.00) Lacrosse, Varsity (B) Asst.
Colton Castonguay (\$1.00) Lacrosse, Varsity (B) Asst.
Marissa Merrill Lacrosse, Varsity (G)
David Murdoch (\$1.00) Lacrosse, Varsity (G)
Marleah Spearin Lacrosse, Varsity (G) Asst.
Tyler Nutter Lacrosse, MS (B)
Matthew Benjamin Lacrosse, MS (G)
Sheila Colson Softball, Varsity (G)
Paul Cormier Softball, Varsity (G) Asst.
Stephanie Nesbitt Softball, Varsity (G) Asst.
Paul Nelson Softball, JV (G)
James McKenney Softball, Freshman (G)
Paul Nelson Softball, Freshman (G)
Jacqueline McKenney Special Olympics Head Coach HS
Sarah Glidden Special Olympics Head Coach MS
Susan Pelletier Tennis, Varsity (B)

Rita Ciambra..... Track, Spring (Mixed)
 Norman Sanborn.....Track, Spring (B) Asst.
 Patrick Carr.....Track, Spring (G) Asst.
 Tony Monetta..... Track, Spring Asst.
 Richard Choate(\$1.00) Track, Spring Asst.
 Randi Margey Track, MS (Mixed)
 Lisa Hernandez Parsell Track, MS (Mixed)
 Michael Dubois..... (\$1.00) Track, MS (Mixed)
 Jeffrey Turgeon..... Unified Volleyball
 Judy Turgeon(\$1.00) Unified Volleyball
 John Shea..... Weight Room, Spring

The motion carried unanimously.

Special Services Committee:

No action required.

Finance Committee:

CAP Program

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve the following Resolution to enter Primex Property & Liability; and Workers Compensation Contribution Assurance Program (CAP):

Resolved: To hereby accept the offer of the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex³) to enter into its **Property & Liability; and Workers Compensation Contribution Assurance Program (CAP)** as of the date of the adoption of this resolution, and to be contractually bound to all of the terms and conditions of Primex³ risk management pool membership during the term of the **Property & Liability; and Workers Compensation Contribution Assurance Program (CAP)**. The coverage provided by Primex³ in each year of membership shall be as ten set forth in the Coverage Documents of Primex³.

The motion carried unanimously.

Wheel Balancer

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve the bid from Lappens Garage Equipment of Stoughton, MA in the amount of \$15,200 for a force variaiton wheel balancer; to be purchased with Perkins Grant funds. The motion carried unanimously.

Construction Manager

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Ms. Brown, the Board approve Meridian Construction of Gilford, NH as the Construction Manager for the SHS Sprinkler System and Fire Alarm Upgrades. The motion carried unanimously.

Scoreboards

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve the bid from Side Effects, Inc. for the SHS Gymnasium Scoreboards for zero dollars. The motion carried unanimously.

FY 2018 Budget

The Committee recommends to the Board for first reading the FY 2018 Operating Budget in the amount of \$60,840,549

The Committee recommends to the Board for first reading of the FY 2018 Bonded CIP Budget in the amount of \$24,774,127.

The Committee recommends to the Board for first reading the FY 2018 Food Services Budget in the amount of \$1,800,000.

The Committee recommends to the Board for first reading the FY 2018 Grants Budget in the amount of \$3,571,000.

Mr. Lynch confirmed by hand vote that Board members understand why the FY 2018 Operating Budget is being submitted for first reading as is. Mr. Watson clarified that there is opportunity to bring forward amendments to the budget at the March 23, 2017 Special Board meeting.

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 February 16, 2017 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:

Second Reading

Mr. O'Connor moved, second by Mr. Allen the Board approve second reading and adoption of policy BCA, Board Organization and Meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Connor moved, second by Ms. Brown, the Board approve second reading and adoption of policy EFB, Free and Reduced Lunch Policy. The motion carried unanimously.

First Reading

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

- AC-R, Non-Discrimination: Title VII, Title IX Grievances
- KLGA-R, School Resource Officer/Law Enforcement Administrative Memorandum of Understanding
- BA, Board Operational Goals
- BAAA, School Board Policies and Administrative Procedures
- BBAA, Board Member Authority
- BBC, Board Member Resignation
- BBFA, Board Member Conflict of Interest
- BBF-E, School Board Member Ethics

Old Business

None.

New Business

SHS Visit

Mr. Lynch had opportunity to walk through HS with Mr. Pappas; they spent some time talking with students that shared great ideas that they would like to implement. The visit left them very impressed and proud of the collective body of students. We should all be very proud of what the administrators and teachers are doing with students.

Mr. Lynch encouraged the community and Board members to attend the quarter-finals basketball game Friday evening to support the SHS Varsity team.

Other

None.

Adjournment

Mr. O'Connor moved, second by Mr. Allen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael L. Hopkins
Board Secretary