

Rochester School Board
Regular School Board Minutes
June 8, 2017
City Council Chambers

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mr. Travis Allen
Ms. Nichole Gupta

Also Present:

Mr. Michael Hopkins, Superintendent
Mr. Kyle Repucci, Asst. Superintendent
Ms. Linda Casey, Business Administrator
Ms. Marilyn Martell
Atty. Jerome Grossman
Guests & Public

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. Jean moved, second by Mrs. Bryant, the Board approve the minutes of the May 11, 2017 Regular School Board meeting and May 15, 2017 AREA Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Retirees Retirees were acknowledged, amongst applause, for their years of commitment and service to the students and families in Rochester. Paraprofessionals: Deborah Head, Sandra Averill, Betty McCrillis, and Rosemary Liberty. Teachers: Judith Goodnow, Gregory Riley, Linda Burks, Mary Glidden, Debra Marcotte, Janet Nickless, Donna Ackerman, George Ackerman, Raymond Poliquin, Dorothy Sylvia, Tina Amorim, Karen Muzzey, Karen Carignan, Donna Gagnon, and Judith Robbins. Administrators: Kathy Dubois and Robin Brown.

Student Spotlight Mr. Kyle Repucci, Assistant Superintendent with Ms. Tracy Mitropoulos, CTE Business Teacher acknowledged Liam Sullivan, FBLA Co-President for his skills and leadership in marketing and social media that has helped our FBLA Chapter succeed. Liam competed and won first place at the State Leadership Conference, he will be attending the National FBLA Competition in California next month.

Staff Recognition Mr. Kyle Repucci, Assistant Superintendent of Schools introduced May employee of the month recipients: Mrs. Karen Muzzey, Grade 1 Teacher at Maple Street Magnet School; Mr. Ken Daynard, Grade 8 English Teacher at Rochester Middle School; Mr. George Ackerman, Science Teacher at Spaulding High School; and the District OG Scholars: Bonnie Varney-Lachance, Sarah Frazer, Deb LaValley, Kaleigh Lemieux, Alison Neri, Dianne Moses, Elizabeth Weeks, Lisa Harrison and Linda Davis

Top 10 Seniors Mr. Hopkins attended the first Top Ten Graduates Breakfast at SHS. The top ten graduates were recognized for their accomplishments; parents were invited to attend and each student invited one teacher who had an impact on them. It was a

special moment for everyone in attendance. Thanks was extended to Mrs. Claudia Watson, Guidance Counselor for taking the time to write the bios for each of these students.

- Upcoming Events
- Monday, June 12th at 6:00 p.m RCE Graduation at SHS Auditorium
 - Wednesday, June 14th at 6:30 p.m. BCA Graduation at the Opera House
 - Friday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m. SHS Graduation at the SHS Hugo Bolin Field
(*Board members wanting to be seated on the stage should plan to meet around 6:00 p.m. in front of the Community Center.*)

Graduates will be going out to visit RMS and their elementary schools on June 15th; the tour begins at 10:45 a.m.

Student Senate

Mr. Lynch on behalf of the School Board presented a token of appreciation and thanks to the Student Senate Co-Presidents, Emily Benson and Taylor Gauthier for being outstanding students and role models to their peers.

Spaulding High School Student Senate Report

Ms. Emily Benson, Student Senate Co-President reported that there was a successful spirit week at SHS the week of May 22 through 26. The Music Department is holding their annual banquet on June 11 where the students who participated in band are recognized for their commitment throughout the year. Pre band camp in preparation for this upcoming year's Band Show will begin on August 10th. Baseball will have their semifinal playoff game this Friday at 7:00 p.m. at SNHU, come cheer on our Raiders! Our lady Raiders made it all the way to the semifinals and lost a tightly fought game to Bedford yesterday. Unified Volleyball made it to the semifinals, but lost a hard fight against Dover. The Meet of Champions for outdoor track was recently held, with Spaulding sending seven athletes! In addition, this weekend because of their incredible performance at the Meet of Champions, Brooke Clooney and Marina DiPrizio will be competing in the New England track meet. Jeremy Lang was named to the 1st team All-State for Boys Lacrosse; and Cal Connelly was named the 2016 Athlete of the Year by the Rochester Athletic Association. FBLA is attending Nationals! They are sending a total of 5 students to Anaheim, California to compete – good luck.

This past Saturday and Sunday, ROTC cadets completed in silence the 14-mile Bataan Death March honoring American POWs from 1942; a total of seven miles were completed per day. Scholarship Night was a huge success with an incredibly generous total of \$170,000 having been given out to graduates going great places. All School Awards was on June 1st where students received awards from their teachers commemorating the outstanding job they did in class.

This summer's reading was given out on June 5 to very excited students! Today there was an amazing Top 10 Breakfast organized by the administration that recognized the top ten graduates and their accomplishments. The students were asked to choose and recognize a teacher that has impacted them, with teachers from all areas of study and passions. This was a very successful event that will be continued for years to come.

The Drama club acted out a Bullying presentation today for an audience of over 700 students. They did an amazing job.

There will be another summer retreat in August that is in the works. Project Graduation will commence right after graduation where the newest alumni will go to Blitz Air Park and the Works for a night of fun and lots of junk food. Baccalaureate, a non-denominational celebration will commence this Sunday at 1:00 pm in the Spaulding Auditorium, and our very own Alex Inman will be serving light snacks.

This year's senior trip is an overnight trip with stops at Six Flags and Brownstone Adventure Park. We would like to thank the school board for allowing us the opportunity to have an overnight. Graduation is being held next Friday June 16.

That is the end of my last Student Senate Report. I would like to take a moment and thank each and every one of you, because even though I may have never spoken a word to you, you have always supported me, even if it is just with a reassuring smile or look. I've never been entirely comfortable with speaking in front of people or for a camera, but over the past years thanks to this amazing opportunity I don't absolutely hate it anymore. I know that your job is difficult and that even though you know you can't please everyone, you still try. This school board has first and foremost been for the kids and I hope that the relationship between the students and the school board continues to blossom and expand. I love my school, and even though I may be ready to leave I know I will miss it. I will miss what we have built through hard work. So I ask that as the years continue and graduating classes come and go, the relationship between the students, the teachers, the administrators, and the school board continues to grow and Spaulding continues to become a better school. Thank you for bearing with me when I spoke too fast and stumbled over my words, but my time has come and I'm ready for my next adventure. Thank you Mrs. Bryant – wished Emily well on her endeavors. Appreciates the monthly reports and what is going on at Spaulding – thank you for representing Spaulding well!!

Public Comment None

Committee Reports

Building Committee:
No action required.

Instruction Committee:
PD Master Plan Mr. Watson moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve the 2017-2022 Professional Development Master Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee:
Retirement Mrs. Bryant moved, second by Ms. Brown, the Board accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Linda Gelinas, Library Para-Educator. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Robyn Armstrong Mathematics Teacher
Rebecca Comeau.....Pre-school Para-Educator
Gino Harmon Custodian
Matthew Johnson Entry Level PC Technician
Jacqueline McKenney Special Education Teacher
Nadia Penot..... NH SS/HS Program Assistant

Alissa SheingPre-school Para-Educator
Kayla Reeves Elementary Teacher

The motion carried unanimously.

Termination Mrs. Bryant moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board approve the termination of employment of AFP, Para-Educator. The motion carried unanimously.

Nominations Mrs. Bryant moved, second by Mr. O'Connor, the Board approve the 2016-17 nomination of Johanna Trudeau, Para-Educator. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bryant moved, second by Ms. Brown, the Board approve the 2017-18 Administrator nomination of Michele Halligan-Foley as the Career and Technical Education Director for the SHS – RW Creteau Technology Center. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bryant moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board approve the following 2017-18 Teacher nominations:

Laura Hogan World Language-French Teacher
Brianna Martin.....Special Education Teacher
Rhonda CampbellSpecial Education Teacher

The motion carried unanimously.

Department Heads Mrs. Bryant moved, second by Ms. Brown, recommends the Board approve the following 2017-18 Department Head nominations:

Shara HughesSpeech/Language Department Head
Nancy Graham Nursing Co-Department Head
Stephanie McSharry..... Nursing Co-Department Head
Kelly Borish.....Occupational Department Head

The motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum Advisors Mrs. Bryant moved, second by Mr. O'Connor, recommends the Board approve the following 2017-18 Middle School Curriculum Advisor nominations:

Amy Boyd..... Unified Arts
Braden Ott..... Grade 8 Science
Sara Boyle..... Grade 8 Science
Elizabeth Gouzoules-WaltonGrade 8 Social Studies
Lea Marshall Grade 8 English
Scott Prieto..... Grade 8 Math
Elizabeth MacMillan..... Grade 8 Math
Thomas Muzzey..... Grade 7 Science
Kelly GrayGrade 7 Social Studies
Bailey DangoraGrade 7 Social Studies
Annah Kelley Grade 7 Math
Jennifer Andrews Grade 7 English
Cheryl Hanscom Grade 6 English
Allen Spader Grade 6 Science
Curtis Lalonde..... Grade 6 Social Studies

Sara Toussaint..... Grade 6 Math
Jennifer Doherty Special Education

The motion carried unanimously.

Extended School Year Mrs. Bryant moved, second by Ms. Brown, the Board approve the following
Middle School Extended School Year nominations:

Jamie Thomas Coordinator/Teacher
Adam Black Teacher
Katherine Grace Teacher
Karen Merrill Teacher
Jennifer Andrews Teacher

The motion carried unanimously.

Special Ed ESY Mrs. Bryant moved, second by Mr. O'Connor, the Board approve the following
Special Education Extended School Year nominations:

Courtney Clairwood..... Teacher
Gail Corey..... Teacher
Robert Kelley Teacher
Susan Goodman Teacher
Melinda Hussey Teacher
Travers Desjardins Teacher
Daniel Saucier..... Teacher
Kimberly Barham Teacher
Robert Desjardins Teacher
Kimberly Terry Teacher
Lauren Gray Speech
Elaine Paula Nurse
Christie LeClair..... OT
Valerie Knowles OT
Ann Casey-Leahy OT
Shara Hughes Speech
Cheryl Wisminiti..... Teacher
Maryann Leahy Teacher
Amy McNulty Teacher
Kimberly Terry Teacher
Suzanne Thomas Para-Educator
Jennifer Burke-Guptill Para-Educator
Laurie Thibault Para-Educator
Tammy Kane Para-Educator
Kathy Stone Para-Educator
Jody Bousquin Para-Educator
Gwen Laurent Para-Educator
Marilyn Hartford..... Para-Educator
Victoria Reynolds Para-Educator
Corrine Briggs..... Para-Educator
Shelley King Para-Educator
Madeline Sexton Para-Educator
Caroline Langelier Para-Educator
Chelsea Newcomb Para-Educator
Deanie Cleveland..... Para-Educator

Amanda Rowell Para-Educator
 Victoria Jenkins Para-Educator
 Eryn Aubin..... Para-Educator
 Staci Sanborn-Benjamin Para-Educator
 Patricia LaCharite Para-Educator
 Geraldine Cook Para-Educator
 Jilla Beatty Para-Educator
 Margaret Lacroix Para-Educator
 Theresa Riordan Para-Educator
 Elisabeth Laurent Para-Educator

The motion carried unanimously.

Resignation Mrs. Bryant moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board accept the Extra-Curricular resignation of Hanna Lavoie, Varsity Cheering Coach. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Zoe Jost Drama Middle School
 Kristen Sturtevant Drama Middle School Assistant
 Adam Black Guitar Club Co-Advisor
 Warren Buzzell Guitar Club Co-Advisor
 Mark Sampson Guitar Club Co-Advisor
 Paul Bois Tennis Varsity (G) Coach

The motion carried unanimously.

Job Description The Committee recommends to the Board for first reading and review the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program Director job description.

Retirement Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Mr. O’Connor, the Board accept the resignation for retirement purposes for Gayle Lemoyne, Second Cook/Cashier. The motion carried unanimously.

Resignation Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board accept the following resignations:

Lee Ann Francis Para-Educator
 Jill Panteledes Para-Educator
 Kelsey Stouffer Alternative Pathways Mathematics Teacher

The motion carried unanimously.

Nomination Mr. O’Connor moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve the following nominations:

Brittany Baxter..... Special Education Teacher
 Heather Beardsworth Science Teacher
 Trisha Ferioli Science Teacher
 Kevin McNair Special Education Teacher
 Jeffrey Thompson Custodian

The motion carried unanimously.

Special Services Committee:

- Culinary Club Mrs. Stokes moved, second by Mr. Watson, the Board approve establishing a Culinary Club as a sanctioned Spaulding High School Club Activity. The motion carried unanimously.
- Ads on Scoreboard Mrs. Stokes moved, second by Mr. O'Connor, the Board approve advertisements being placed on wind screens affixed to the football field fence in addition to the advertisements placed on the gym scoreboards. The motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee:

- Chromebooks Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Watson, the Board approve moving forward with developing a means for students and faculty to purchase Chromebooks at the bid price approved for CDW-G. The motion carried unanimously.
- SPC Contract Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board approve the five-year contract with Specialized Purchasing Consultants Corporation (SPC) for copiers and printers in the amount of \$190,594.78 yearly; and authorizing the Superintendent to execute the tax-exempt lease purchase (attached). The motion carried unanimously.
- 21st Century Grant Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. O'Connor, the Board approve and accept funding for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant at Rochester Middle School. The motion carried unanimously.
- OBM Forms Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board authorize the following individuals to sign OBM Form 1, Form 2, Form 4, and contracts approved by the Rochester School Board: Michael L. Hopkins, Superintendent of Schools; Kyle M. Repucci, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; and Linda Casey, Business Administrator. The motion carried unanimously.
- Stipend Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board approve the stipend request for Raymond Pillsbury in the amount of \$1,600 for New Teacher Orientation work; Title IIA funded. The motion carried unanimously.
- Extra/Co-Curricular Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board approve the re-alignment of Extra/Co-Curricular stipends for the 2017-18 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Discipline Committee:

Ms. Brown moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board accept the Committee's recommendations as set out in the backup* regarding the case heard at the May 16, 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. O'Connor moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve second reading and review of policy, BBF-E1, Ethics Policy Statement. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. O'Connor moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board approve second reading and review of policy, BCB, Board Committees and Structure. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Connor moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve second reading and review of policy, BCD, Board-Superintendent Relationship. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Connor moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board approve second reading and review of policy, BCF, Advisory Committees to the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Connor moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board approve second reading and review of policy, BCG, School Attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

First Reading

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

- BDA-1, Broadcasting/Taping of Board Meetings Televising Rochester School Board Meetings
- BDDC, Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
- BDDG, Minutes
- BDDH, Public Participation at Board Meetings

Old Business

None.

New Business

Retirees

Mr. Pappas commented on the total number of years of service for the retirees honored this evening. It speaks volumes to the dedication of the educators in our district. We are lucky to have staff committed to working towards educational goals and supporting students and families.

Other

None.

Non-Public Session

Motion PL/TJ

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Jean, the Board enter non-public session at 7:56 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss the dismissal, promotion, compensation or disciplining of any public employee. The roll call vote as follows:

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

NO: None

Public Session

Mr. Jean moved, second by Ms. Brown, the Board re-enter public session at 8:06 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Ms. Brown moved, second by Mrs. Bryant, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Hopkins
Board Secretary

VOTE TO BE ADOPTED
Rochester School District
Rochester, New Hampshire

Voted: The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute and deliver a tax-exempt lease purchase agreement with M.S.T. Government Leasing, LLC in the name and on behalf of the **Rochester School District** (the “Issuer”), for the purpose of refunding and refinancing existing lease purchases of photocopier equipment and lease purchasing additional new and reconditioned photocopier equipment, any service agreements specifically financed in connection with certain equipment, consulting fees, and related costs of issuance, with an aggregate purchase price not exceeding **Six Hundred Twenty Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$620,220.39)**, at a rate of interest of not more than **3.090%** per year through **August 1, 2022**, and otherwise in such form as the Superintendent may approve; and that the appropriate officials of the Issuer be and hereby are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Issuer such other documents and certificates as may be required in connection with such tax-exempt lease purchase agreement; and that no part of the proceeds of said tax-exempt lease purchase agreement shall be used, directly or indirectly, to acquire any securities or obligations, the acquisition of which would cause the tax-exempt lease purchase agreement to be a “private activity bond” or an “arbitrage bond” within the meaning of Sections 141 and 148, respectively, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”); and that the tax-exempt lease purchase agreement issued pursuant hereto be designated as a qualified tax-exempt obligation within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(B) of said Code; and that the Superintendent be and hereby is authorized to covenant on behalf of the Issuer to file any information report and pay any rebate due to the United States in connection with the issuance of said tax-exempt lease purchase agreement, and to take all other lawful actions necessary to insure that the interest portion of the rental payments under and pursuant to the tax-exempt lease purchase agreement will be excluded from the gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation and to refrain from taking any action which would cause such interest portion of the rental payments to become includable in the gross income of the owners thereof. The School Board of the Issuer also authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign the attached Contract with Specialized Purchasing Consultants, Inc. relating to acquisition of photocopying equipment for the Issuer and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to make any elections under the Contract not exceeding the aggregate purchase price of this authorizing Vote.