

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2008
6:30 P.M. – BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT: Anna Morgan – President; Cornelia Johnson – Vice-President; Laurie Asermily; Rhonda Dickenson; Norman Hollenbeck; Kristine Somerville; Brian Sparrow

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael J. Hoose – Superintendent; Leanne Keel – District Clerk; Robert Boulware – Business Manager; Barbara Quinn – Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Kathleen Stuck – RFA President; Tina Carlsen; John Dickenson; Denise Sparrow; James Werner; Chris Puylara; Theresa MacCheyne; James Somerville, III; Susan Porter – FLTIMES Reporter; Corinne Poormon

Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and welcomed visitors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Dickenson addressed Board members concerning Agenda Item 3.2M (a monetary donation to the Athletic Department). He questioned the legality of such a donation from an ‘acting coach’ of a team, and whether this issue is covered under Title IX and equal opportunities for boys & girls.

Mrs. Quinn, Title IX Coordinator for RCS, responded that this issue is not covered under Title IX. Ms. Morgan stated that “there is Board Policy on fund raising by students, this can’t happen again and it needs to be explained to the Sports Boosters organization.” She also mentioned that there is past practice on how uniforms are provided to various teams.

PRESENTATIONS:

. Student Council Update – Corinne Poormon

Ms. Poormon reviewed upcoming student activities for November and December, and the Senior Trip with some elaboration of the itinerary by Mr. Puylara, Sr. Class Advisor.

Ms. Poormon left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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CLERK'S REPORT:

1.1M Approval of Minutes of October 14, 2008
Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

1.2M Approval of Treasurer's Report for September, 2008
Motion made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

1.3M Review and discussion of Warrant #11, Fund A, dated 10/01/08-10/31/08, Warrant #7, Fund C, dated 10/01/08-10/31/08, Warrant #8, Fund F, dated 10/01/08-10/31/08, Warrant #8, Fund H, dated 10/01/08-10/31/08

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

2.1 Update

Mr. Hoose stated that the School Nurse informed him of the high number of pneumonia cases in the 4th & 5th grades, and reviewed the background on the proposed shared Coordinator of Youth Development Services position for Seneca County school districts.

2.2M Approval of Conference Requests as follows:

- Title II . Darlene Werner – Motivating the Unmotivated @ \$282.00
. Erica Petroccia – Motivating the Unmotivated @ \$272.00
. Kate Lewis – Motivating the Unmotivated @ \$237.99
- Title I . Barbara Quinn – NYS Assoc. for Comprehensive Education @ \$270.00

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously.

2.3RS RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School approves the 2009 Senior Class trip to New York, New York on May 15-17, 2008, at no cost to the District for transportation, with funding provided by the Senior class.

Motion made by Ms. Morgan, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

2.4M Authorization of the following Romulus Foundation for Educational Opportunities grant applications:

- . Theresa MacCheyne, Jennifer Bartlett, Marty Rotz – Rite Aid Drug Quiz Team Accessories @ \$300.00
. Susan Fegley – E-Books (To be used with Kurzweil Software & MP3 Players) @ \$1,500.00

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- . Nancy Munn – Marketing Trip @ \$4,600.00
 - . Melanie Shoebridge-Bloom – Exploring The Arts In Our Culture Through Claude Monet & the Catskill Puppet Theatre @ \$1,095.00
 - . Donna Newcomb – Everyone Is An Author @ \$1,200.00
 - . Risa Lobkovsky, Susan Mutchell – Two Russian Art Exhibitions at Rochester Art Museum & Ukraine & Russian Food Tasting @ \$601.00
 - . Risa Lobkovsky, Susan Mitchell – The Nutcracker Ballet at State Theatre in Ithaca, NY @ \$575.00
 - . Kate Whitney – Wiifit & Chargers @ \$290.64
 - . Risa Lobkovsky – 2008 Russian Essay Contest & 2009 National Olympiada of Spoken Russian @ \$1,109.00
- Motion made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

2.5M Authorization to provide \$7,500.00 (BOCES aidable) to supplement the salary of the Coordinator of Youth Developmental Services for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year, with the stipulation that this expenditure is dependent upon all Four Seneca County School Districts participating at \$7,500.00 each.

TABLED

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

3.1 Update

Mr. Boulware stated that the Capital Project is 90% complete, and on October 29, 2008 ! 1:00 p.m., a walk-through would be held.

3.2M Authorization to accept a donation of \$670.00 from James Somerville, III for the purpose of purchasing uniforms for the 8th Grade Girls’ Basketball Team.

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck. Considerable discussion ensued, with the motion being withdrawn and TABLED.

TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

11.M Authorization for various School Bus Turnarounds for the 2008-09 school year.

Motion made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

11.2RS RESOLVED THAT the Romulus Central School Board of Education grant authorization for Romulus Central School to enter into an agreement with the Town of Romulus and the Town of Varick

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for snowplowing of bus turnarounds from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 at the State's prescribed rental rate for equipment and the Towns' hourly employee rate.

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION REPORT:

4.1 Curriculum Council

Mrs. Quinn stated that a Curriculum Council is needed at RCS for the purpose to monitor long range planning & funding for curriculum, to create courses, review mini-grants & projects, and perform staff development planning. She recommended that the membership consist of the Superintendent, Curriculum Director, PK-12 Principal, a BOE member, parent member(s), and community member(s).

4.2 Testing & Evaluations

Mrs. Quinn briefly reviewed those types that are conducted at RCS

RESIGNATION:

7.1RG Thomas Riley – Athletic Director, due to retirement, effective December 28, 2008, with deep regrets and many thanks.

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: As Recommended by Mr. Hoose

6.1A Lisa Hauf – Substitute Teacher Aide, pending NYSED Fingerprinting Clearance

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously.

6.2A Authorization to **change the current Civil Service job title of DENISE SPARROW FROM Senior Typist TO School Secretary I (Guidance Counselor and PK-12 Building Principal Secretary) in order to accurately reflect her job duties, at a salary of \$14.00 per hour for eight (8) hours per day, retroactive to September 2, 2008, and with continuation of her 12 month employee status and benefits as stipulated in the current CSEA Contract.**

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

6.3A Michael Pane – Interim Athletic Director, unpaid (included in his second semester Administrative Internship), effective January 5, 2009

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss a specific personnel matter. All visitors, Ms. Keel, Mrs. Quinn and Mr. Boulware left the meeting at this time.

Motion to **reconvene at 7:20 p.m.** made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: As Recommended by Mr. Hoose

6.4RS WHEREAS, Romulus Central School Superintendent Michael Hoose is preferring disciplinary charges against the employee who was discussed in Executive Session; and

WHEREAS, it appears that disciplinary action against said employee may be warranted; and

WHEREAS, such employee has the right to a Hearing and other rights under Section 75 of the Civil Service Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Romulus Central School District Board of Education hereby appoints Mr. Alfred Riccio as the Hearing Officer to expeditiously conduct the Hearing and to prepare findings of fact and recommendations as to penalty, and to report such findings and recommendations to the Board of Education at the conclusion of the Hearing, in accordance with Section 75 of the Civil Service Law.
2. The Romulus Central School District Board of Education hereby suspends such employee pending the conclusion of the Hearing. For the first thirty (30) days, or such additional period as may be authorized by law, the suspension shall be without pay.
3. The Romulus Central School District Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and school attorneys to make all other necessary arrangements for a Hearing on the charges that were discussed in Executive Session by this Board, to be conducted in accordance with Section 75 of the Civil Service Law.

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4. It is hereby directed that this Hearing should move forward as expeditiously as possible.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

Motion to **adjourn at 7:25 p.m.** made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

LEANNE KEEL
DISTRICT CLERK

