

Rochester School Board
Regular School Board Minutes
November 12, 2020

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Members Present Remotely:

Mr. Paul Lynch, Chair
Mr. Matthew Pappas
Mrs. Sarah Harrington
Mr. Brian Nicholson
Mr. Matthew Munn
Mrs. Audrey Stevens
Mrs. Anne Grassie
Mr. David Camire
Mr. Robert Watson
Mr. Matthew Beaulieu
Mrs. Karen Stokes
Mr. Thomas O'Connor

Members Absent:

Mr. Nathaniel Byrne

Also Present Remotely:

Mr. Kyle Repucci, Superintendent
Dr. Sandie MacDonald
Atty. Jerome Grossman
Mrs. Linda Bartlett
Mr. David Totty
Ms. Cherie Mann

Mr. Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on a roll call with a quorum present. Members participated in the pledge of allegiance.

Last Minutes

Mr. Beaulieu moved, second by Mrs. Harrington, the Board approve the minutes of the October 8, 2020 Regular School Board meeting and Special School Board meetings of October 15, 2020 and October 29, 2020. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Repucci, Superintendent of Schools, thanked the entire staff as we transitioned to remote learning. The efforts of the staff to prepare for this has been exceptional. Food service is available for all students and can be picked up at any school or bus stop. On Fridays, three meals will be going home for the weekend.

Mr. Kyle Repucci presented recognitions for October. Spaulding High School – David Demers, Custodian; Rochester Middle School – Lea Marshall, Grade 8 English Teacher; Elementary – Caitlen Jorgens, Kindergarten Teacher – Chamberlain Street School; District – Nursing Department – Amanda Abbiss, Christine Ballentine, Corinne Brown, Christine Comeau, Karla Deinstadt, Elizabeth Escabi, Tammy Guckert, Robin Hutchins, Amy Knox, Faithe LaPoint, Stephanie McSharry, Kayla Phillips, Jody Rafferty, Jennifer Saucier, Vicki Senter, Shaune Shields, Chanel Sweeney, Tracey Tibbetts and Sylinda Wetherbee.

Mr. Repucci shared that Mr. Hebert will be coming to the Special Services Committee meeting on November 19th to present information on winter sports. He also shared that the school calendar will go back to the Instruction Committee at their next meeting on November 19th to adjust student days and a Teacher Workshop day due to remote learning starting earlier than expected.

Public Comment None

Committee Reports

Building Committee:

No action required.

Instruction Committee:

No action required.

Personnel Committee:

Mr. Beaulieu moved, second by Mrs. Harrington, to approve two grant funded Title I teacher positions for the 2020-2021 school year.

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Beaulieu moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, to approve the following retirement resignations:

Laura Blakney Para-Educator
Diana Craggy Para-Educator

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Beaulieu moved, second by Mrs. Harrington, to approve the following resignations:

Joshua Annis PC Technician
Mary Bickford Para-Educator
Linda Harte CTE/Pre-school Para-Educator
Monica Melanson Custodian

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Beaulieu moved, second by Mrs. Harrington, to approve the following nominations:

Jennifer Goolkasian Library Para-Educator
Alexis Gonzalez Para-Educator
Hallia Littlefield Para-Educator
Lindsay Michal Elementary Distance Learning Teacher
Merkis Walker Custodian

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Beaulieu moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, to approve the following extra-curricular nominations:

Mark Blake Basketball, Varsity (G)
Karen Enscoe Sophomore Class Advisor

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Special Services Committee:

No action required.

Finance Committee:

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Beaulieu, to approve the FY 2022 Tuition Rates for Wakefield as follows: Elementary \$14,921.30, Middle School \$15,152.24 and High School \$14,982.25.

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Beaulieu, to approve the FY 2021 Special Education Tuition Rate for Non-Area School Districts to be \$29,200.12.

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mrs. Harrington, to approve the transfer of \$27,230.75 from the Cash CIP line 19103 to a new Cash CIP line labeled Chamberlain bathrooms.

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Discipline Committee:

Mrs. Harrington moved, second by Mr. Beaulieu, the Board accept the Committee's recommendation as set out in the backup* regarding the cases heard at the October 13, 2020, October 15, 2020 and November 9, 2020 meetings. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

**(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:

Mrs. Grassie moved, second by Mrs. Stevens, the Board approve second reading and adoption of the following policies:

- BAAA – School Board Policies and Administration Procedures
- BDG – School Attorney (*formerly BCG*)
- BHC – Board Staff Communication (*formerly GDB*)
- BBBC – Board Member Resignation (*formerly BBC*)
- BCA – School Board Member Ethics (*formerly BBF-E*)
- BCB – Board Member Conflict of Interest (*formerly BBFA*)
- BDD – Board-Superintendent Relationship (*formerly BCD*)
- BIE – Board Member Insurance (*formerly BHE*)
- BA – Board Operational Goals (*revision*)
- BBA – School Board Powers and Duties (*revision*)
- BBAA – Board Member Authority (*revision*)
- BBAB – Roles and Duties of the Board Chairperson (*new*)
- BHE – School Board Use of Email (*new*)

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Committee Report – Special Committees

5-Year Strategic Plan Mr. Lynch requested that Mr. Repucci bring the GIS map and spreadsheet to the next committee meeting.

CTE/JBC No action required.

Old Business None.

New Business None.

Other Discussion ensued regarding winter sports and the school calendar.

Mrs. Harrington inquired about progress on the MOU with the RFT. Mr. Repucci shared that they've had meetings with the RFT and it is going well. It is expected to be completed by the November Instruction Committee meeting or the December School Board meeting.

Mr. Lynch asked the Board members about their preference for virtual meetings or in person meetings. Virtual meetings will continue for November and a decision will be made after Thanksgiving about future meetings.

Non-Public Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mrs. Harrington, to enter non-public session at 7:50 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (c) 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. Watson, Mr. Pappas, Mrs. Stokes, Mr. Munn, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Camire, Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Grassie, Mr. Beaulieu

NO:

Public Session

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mrs. Harrington, the Board enter Public Session at 8:43 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mr. Beaulieu, to terminate employee D.Y. effective immediately.

The motion carried by majority on a roll call vote as follows:

YES: Mr. Watson, Mr. Pappas, Mr. Munn, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Camire, Mrs. Harrington, Mr. Beaulieu,

NO: Mrs. Stokes

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mr. Beaulieu, to seal the non-public minutes indefinitely due to a legal matter.

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Adjournment Mr. Beaulieu moved, second by Mrs. Harrington, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Kyle M. Repucci
Board Secretary