

**Rochester School Board
Regular School Board Minutes**

December 14, 2017
City Council Chambers

See amended minutes as revised on April 12, 2018.

Members Present:

Mr. Paul Lynch, Chair
Mr. Robert Watson
Mrs. Karen Stokes
Mrs. Anne Grassie
Mr. Thomas J. Jean
Mr. Thomas O'Connor
Mr. Raymond Turner
Mr. Travis Allen

Members Absent:

Mrs. Jennifer Bryant
Mrs. Audrey Stevens
Ms. Julie Brown
Mr. Matthew Pappas
Mrs. Amy Malone

Also Present:

Mr. Michael Hopkins, Superintendent
Mr. Kyle Repucci, Asst. Superintendent
Ms. Linda Casey, Business Administrator
Ms. Cherie Mann
Atty. Jerome Grossman
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. Jean moved, second by Mr. Allen, the Board approve the minutes of the November 9, 2017 Regular School Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

- Special Recognition Mr. Kyle Repucci, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, invited Mr. David Totty, Facilities Director, to recognize Mr. Paul Dumont who restored, repaired and upgraded the Spaulding High School clock; the crown of Spaulding's architecture.
- Student Spotlight Mr. Kyle Repucci invited Mr. Justin Roy, Spaulding High School Principal, to recognize: Nate Hunt as the November Student Spotlight recipient.
- Staff Recognition Mr. Kyle Repucci introduced November employee of the month recipients: Mr. John Simas, REACH Pre-School Teacher at East Rochester School; Ms. Crista Woolley, Grade 6 Social Studies Teacher at Rochester Middle School; and Mr. Scott Donnelly, Technology Education Teacher at the SHS/Creteau Technology Center.
- School Recognition Mr. Hopkins shared a letter he received from the New Hampshire Commissioner of Education announcing that the Nancy Loud School has been named a 2017 National Title I Distinguished School, recognized for exceptional student performance for two consecutive years.
- Gonic School Update Mr. Hopkins updated the Board on the issue with the trusses at Gonic School and the move of some Gonic School classes to Rochester Middle School for the remainder of the school year.
- Mr. David Totty explained the problem with the wooden trusses and the reason for the failure.
- Mr. Adam Houghton, Rochester Middle School Principal, thanked Mr. Totty and the maintenance staff, as well as the Rochester Middle School staff for the great job done moving and preparing for the move for the Gonic classes to RMS. Mr. Houghton welcomed Gonic School students, staff and families.

Mr. Jean moved, second by Mr. Lynch, to allow Mr. Hopkins to work with the Lavallee Bressinger Architects to get a cost estimate for the Gonic School roof repairs and then to go out to bid. The motion carried unanimously.

Spaulding High School Student Senate Report

Kyra Bezanker, Spaulding High School Student Senate Representative, provided the Board a written report of SHS school activities.

Sports

JV Girls Basketball won their game 46-44. Varsity Hockey had their first game last night. Varsity and JV Bowling has won their first two matches. MacKenzie Brody has qualified for States in Swimming. Indoor Track has their first meet on Sunday at UNH. The Swim Team has their second meet at UNH as well this weekend. Unified Basketball has started.

Music Department

The Village was well attended, even though the weather forced them to cancel one show. We had a guest performer, Mrs. Martin, playing the French Horn with the band! She did a great job! The Yamaha Corporation visited with a 1983 Alum, Jeff Coffin; he plays sax with the Dave Matthews Band. They donated a new xylophone and new mouthpieces and reeds for all wind instrument players. The spring musical will be Fiddler on the Roof. Auditions will be next Wednesday.

Clubs

The Senior Semi was a great time, several chaperones even got up and danced. The French Honor Society went caroling at the Gafney Home today. NHS, SALT and Friends Forever will be going around Rochester caroling next Friday. Friends Forever, the group of 12 students who will be going to Ireland to participate in community service over Spring Break, will be Pease Greeters this Saturday at 3 a.m. They also ran two successful fundraisers; a parents' night out and a poinsettia sale to raise money for their trip. Spanish Honor Society had a successful fundraiser at Chipotle. The Rochester Rotary Award went to two juniors, Isabel Downs and Marcella Wondal, for their academic and community achievements. ROTC will be having their second drill competition this Saturday. The SALT team had a successful team building retreat complete with a brainstorming session for the winter and spring seasons. Personalized Learning has started to roll out at SHS; teachers are all trying new things in their classrooms to incorporate technology.

Public Comment

None

Committee Reports

Building Committee:

No action required.

Instruction Committee:

No action required.

Personnel Committee:

Resignations

Mr. Jean moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board accept the following resignations:

Christina LeMaitre Student Assistant Program Coordinator
Raenya Morann Para-Educator
Madeline Sexton Para-Educator

The motion carried unanimously.

Termination Mr. Jean moved, second by Mr. Watson, the Board approve the termination of employment for D.C. The motion carried unanimously.

Nominations Mr. Jean moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board approve the following nominations:

- Scott Baker..... Para-Educator
- Tupa Battersby Kindergarten Para-Educator
- Lisa Fieldsend Para-Educator
- Tara Fournier Para-Educator
- Maged Khalil Custodian
- Joseph Manzi Para-Educator
- Mariah Tibbetts..... Para-Educator

The motion carried unanimously.

Co-Curricular/
Extra-Curricular
Nominations

Mr. Jean moved, second by Mr. Watson, the Board accept the following Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular nominations:

- Christopher Dias Basketball, MS (B) "B" Team
- Christopher Schoonmaker..... Basketball, Freshman (G)
- Casey DubeCheering, MS
- Brooke Moody Cheering, Junior Varsity Winter
- Meghan Walkama Elementary Yearbook Co-Advisor
- Alison Gilbert Track, Winter-Indoor (B) Coach
- Anthony MonettaTrack, Winter-Indoor (B) Coach Assistant
- Kaitlin LindsayTrack, Winter-Indoor (G) Coach Assistant
- Timothy Farrington.....Middle School Volleyball Coach
- Stewart Bates (\$1.00) Wrestling, Varsity Assistant

The motion carried unanimously.

Special Services Committee:

No action required.

Finance Committee:

Sick Day Donation Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Jean, the Board approve the donation of ten (10) sick days for B.B.The motion carried unanimously.

Stipend Request Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Watson, the Board approve a Grant funded stipend request for Raymond Pillsbury in the amount of \$2,500 for Critical Incident Response Team Intervention.

Transportation Bid Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Watson, the Board approve the Tri-City Career Technical Education student transportation bid, amount to be divided equally between Rochester, Somersworth and Dover, to First Student Transportation as follows:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Bid Amount</u> |
|------------------|---------------------|
| 2018-2019 | \$100,800.00 |
| 2019-2020 | \$103,824.00 |
| 2020-2021 | \$106,938.00 |

Discipline Committee:

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. O'Connor, the Board follow the Administration's recommendations regarding cases from the November 15 & 27, 2017 meetings.

The motion carried unanimously.

Policy Committee:

Second Reading

Mr. O'Connor moved, second by Mr. Allen, the Board approve second reading and adoption of the following policies:

- JFCC-R, Student Conduct on School Buses/Bus Regulations
- GBCD, Criminal History and Background Checks
- CA, Administration Goals
- CBE, Superintendent's Development Opportunities
- CH, Policy Implementation
- CHA, Development of Regulations
- CHCA, Approval of Handbook and Directives
- CLA, Treatment of Outside Reports
- CM, School District Annual Report
- CMA, Records Retention Policy
- CMA-1, Internet Log/E-Mail/Voicemail Retention Policy

Committee Report – Special Committees

5-Year Strategic Plan Committee:

No action required.

Old Business

None

New Business

Board Meeting

Mr. Jean moved, second by Mr. O'Connor, the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation to the Board for the January 4, 2018 Organizational Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Other

Mrs. Stokes expressed thanks to Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Jean and Mr. Allen for serving on the Board and wished them well on their next endeavor.

Mr. O'Connor expressed thanks and appreciation for being allowed to serve on the Board and represent Ward 6.

Mr. Jean expressed thanks to all the staff who work hard to make this district work; it's been eye opening to serve on the Board and see the many success stories. He also expressed thanks to Mr. Hopkins, Ms. Casey and the Administrative Team.

Mr. Lynch explained that he and Mr. Pappas would like to see a letter drafted collectively as a School Board they are not in favor of Senate Bill 193.

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mrs. Grassie, that Mr. Hopkins draft a letter that the School Board is not in favor of Senate Bill 193. The motion passed by majority vote.

Non-Public Session

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Watson, the Board enter non-public session at 8:02 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (1) to discuss matters that if

discussed in public, are likely to adversely affect the reputation of a person, other than a member of the board. The roll call vote as follows:

YES: Mr. Watson, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Turner, Mrs. Stokes, Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Jean, Mrs. Grassie, Mr. Allen

NO: None

Public Session

Mr. Watson moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board re-enter public session at 8:11 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Turner moved, second by Mr. Jean, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael L. Hopkins
Board Secretary