

Rochester School Board
Regular School Board Minutes
May 9, 2019
City Council Chambers

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Members Present:

Mr. Paul Lynch, Chair
Mr. Matthew Pappas
Ms. Julie Brown
Mr. Raymond Turner
Mr. Robert Watson
Mrs. Sarah Harrington
Mr. Matthew Beaulieu
Mrs. Anne Grassie
Mr. Nathaniel Byrne
Mrs. Audrey Stevens

Members Absent:

Mr. Joseph Devine
Mrs. Karen Stokes
Mrs. Amy Malone

Also Present:

Mr. Michael Hopkins, Superintendent
Mr. Kyle Repucci, Asst. Superintendent
Ms. Cherie Mann
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. Pappas moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board approve the minutes of the April 11, 2019 Regular School Board meeting.. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Michael Hopkins, Superintendent of Schools, presented Recognitions for April. Spaulding High School – Ms. Karrie Brady, Math Teacher; Rochester Middle School – Ms. Kayla Wark, Grade 8 Social Studies Teacher; Elementary – Ms. Andrea Learnard, Para-Educator – William Allen School; Volunteer of the Month – John Thompson's Plumbing and Heating LLC; Student Spotlight – Spaulding High School Bowling Team – Matt Pomerleau, Xavier Bamford, Cam McIsaac and James Ganno; Spaulding High School Winter Track – Adrian Sutton.

Mr. Hopkins reminded the School Board that the 26th Annual EDies Awards is June 8, 2019.

Mr. Hopkins explained that he has been talking with Mr. Lynch about School Board members having the option of using a device for agendas instead of a paper packet. He will bring a sample of what it would look like and the devices to the next meeting.

Mr. Hopkins has been working with the Rochester Middle School on an afterschool program and the possibility of getting bikes donated for students in need of bikes; also there might be someone interested in working with students to do minor bike repairs. The Rochester Police Department is interested in doing a bike safety training for students. A notice will be going out looking for donations.

Spaulding High School Student Senate Report

Kyra Bezanker presented the SHS Student Senate Report:

Sports Softball beat Dover in a fantastic game. Varsity Baseball won their game vs. Exeter 5-1. Varsity Girls Lacrosse has beaten the record for games won from last year.

Varsity Boys Lacrosse is putting up a good fight. All spring sports teams have been doing well as they have been dealing with the weather.

School Spirit

Mr. Duplinsky and Mrs. Ciambra took a group of twelve students to Costa Rica over spring break. There they worked with Ecology Project International, they helped collect data on monkeys in the rainforest and observations of other rainforest animals. The group also conducted sea turtle research.

Ms. Horne and Ms. Griffin took a group of ten girls to Northern Ireland. The group built up their leadership, public speaking and volunteering skills. They also met with youth community members and local government officials. The students presented their work to the faculty and are working on the next phase of their project.

The Principal's Council and SALT Team held the final spirit week and pep rally for the year. The Chorus performed Bohemian Rhapsody and The Star Spangled Banner. The robotics team was able to show off their robot and incorporate it into an event in the rally. The sophomore class won this time.

Around the World Prom is May 11th at Foster's Catering in York, ME. Grand March will be held at Spaulding High School.

All School Awards Night is May 29th at 6:30 p.m. Many students will be recognized for their great work and effort throughout the school year.

Spanish Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society have chosen their new inductees and hold their induction ceremonies soon.

Guidance

The local scholarship night is May 23rd. Many seniors will be awarded scholarships to help them attend colleges in the fall.

Music Dept.

Over Spring Break, many music department students traveled to Orlando to perform in the Main Street Parade as the marching band at the Magic Kingdom and a chorus concert at Disney Springs.

The spring chorus concert is on May 22nd at 7 pm and the band concert is on May 28th at 7 pm. At the band concert, Thy Kingdom Come written by alumni Spencer Wiles for the Spaulding band will have its premier.

ROTC

The ROTC has assigned their new change of command for the first semester of next year. Caleb Downie is the new group commander, Aaron Goldstein is the Deputy Group Commander and Robert Miles is Inspector General. May 19th is the Awards Ceremony at SHS to honor everyone for the year. May 23rd is the Pass and Review Ceremony where the new officers will be appointed. The group also has a lot of community service projects throughout the month of May.

Public Comment

None

Committee Reports

Building Committee:

No action required.

Instruction Committee:

No action required.

Personnel Committee:

Resignations Ms. Brown moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board approve the following resignations:

Michael Caldwell Interventionist
Martha Gordon Second Cook/Cashier
Elizabeth Morris Building Para-Educator
Angela O’Keefe..... Special Education Teacher
Ellen Willis Special Education Teacher
Leah Taylor..... Special Education Teacher

The motion carried unanimously.

Nominations Ms. Brown moved, second by Mrs. Harrington, the Board approve the following nominations:

Melissa Dunning..... Para-Educator
Lynnette Molinaro Library Para-Educator

The motion carried unanimously.

Contract Renewals Ms. Brown moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board approve the following Contract Renewal Nominations:

Laura Lewis Teacher
Jason Daggett Manufacturing Technology Teacher
Jillian Dubois..... Special Education Teacher

The motion carried unanimously.

Summer School Nominations Ms. Brown moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board approve the following High School – Summer School Nominations:

Erin Kelly English Teacher/Director
Miranda Shorty..... English Teacher
Steven Prescott Mathematics Teacher/Edgenuity Coordinator
Lee Sheedy Mathematics Teacher
Stacy Horne Social Studies Teacher
Taylor Ramsey Science Teacher

The motion carried unanimously.

Extra-Curricular Nominations

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

Bonita Varney-Lachance Lacrosse, MS (B)
Jennifer McLain..... Lacrosse, MS (G)
Darren Scopel Track, Spring Asst.

The motion carried unanimously.

Job Description Ms. Brown moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board approve the Out of District Coordinator job description for second reading and approval.

The motion carried unanimously.

Special Services Committee:

No action required.

Finance Committee:

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board approve the bids as presented for Office and Art Supplies.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Ms. Brown, the Board approve Limerick Steeple Jack to repair the Spaulding High School Tower at the rate of \$54 per hour not to exceed the CIP budget line of \$60,000.

The motion carried unanimously.

Discipline Committee:

Ms. Brown moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board accept the Committee's recommendations as set out in the backup* regarding the cases heard at the April 15, 2019 and April 30, 2019 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 Mrs. Grassie moved, second by Mr. Beaulieu, the Board approve second reading and adoption of the following policies:

- EC – Buildings and Grounds Management *(as amended)*
- ECA – Buildings and Grounds *(as amended)*
- ECAA-R – Access to Buildings *(as amended)*
- ECB – Buildings and Grounds Maintenance *(as amended)*
- ECB-R – Buildings and Ground Maintenance *(as amended)*
- ECF – Energy Conservation
- ECF-R – Energy Conservation *(as amended)*

The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Report – Special Committees

5-Year Strategic Plan No action required.

CTE/JBC No action required.

Old Business None.

New Business

Mr. Pappas stated that he saw the SHS band at Disney World and they were phenomenal. It was tremendous to see the applause they received.

Other

Mrs. Harrington inquired about the marketing endeavor at JBC for the remainder of what needs to be purchased for the CTE.

Mrs. Grassie expressed well wishes to the students for a happy, successful, safe evening at the prom.

Mrs. Harrington recognized Teacher Appreciation Week and expressed thanks to all the teachers in the district for their hard work and making a difference in the lives of our students.

Non-Public

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Pappas, to enter non-public session at 7:38 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II Paragraph II (a) to discuss matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of an individual. The roll call vote as follows:

YES: Mr. Lynch, Mrs. Harrington, Mr. Turner, Mr. Beaulieu, Mrs. Grassie, Ms. Brown, Mr. Pappas, Mrs. Stevens, Mr. Watson, Mr. Byrne

NO:

Public Session

Mr. Turner moved, second by Mr. Pappas, the Board enter Public Session at 7:59 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Ms. Brown moved, second by Mr. Pappas, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Hopkins
Board Secretary