

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL  
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 22, 2011  
7:00 P.M. – BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

**PRESENT: Robert McCann – President; Laurie Asermily – Vice President; Susan Backlund; Seth Brandow; Rebecca Jessop; Timothy Kuryla; James O. Somerville**

**ABSENT: No one**

**OTHERS PRESENT: Michael J. Hoose – Superintendent; Robert J. Boulware – Business Manager; Leanne B. Keel – District Clerk; Amanda Pundt – RFA Vice President; Vickie McCusker – Guidance Counselor; Matthew McCusker – Elementary Education Teacher; Kathleen Whitney – Physical Education Teacher; Janice Hyde – Elementary Education Teacher; Rebecca Bennett – Food Service Worker; Holly Stekl – Science Teacher; Heather Swanson – FLTIMES Reporter; Heather Goldberg; Karen Sanchez & Kelly Paonessa – SCS Yorkers Club Advisors**

Mr. McCann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., welcomed guests and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

- 1.1M Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2011  
Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Mr. Kuryla, and carried unanimously.
- 1.2M Approval of Student Activities Report for October, 2011  
Motion made by Ms. Backlund, seconded by Mrs. Jessop, and carried unanimously.
- 1.3 Board information copies of the following Warrants for October, 2011:
  - . Fund TA #13 (10/31/11)
  - . Fund A #9 (10/28/11), Fund A #7 (10/17/11)
  - . Fund A #8 (10/17/11), Fund A #9 (10/31/11)
  - . Fund C #5 (10/17/11), Fund C #6 (10/31/11)
  - . Fund F #5 (10/17/10). Fund F #6 (10/31/11)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**YORKERS CLUB**

2.1 Update – Foreign Travel Club – Holly Stekl  
Mrs. Stekl presented information on the South Seneca CSD Yorkers Club with the assistance of their Advisors, Mrs. Karen Sanchez and Mrs. Kelly Paonessa for the purpose of, perhaps, beginning such a Club at RCS with a Mission to “help break down the barriers that exist between cultures today, and make a student not just an American

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but also a global citizen.” South Seneca’s students, Grades 9-12, travel under the auspices of a Travel Agency, with no cost to the School District. They also utilize NYS ELA Learning Standards as well as Language Other Than English (LOTE) standards through their travel journal tasks.

Further RCS discussion on possible formation of such a Club will commence in the near future. Mrs. Sanchez and Mrs. Paonessa left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

**DISCUSSION ON ROMULUS MERGER**

2.2 Discussion Only: “Should Romulus enter into a merger study with another District?”

Mr. Hoose stated that he had received a letter from South Seneca CSD BOE indicated that they wish to talk with RCS on this subject. Mr. McCann then mentioned that he had contacted Waterloo CSD BOE but, as of today, had no response to his inquiry about their desire to speak with us.

Discussion ensued on methods of communicating with the Romulus residents about the recently completed Feasibility Study results and “moving forward” with SSCS and Waterloo who are the only financially beneficial options for an RCS merger. Mr. McCann stated that “we need to be diligent and move forward with cautious expediency.” Some possible communication tools mentioned were a phone poll of residence, radio announcements/interviews, posting of notices in the community, newspaper articles/interviews. A straw vote of the BOE members was taken regarding their interest in RCS talking with both South Seneca and Waterloo, resulting in a unanimous straw vote to speak with South Seneca and a 6-1 straw vote to speak with Waterloo. Mr. Somerville indicated that “we have no choice but to do a merger study with South Seneca because it’s the only feasible option.”

**FOUNDATION GRANTS APPROVED**

2.3M Authorization of the following Romulus Foundation for Educational Opportunities grant applications:

- . Christopher Puylara – LIFT Program at Ovid Library up to \$1,011.00
- . Christopher Puylara – From Couch to 5K @ \$400.00
- . Melanie Shoebridge-Bloom – Diego Rivera Comes to Romulus @ \$249.00

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

**NYSSBA MEMBERSHIP RENEWED**

2.4M Authorization to renew the membership for 2012 in the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) @ \$4,380.00

Motion made by Ms. Backlund, seconded by Mr. Brandow. Mr. Somerville voted no.

Motion passed with six affirmative votes.

Mr. Somerville left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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**HONOR SOCIETY TRIP REVISED**

2.5RS WHEREAS the Romulus Central School District Board of Education approved, on November 8, 2011, the Romulus Chapter of the National Honor Society four-day, three-night trip to Philadelphia, PA on April 26-29, 2012; and

WHEREAS it has been determined that the dates and location for this trip need to be changed due to unavailability of accommodations/events; and

WHEREAS the four-day, three-night trip will now be to Pittsburgh, PA on April 19-22, 2012;

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT the Romulus Board of Education approve Pittsburgh, PA trip and dates, pending availability of busing; and

BE IT, ALSO RESOLVED, THAT meal and activity expenses for the bus driver and chaperones (other than hotel room), and expenses for the bus be approved; and

BE IT, ALSO RESOLVED, THAT \$500.00 in expense dollars will be issued, with receipts and any unused monies to be returned; and

BE IT, ALSO RESOLVED, THAT the bus driver be paid for normal driving time at the normal rate of pay. And, any drive time over the normal five (5) hours will be paid at the normal trip rate of \$15.50 per hour.

Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Mr. Kuryla, and carried unanimously.

**BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**SINGLE AUDIT REPORT**

3.1M Authorization to accept the Single Audit Report for the school year ended June 30, 2011, as prepared by Raymond F. Wager, CPA, P.C., and to have the District Clerk publish a Public Notice regarding its availability for public inspection.

Motion made by Ms. Backlund, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

**RESIGNATION:**

**CLEANER RESIGNS**

7.1RG Wendy Bouchy – Cleaner, effective November 18, 2011

Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Mr. McCann, and carried unanimously.

**PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT: As recommended by Mr. Hoose**

**CAFETERIA MONITOR APPOINTED**

6.1A Beatrice Wingler – Cafeteria Monitor, a 10-month position, retroactive to September 14, 2011, for 1-3/4 hours per day when school is in session at \$8.99 per hour, with benefits as stipulated in the current CSEA Collective Bargaining Contract.

Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Mr. Kuryla, and carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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Motion made by Mr. Kuryla, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously, to enter into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of specific personnel. Mr. Hoose was invited into this session.

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**REGULAR SESSION**

Motion to reconvene in regular session at 9:30 p.m. made by Mrs. Jessop, seconded by Mr. Kuryla, and carried unanimously.

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Motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. made by Mr. Brandow, seconded by Mrs. Jessop, and carried unanimously.

LEANNE B. KEEL  
DISTRICT CLERK