

Rochester School Board
Organizational School Board Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2018
Rochester School District Boardroom #2

Members Present:

Mr. Paul Lynch, Chair
Mrs. Amy Malone
Mrs. Audrey Stevens
Mrs. Anne Grassie
Ms. Julie Brown
Mr. Matthew Pappas
Mr. Matthew Beaulieu
Mr. Joseph Devine
Mrs. Karen Stokes
Mr. Robert Watson
Mr. Raymond Turner
Mrs. Jennifer Bryant (7:01 pm)

Members Absent:

Also Present:

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

Attorney Grossman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and proceeded to swear in Mrs. Malone and Mr. Turner as members of the School Board.

Mr. Michael Hopkins, Superintendent of Schools completed the roll call with a quorum present. Members participated in the pledge of allegiance.

Election/Chair Attorney Grossman entertained motions for a new School Board Chair. Mr. Pappas nominated Mr. Lynch, second by Ms. Brown. No further nominations were brought forward.

Mr. Pappas moved that the clerk cast one ballot for Mr. Lynch, second by Ms. Brown. The motion carried unanimously. Attorney Grossman turned the meeting over to Mr. Lynch.

Election/Vice-Chair Mr. Lynch entertained motions for a new School Board Vice-Chair. Mrs. Stevens nominated Mr. Pappas, second by Mrs. Grassie. No further nominations were brought forward.

Mrs. Grassie moved the clerk cast one ballot for Mr. Pappas, second by Ms. Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lynch welcomed all new members to the Board.

Last Minutes Mrs. Stevens moved, second by Ms. Brown, the Board accept the minutes of the December 14, 2017 Regular School Board meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Staff Recognition Mr. Hopkins explained that there would be no Employee of the Month Presentation at this meeting. The awards would be presented at the next Regular Board meeting in February.

- Ethics Policy Mr. Hopkins, Superintendent of Schools, reminded each Board member to sign the Ethics Policy Statement (Policy BBF-E1; BBF-E) as dictated by policy and return the signed document to Robin Despins for the file.
- Gonic Roof Mr. Hopkins reported that an estimate of 1.3 million dollars to repair the Gonic School roof trusses was received from Harvey Construction. The estimate will be fine-tuned and will be presented to the Building Committee next month. A request will be submitted to the City Council for a bonded appropriation. In addition, the project will be submitted to the NH Infrastructure Fund. The fund typically reviews projects of up to \$1,000,000 with a maximum grant of up to \$600,000.
- Special Board Meeting A Special Board meeting will be scheduled for January 25, 2018 at 7:00 pm in Boardroom #2. This meeting will provide an opportunity to review the budget for the 2019 school year.
- AREA Agreement Mr. Hopkins reviewed the timeline for the Rochester-Wakefield AREA Agreement. The agreement was submitted to the NH Department of Education for approval, then to the Wakefield School Board. It was approved as a Wakefield Warrant article in March 2017 and will now be sent to the Rochester City Council for approval. After, it will once again be sent to the New Hampshire Department of Education for signature. The only change was to allow 10% of all Wakefield tuition students to attend Governor Wentworth School District.
- A question was asked about whether the 1.3 million dollar estimate for the Gonic roof reflects a scope of work. Mr. Hopkins confirmed that it did. It is anticipated that work could begin in April to have the building ready by August. Mrs. Grassie asked if there had been any issues noted with the roof during our recent extreme winter weather. Mr. Hopkins reported that none had been reported but the building will continued to be monitored. Mr. Pappas asked if the space was still being heated. Mr. Hopkins shared that it is being heated but it is also possible to lower the heat if desired. At the December School Board meeting, Harvey Construction was chosen as the Construction Manager but all work will be sent out to bid.

Spaulding High School Student Senate Report

None

Public Comment

None

Committee Reports

Building Committee:

A January meeting was not convened.

Instruction Committee:

2018-19 Calendar

Mr. Watson moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board approve the 2018-2019 school year calendars.

The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel Committee:

Resignations

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

Nicole Dale NH SS/HS Student Asst. Program Coordinator

Rodney Litchfield Custodian

The motion carried unanimously.

Special Services Committee:

No action required.

Finance Committee:

A January meeting was not convened.

Discipline Committee:

Ms. Brown moved, second by Mr. Lynch, the Board accept the Committee's recommendations as set out in the backup* regarding cases heard at the December 18, 2017, excluding case #69260 and January 3, 2018 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. Pappas moved, second by Mrs. Stokes, the Board approve second reading and adoption of the following policies:

- IGE, Parental Objections to Specific Course Material
- JOB, Protection of Pupil Rights under 20 U.S.C.§1232 H
- JOB-R1, Notification of Rights under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)
- JOB-R2, Sample PPRA Notice and Consent/Opt Out Forms for Specific Activities
- JOB-R3, *Proposed*-Parental Permission for Non-Academic Survey or Questionnaire

The motion carried unanimously.

First Reading

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

- IMBC-Alternative Credit Option
- DB-Annual Budget
- DBB-Fiscal Year
- DBD-Budget Planning
- DBJ-Budget Implementation

Committee Reports – Special Committees

5 Year Strategic Planning

No action required.

CTE Joint Building Committee

Mr. Hopkins shared that the Committee decided at their last meeting not to replace the trusses as part of the CTE Renovation Project. The trusses at Gonic were certainly compromised but the review of the CTE trusses did not show damage. The Committee determined that a monitoring and testing program was sufficient for the CTE roof trusses. A similar but slightly different chemical was used as a fire retardant in these buildings and the different attic conditions certainly made the difference. Mr. Hopkins stated that the Building Committee would most likely have to make a decision on the Rochester Middle School roof trusses at their next meeting. Mrs. Stevens pointed out that the trusses for Gonic and the CTE building came from different suppliers as well.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board request the Rochester City Council schedule a public hearing and recommend the City Council consider the following question:

Shall the Rochester City Council adopt the Rochester-Wakefield Area Agreement as amended by the AREA Agreement Review Committee and approved by the New Hampshire State Board of Education on February 18, 2015?

The motion carried unanimously.

Other

Mr. Lynch informed the Board that the City Council is meeting with the School Board candidate for Ward 4A on January 9th. Once the candidate has been selected, School Board committee assignments will be finalized.

A brief recess was declared at 7:20.

Non-Public Session

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board enter non-public session at 7:28 pm to discuss matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of an individual under RSA 91-A:2 Paragraph II (C). The roll call vote as follows:

YES: Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Malone, Mr. Watson, Mrs. Bryant,
Mr. Beaulieu, Mr. Pappas, Mrs. Grassie, Mr. Devine
Mr. Lynch, Ms. Brown, Mrs. Stokes, Mr. Turner

NO: --

Mrs. Stokes recused herself from the Non-Public Session.

Public Session

Mr. Watson moved, second by Mr. Pappas, to enter public session at 7:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Discipline

Mrs. Grassie moved, second by Mr. Pappas, to accept the Committee's recommendation as set out in the backup* regarding case # 69260 heard at the December 18, 2017 meeting. The motion carried unanimously with Mrs. Stokes abstaining.

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Adjournment

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mr. Devine, to adjourn. On a unanimous vote, the Board adjourned 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael L. Hopkins

Board Secretary