

**Rochester School Board**  
**Regular School Board Minutes**  
November 9, 2017  
Rochester School Board Room #2

**Members Present:**

Mr. Paul Lynch, Chair  
Ms. Julie Brown  
Mrs. Audrey Stevens  
Mr. Thomas J. Jean  
Mr. Matt Pappas  
Mr. Thom O'Connor (dep. 7:50)  
Mr. Raymond Turner  
Mr. Robert Watson  
Mrs. Amy Malone  
Mrs. Karen Stokes  
Mrs. Anne Grassie

**Members Absent:**

Mrs. Jennifer Bryant  
Mr. Travis Allen

**Also Present:**

Mr. Michael Hopkins, Superintendent  
Mr. Kyle Repucci, Asst. Superintendent  
Ms. Linda Bartlett, Business  
Administrator  
Mrs. Robin Despina  
Atty. Jerome Grossman  
Guests & Public  
Press

Mr. Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on a roll call with a quorum present. Members participated in the pledge of allegiance. Mrs. Grassie was sworn in as a member of the School Board by Attorney Grossman. All welcomed Mrs. Grassie back as a School Board member to fill the vacant Ward 4-B seat.

Last Minutes                      Ms. Brown moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve the minutes of the October 12, 2017 Regular School Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**Spaulding High School Student Senate Report**

Ms. Corin Molinaro, SHS Student Senate, provided the Board a written report of SHS school activities.

**Veteran's Day**

Many Spaulding groups are participating in Veteran's Day remembrance services – ROTC paid tribute to 17 veterans that currently teach at Spaulding High School and will also be participating in the Remembrance Service at the Rochester Commons on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The Select Chorus will be participating in the service at the First Methodist Church on November 10<sup>th</sup> where Major Heeter will be the keynote speaker.

**Fall Sports**

Fall sports have ended but the Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT) has an overnight team building event with the Dover SALT group. Chaperones are needed.

**Senior Semi Formal**

The Senior Semi-Formal is occurring tonight. Everyone appreciated Ms. Molinaro's attendance at the Board meeting on her way to attend the event. 154 Senior's will attend at the Red Barn in South Berwick, ME.

**Fundraising Activities**

ROTC is having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in the high school cafeteria to support their trip to Washington DC, the Freshman and Senior classes are selling Tupperware to raise money for their classes and the Spanish Honor Society is hold a Chipolte fundraiser on November 14<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 pm. All were encouraged to support these fundraising efforts. The SHS Haunted Tunnel

fundraiser was a great success and raised over \$500 and the sophomore class raised over \$700 in their last pie fundraiser.

**Other**

Multiple classrooms and departments are starting to gather donations for Thanksgiving baskets to give to those SHS families in need. A special thank you was given to Athletic Instinct for their overwhelming support with their recent fundraiser for the Raider Pantry. There will be a FAFSA information night for seniors and their parents in the library on November 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm. Health Science students are heading to their fall conference on November 16<sup>th</sup> and lastly, Spaulding hosted visitors from Belfast, Northern Ireland recently. A group will travel to see them in April to visit and complete some community service.

**Superintendent’s Report**

**Staff Recognition** Mr. Kyle Repucci, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, introduced November employee of the month recipients: Mrs. Betty Anne Badgley, Elementary Technology Teacher; Ms. Sarah Boyle, RMS Science teacher; Ms. Susan Mann, SHS Spanish teacher; Ms. Jacky LeHoullier– Families in Transition Coordinator for the district.

**SHS Clock Repair** Mr. Hopkins reported on the recent repair of the clock in the tower at Spaulding High School. Mr. Paul Dumont of Gonic assisted Mr. Totty on the repair of the mechanisms. His expertise and assistance in the repairs were acknowledged and very much appreciated. A short segment on the clock was recently featured on WMUR.

**Veterans Day Activities** Mr. Hopkins reported on the number of celebrations in the district recognizing Veterans. This the 9<sup>th</sup> year of the Veteran’s Day Assembly at RMS. It’s wonderful to see the number of Veterans in attendance at this event.

**Public Comment** None

**Committee Reports**

***Building Committee:*** No action required.

***Instruction Committee:*** No action required.

***Personnel Committee:***

**Retirement** Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board accept the resignation of Margaret Geromini, Para-Educator. The motion carried unanimously.

**Nominations** Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve the following nominations:

- Sarah Brown..... Para-Educator
- Denise Couture..... Custodian
- Sarah Cutter..... Second Cook/Cashier
- Bailey Desautel ..... Para-Educator
- Brian O’Maley ..... Skilled Maintenance
- Megan Sawyer..... Para-Educator

The motion carried unanimously.

Co/Extra-Curricular

Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Mr. Jean, the Board approve the following Co/Extra-Curricular nominations:

Patricia Crowe.....	Elementary Yearbook Advisor
Christopher Tilton.....	Weight Room, fall
Timothy Cronin.....	Basketball, Varsity (B) Coach
Donald Betz.....	Basketball, Varsity (B) Coach Assistant
Steven Foster.....	Basketball, Junior Varsity (B) Coach
Christopher Proulx.....	Basketball, Freshman (B) Coach
Dennis Emerson.....	Basketball, Middle School (B) "A" Team Coach
Steven Langevin.....	Basketball, Varsity (G) Coach
Matthew Benjamin.....	Basketball, Junior Varsity (G) Coach
Randi Margey.....	Basketball, Middle School (G) "A" Team Coach
Sean McCarthy.....	Basketball, Middle School (G) "B" Team Coach
Erin Kelly.....	Bowling Coach
Anthony Monetta.....	(\$1.00) Bowling Coach Assistant
Daniel Bamford.....	(\$1.00) Bowling Coach Assistant
Rae Chrane.....	Gymnastics, Varsity Coach
Emily Fortescue-Elliot.....	Gymnastics, Varsity Coach Assistant
Jamie Ferullo.....	Hockey, Varsity Coach
Thomas Auger.....	Hockey, Varsity Coach Assistant
John Duplinsky.....	(\$1.00) Hockey, Varsity Coach Assistant
David Colson.....	Hockey, Junior Varsity Coach
Amy McNulty.....	Ski Team, Varsity Coach
Tyler Nutter.....	Ski Team, Varsity Coach Assistant
Kyle Beckwith.....	(\$1.00) Ski Team, Varsity Coach Assistant
Bonita Varney-Lachance.....	Swimming, Varsity Coach
Jennifer McLain.....	(\$1.00) Swimming, Varsity Coach Assistant
Tracey Camire.....	(\$1.00) Swimming, Varsity Coach Assistant
Allison Gilbert.....	Track, Winter-Indoor (B) Coach Assistant
Michael O'Brien.....	Track, Winter-Indoor (G) Coach
Kevin Boyle.....	Unified Basketball Coach
Daniel Curran.....	(\$1.00) Unified Basketball Coach Assistant
Alexander Clement.....	Wrestling, Varsity Coach
Evan Drouin.....	Wrestling, Varsity Coach Assistant
Nathan Couse.....	(\$1.00) Wrestling, Varsity Coach Assistant
Scott Couture.....	Wrestling, Middle School Coach
Trevor St. Laurent.....	(\$1.00) Wrestling, Middle School Coach Assistant

The motion carried unanimously.

Job Descriptions

Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve the second reading and adoption of the Maintenance Manager job description. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Ms. Brown, the Board approve the second reading and adoption of the Operation Manager job description. The motion carried unanimously.

Nomination Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve the nomination of Philip Ainsworth, Systems Engineer. The motion carried unanimously.

Termination Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Ms. Brown, the Board approve the termination of employment for I.B., Custodian. The motion carried unanimously.

**Special Services Committee:** No action required

**Finance Committee:**

Tuition Rates Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve the FY 2019 tuition rate as follows:

**FY2019**  
Elementary.....\$13,106.16  
Middle School.....\$12,388.61  
High School.....\$12,993.99

The motion carried unanimously

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Watson, the Board approve the FY 2018 special education rate as follows:

**FY2018**  
Special Education.....\$24,057.67  
*(For Non-AREA School Districts)*

The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Update Mr. Jean expressed concern with the budget spending freeze already in place. Budget issues that contributed to this include special education costs, reduction in revenues and kindergarten funding built into our budget which did not occur. This situation has occurred year after year. Mr. Jean stated that in July, he was not comfortable starting the year without a fully funded budget. He would recommend that before crafting the 2019 budget, that we work with the City Council now to address the issue. Funding mechanisms to just get us through don't fix the systemic problem. The school budget has never been adjusted and has never exceeded the tax cap. Mr. Jean recommended that the Finance Committee meet to develop a strategy to determine where we stand. Mr. Lynch agreed stating that the City has been receptive but emphasizing that it is important to meet with the City Council now.

**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 1, 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:** No action required.

**Committee Report – Special Committees**

5 Year Strategic Plan - No action required.

CTE-JBC Committee – No action required.

**Old Business**               None.

**New Business**             None.

**Other**                         Mrs. Stevens thanked the Rochester Middle School for the Veteran’s Day program yesterday. She also stated that it was great to see all the Veterans in attendance and noted that everyone enjoyed the social after the event.

**Non-Public Session**       Mr. Jean moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board enter non-public session at 7:35 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:    Ms. Brown, Mr. Turner, Mrs. Malone, Mr. Lynch, Mrs. Stokes, Mr. Watson, Mr. O’Connor, Mrs. Stevens, Mr. Jean, Mr. Pappas

NO:     None

**Public-Session**            Ms. Brown moved, second by Mr. Jean, the Board enter Public Session at 7:54 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**             Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael L. Hopkins  
Board Secretary