

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2009
6:30 P.M. – BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. – BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT: Anna M. Morgan – President; Cornelia Johnson – Vice-President; Laurie Asermily; Rhonda Dickenson; Norman Hollenbeck; Kristine Somerville (Arr. 6:33 p.m.); Brian Sparrow

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael J. Hoose – Superintendent; Leanne Keel – District Clerk; Robert Boulware – Business Manager; Ray Fox – Coordinator of Technology; Sue Fegley – Technology Support; Hilary Kadar – RFA Vice-President; Corrine Poormon – Student Council President; Cathy Jordan; Terry Steinruck; Denise Sparrow; Caro Cooper; Amanda Cooper; Bette Somerville; James Somerville, Sr.; Ann Scott; Linda Mastellar; Various Participation in Government students

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Hilary Kadar, Instrumental Music teacher, announced the upcoming Music & Drama Department events for March, 2009 to recognize “Music in Our Schools Month”. She also thanked the Board of Education for its support of staff and students.

STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER PRESENTATION:

Mr. Hoose presented six 7-12 students with a certificate to recognize their academic success. These students also will be treated to a luncheon sponsored by the RCS Student Council.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:

President Corrine Poormon mentioned the Honor Roll party will be held the week of March 2, 2009, with a “dancing with the stars” dance on March 7, 2009.

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DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION REPORT:

4.1 Shared Decision-Making Committee report

Mrs. Quinn presented the Committee's findings and recommendations regarding a common school day schedule for the 2009-2010 year involving one arrival and dismissal time. She stated that "if starting and ending times for elementary and secondary staff were the same, teachers K-12 would be available to work together before and after school for staff development and vertical planning and allow for greater flexibility in class scheduling. It would also allow for a fuel savings in bus runs which would be reduced in number creating routing and scheduling changes.

Mrs. Quinn stated that the Committee requested the BOE to consider purchasing school buses to meet single transportation needs, explore other financial savings for the District as they relate to a single attendance time and the adjustment of staff union contracts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously, to enter into Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. in consideration of a specific personnel matter. Mr. Fox was invited to attend.

Motion to **reconvene in regular session at 7:13 p.m.** made by Mr. Hollenbeck, seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously.

RCS SERVER CONSIDERATIONS PRESENTATION:

Mr. Fox stated that the RCS technology as it currently exists is "very good," indicating that he supports the recently recommended replacement cycle for servers, PC's, printers, and word processing applications, with modifications.

Specifically, his concern centers on current servers and their storage capacity for both staff and students in the near future, as well as the conversion to Microsoft server technology from Novell.

Mr. Fox's recommendations will be considered by the Technology Committee and the Board.

CLERK'S REPORT:

1.1M Approval of Minutes of February 10, 2009

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

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1.2M Approval of Treasurer's Report for January, 2009
Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Mr. Hollbeck, and carried unanimously.

1.3M Approval of Student Activities Report for January, 2009
Motion made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

2.1 Kidsafe Financial Report

Mr. Hoose reviewed the financial statistics stating that the Kidsafe Program is "in good shape" elaborating on the revenues and expenditures. He also stated that "the program seems to be running very, very well."

2.2 Update

Mr. Hoose mentioned that the State Legislators are waiting until the Federal government leaders act on the stimulus dollar distribution which, for New York State, will be \$3.1 billion.

2.3M Approval of the following Conference request:

Title II . Kathy Stuck, Laura Feligno, Linda Brewer – Strategies For Your Students With Aspergers @ \$189 each

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

2.3M Approval of the 2009-2010 school year calendar

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

2.4RS The Romulus Central School District Board acting by and through its Board of Education President duly authorizes and does herein declare:

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State has released an application for the Local Government Efficiency Program, High Priority Planning Grant which allows municipalities to include School Districts to apply for funding that provide funds for plans and studies that will include an examination of the potential savings and management improvements for two or more municipalities to study shared services or transfer of functions to be performed on a countywide basis; and

WHEREAS, the Romulus Central School District is a Co-Applicant to Wayne-Finger Lakes Board of Cooperative Education application to the Local Government Efficiency Program Grant, High Priority Planning Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Wayne-Finger Lakes Board of Cooperative Educational Services (WFL BOCES) is the Lead Applicant

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and all Co-Applicants shall submit with the application a formal resolution of the governing body showing support of this grant application. The purpose of this resolution is to provide official support of this governing body of this Co-Applicant for the application and the proposed project and to state the following:

- I. Authorization to apply for the Grant: The Romulus Central School District designates that the WFL BOCES as the Lead Applicant with Dr. Joseph J. Marinelli, District Superintendent, WFL BOCES as the Lead Applicant contact person. We hereby authorize Dr. Marinelli to submit an application to the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, High Priority Planning Grant for the 2008-2009 program year. The Romulus Central School District also authorizes WFL BOCES and Dr. Marinelli to execute all financial and/or administrative processes relating to the grant program.
- II. Project Title and Description: The project will be known as the “Seneca County Regional High School Study and Planning Project.” The study and planning will examine the potential savings, management improvements, and benefits to the community in developing regional high schools. A regional high school is defined as two or more school districts combining their high school programs and retaining separate elementary, and middle school programs, or K-8 programs.
- III. Funding Request: We authorize WFL BOCES to apply for \$45,000 of funding from the Local Government Efficiency Program, High Priority Planning Grant.
- IV. Local Share Information: WFL BOCES and each of the four Co-Applicants will be responsible for an equal one-fifth (1/5th) portion, \$1,000, of the total ten percent (10%) matching share of \$5,000 from local shares.
- V. Co-Applicant Information: The Romulus Central School District is an authorized Co-Applicant to WFL BOCES application to the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, High Priority Planning Grant for the Seneca County Regional High School Study and Planning Project. We agree to work with WFL BOCES and each of the component school districts in Seneca County which are also Co-Applicants to this grant.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT a Board of Education meeting was held on February 24, 2009, wherein a quorum was present and a majority of the quorum voted to provide authorization for WFL BOCES to apply for the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, High Priority Planning Grant with the Romulus Central School District as a Co-Applicant. Therefore, this document is to serve as a formal resolution of the Romulus Central School District Board of Education, pursuant to the laws of New York. Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Ms. Morgan. The **motion failed with six no votes, and one abstention cast by Mrs. Asermily.**

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

3.1 Update

Mr. Boulware asked the Health Insurance Ad Hoc Committee for convenient dates and times to meet to discuss changes in the current retiree health care insurance. No decision was reached.

3.2RS WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School has a definitive need to amend the 2008-09 School District Budget as approved by District voters on May 20, 2008 in the amount of \$10,502,235; and

WHEREAS the purpose of this amendment is to allow for additional tuition payment allocations for Special Education students who are placed in outside of the Romulus District programs; and

WHEREAS an increase in Appropriation code A2250.471/88-0000 (Special Ed Tuition) for \$30,000, an increase in Appropriation code A2250.490/88-0000 (Special Ed BOCES) for \$160,000, and an increase in Revenue Account code A3101 (Basic Formula Aid) \$190,000 is necessary to make these allocations;

BE, IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education authorizes the above mentioned Budget amendments and Account code transfers.

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

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: As Recommended by Mr. Hoose

6.1A Shawn Walsh – Maintenance Mechanic/Substitute School Bus Driver -Permanent employee status from Probationary employee status, effective March 2, 2009.

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

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COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT:

9.1M Approval of the recommendations as listed in the Minutes of January 22, 2009 and January 26, 2009.

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

Motion to **adjourn at 8:00 p.m.** made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

LEANNE KEEL
DISTRICT CLERK

