

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 10, 2008
6:30 P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert L. Thompson – Superintendent; Leanne Keel – District Clerk; Robert Boulware – Business Manager; Lynn Rhone – Secondary Principal; Theresa MacCheyne – RFA President; Susan Porter – FLTIMES Reporter; Rachael Asermily – Student Council President; Devon Sparrow; Denise Giroux; Dr. Peter Gregoire; James Somerville, III; Numerous members of the SSAFE Concerned Parent Group

Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and thanked everyone for coming.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

2.1 Discussion of the YMCA, Geneva, NY Before/After-School Child Care Proposal on the RCS Campus

Mr. Thompson stated that Geneva YMCA Executive Director Jack McCanna had submitted a proposal to operate a day care program at Romulus beginning in September, 2008, and “the projected costs are quite similar to cost estimates developed by the parent group, at least on the hourly basis.”

He further stated that “the major financial difference between the parent plan and the Geneva Y is the parents’ approach of basing charges on a weekly basis depending on the number of hours needed by the parent. Geneva’s plan requires a monthly fee regardless of the level of use. The parent plan offers more flexibility, but it also requires payment of an agreed-upon amount even if a child does not show up for a particular day.”

2.2RS WHEREAS a committee of parent volunteers and Romulus staff members have worked to develop a proposal to provide the continuation of day care services in the district elementary school following the loss of a program with an eight-year history; and

WHEREAS the parent proposal creates a self-funding approach to the service;

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BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School District **hereby establishes an on site day care program operated through district payroll services but funded through matching revenues from the program;** and

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED THAT the program will operate with no impact on district taxpayers; and

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED THAT this resolution requires segregation of program funds such that surpluses and deficits are carried by the program from year to year; and

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED THAT an annual review of the program occurs to insure that no deficit exists, and that continuation of the program is contingent upon revenues matching expenditures.

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

Ms. Morgan thanked the parent group for its “patience during the decision-making process.” And, Ms. Giroux, on behalf of district taxpayers, thanked the BOE “for not jumping in right away to approve the proposal, and for watching out for the taxpayers who won’t be using the program.” Ms. Giroux left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:

1.0 President Rachael Asermily updated the BOE on its recent fund-raising activities, and Devon Sparrow apprised the members on the recent Exit Poll conducted at the May 20, 2008 Budget Vote. Both students left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

CLERK’S REPORT:

1.1M Approval of Minutes of May 27, 2008 and June 2, 2008
Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Mr. Sparrow, and carried unanimously.

1.2 M Approval of Payroll for May, 2008
Motion made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

3.1 Update

Mr. Boulware mentioned that the District will be undergoing four audits: Internal, Claims, External, and IRS. More information to follow.

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3.2M Authorization for the 2007-08 year-end money transfers to close out the 2007-08 school year as indicated on the 2007-08 Year End Fund A Transfers listing in the amount of \$571,300.00

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

3.3M Authorization to award to chosen students the following awards and donation amounts as indicated from various individuals or organizations:

- . Manning-Lilla American Legion Post #463, Ovid, NY
- . Seth Arnold Memorial Award @ \$25.00
- . Seneca County Medical Society, Inc. @ \$100.00
- . Seneca Falls Auxiliary of the BPOE Elks #992 @ \$25.00
- . VFW Voice of Democracy & Youth Essay
- . Music Award @ \$10.00
- . The Karen Prave Award/8th Grade Science @ \$20.00
- . Math Awards @ \$60.00
- . Community Bank, NA English Award - \$50.00 Savings Bond
- . Joseph W. Trainor Award @ \$10.00
- . Robert H. Lisk Award @ \$50.00
- . Athletic Director's Awards – 2 @ \$50.00 each
- . Richard Wagner Award @ \$25.00
- . Jack Bristol Award @ \$100.00
- . Keyboarding Award @ \$10.00
- . Make a Difference Award—Five Points
- . C. Scott Sampson Middle Level Award - \$100.00

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

15.1M Approval of the first reading of the following policy:
. Policy #4420 – Compensation & Related

Benefits for Confidential/Managerial Employees (Amended)

Motion made by Ms. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Sparrow, and carried unanimously.

SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

4.1 Update

Mrs. Rhone mentioned that 250 various Awards were presented to 7/12 students at a ceremony on June 10, 2008.

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RESIGNATION:

7.1RG Lynn Vaccaro – Secondary Education Teacher, with regrets, effective June 30, 2008

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

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: As Recommended by Mr. Thompson

6.1A Summer Maintenance Aides, effective June 30, 2008 through August 29, 2008 for 7-1/2 hours per day, at the following rates of pay:

- . Jeremy Johnson @ \$7.25/hour
- . Erica Nicholson @ \$7.50/hour
- . Jessica Berlin @ \$7.25/hour
- . Abby Rhone @ \$7.25/hour
- . Sheree Galipeau @ \$7.25/hour
- . Cortland Berlin @ \$7.25/hour
- . Joseph Wessig @ \$7.50/hour

Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

Discussion ensued with Mrs. Somerville questioning the number requested for approval, stating that she had “e-mailed 20 Superintendents to determine who employed student cleaners in the Summer,” and indicated that “Geneva CSD has seven with a 2500 student population.” Mrs. Somerville asked the BOE to review the matter.

Mr. Boulware said that “the district operates with a skeletal maintenance staff year-round ... and the school would have to hire outside help to get the school up and running for opening in the Fall if this program didn’t exist.”

Ms. Morgan called for a vote, with the motion passing with six affirmative votes, and Mrs. Somerville voting nay.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT:

9.1M Approval of the recommendations as listed in the Minutes of March 31, 2008, May 13, 2008, May 14, 2008, May 15, 2008, May 20, 2008

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

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Motion to **adjourn at 7:00 p.m.** made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

LEANNE KEEL
DISTRICT CLERK

