

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 24, 2008
6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Anna Morgan – President; Cornelia Johnson – Vice-President; Laurie Asermily; Rhonda Dickenson; Kristine Somerville (Arr. 6:50 p.m.); Brian Sparrow

ABSENT: Norman Hollenbeck

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert L. Thompson – Interim Superintendent; Leanne Keel – District Clerk; Robert Boulware – Business Manager; Barbara Quinn – Elementary Principal; Theresa MacCheyne – RFA President; Susan Porter – FLTIMES Reporter; Byron Farnsworth; Fred Keefer; John Saeli; Christine Saeli; Barry Somerville; James Somerville, III; James Somerville, Sr.; Fred Conley; Linda Mastellar; M/M Philip Steinruck; Kevin Swartley; Various Other Community Residents

Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and welcomed all visitors who were then asked if they wished to address the Board members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Farnsworth (former Board member) requested information on “what RCS is doing with Seneca Falls” and asked if “this is a precursor to a merger?”, and also asked if South Seneca CSD was pursued with a shared arrangement. Ms. Morgan explained that he was referring to the shared employment position items with Seneca Falls CSD cited on the Agenda, specifically a Transportation Director, Bus Dispatcher, Head Custodian/Safety Officer, and Technology Director.

Ms. Morgan stated that this was not a step toward a merger but that RCS would be better able to stand on their own by combining services. Mr. Boulware mentioned that South Seneca CSD had been offered the discussion opportunity but chose to not participate at this time. Mr. Saeli (former Board member) then asked how many total positions would be shared whereby Mr. Boulware mentioned that he, the Central Business Office personnel, the Director of Pupil Personnel Services, and the Cafeteria Manager are already shared through WFL BOCES, and that the ‘new’ shared positions include a Technology Director,

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Audiovisual Technician, Transportation Director, Bus Dispatcher, and an Operations/Maintenance/Safety Officer.

At this point in the meeting (6:50 p.m.), Mrs. Quinn requested to briefly present to the Board since she was leaving the meeting to conduct a 6th grade Graduation Ceremony in the Auditorium.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

4.1 Excelsior Scholarship Program

Mrs. Quinn mentioned that three Romulus 7th grade students were chosen from a total of 40 from the Rochester area to participate in a grant-funded two week summer camp at Rochester Institute of Technology where they will focus on math and science. The students are Amanda Seils, Samuel Dickenson, and Kellen Marriam.

4.2 NYS Math & ELA Comparisons – School Report Card

Mrs. Quinn briefly reviewed the 2007-08 scores for Grades 3 through 8 pointing out the improvements in student performance between 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Mrs. Quinn left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: CONTINUED

Further discussion centered around the need to “fully understand this merger situation” expressed by Mr. Swartley and supported by Mr. Farnsworth. Other topics of concern discussed were the need for various Sports Assistants to Coaching positions, and the community approved purchase of a vehicle for the Custodial Department.

Several members of the public left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

13.1 Presentation on a Sports Boosters Project – Tom Riley
TABLED TO A LATER DATE.

CLERK'S REPORT:

1.1M Approval of Minutes of June 10, 2008

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

1.2M Approval of Treasurer's Report for May, 2008

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

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1.3M Approval of Student Activities Report for May, 2008
Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously.

1.4RS WHEREAS the final Board of Education meeting for the 2007-08 school year will be held on June 24, 2008, and the Claims Auditor appointment expires on June 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS July 8, 2008 will be the next meeting and the first one of the 2008-09 school year; and

WHEREAS incoming invoices will need payment between July 1, 2008 and July 8, 2008, and the (re) appointment of a Claims Auditor will not occur until July 8, 2008;

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT authorization be given now to reappoint the Claims Auditor from July 1, 2008 to July 8, 2008.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

2.1 Update

Mr. Thompson mentioned that on July 8, 2008, the Athletic Director's presentation will address the Sports Boosters purchase of a scoring tower and two dugouts.

2.2M Authorization to create a Day Care Leader non-competitive full-time position, effective July 1, 2008, with benefits as stipulated in the negotiated CSEA Contract.

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

2.3M Authorization to create a Day Care Worker non-competitive one-half time (.4 hours per day, plus) position, effective July 1, 2008, with benefits as stipulated in the negotiated CSEA Contract.

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

2.4M Authorization to create a Day Care Worker non-competitive less than one-half time (-.4 hours per day) position, effective July 1, 2008, without benefits.

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

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2.5M Authorization of the following Romulus Foundation for Educational Opportunities grant applications:

. Jeff Felice, Jennifer Bartlett, Cathy Jordan – Fine Arts Program @ \$12,000

. Martin Rotz – Camp Babcock Hovey Science & Technology Camp for Summer Science programs for Joshua Kime & Tyler Morgan @ \$400 each. (Mr. Rotz will be the sponsor for each student.)

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

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

3.1 Update

Mr. Boulware informed the BOE membership that the Claims Auditor will be presenting his findings to the Board's Audit Committee in the near future.

3.2M Authorization of Awards and Scholarships granted on Graduation Day, June 28, 2008:

- . Herbert S. Fleming Award @ \$20
- . Masonic Lodge Citizenship Award @ \$300
- . Carla Lanning Award of Merit @ \$10
- . Varick Volunteer Fire Company Award @ \$200
- . Robert Durkee Nielsen Memorial Award @ \$25
- . A.C.T.I.V.E. Awards – 2 @ \$25 each
- . Seneca County Republican Committee Award @ \$50
- . George Covert Memorial Award @ \$100
- . Higher Education Award @ \$500
- . Elizabeth J. Amidon Award @ \$50 Savings Bond
- . V.F.W. Auxiliary Award of Post No. 6200 @ \$200
- . The David R. Mahon II Memorial Music Award – 2 @ \$100 each
- . Charles M. & Pearl L. Sparrow Memorial Award @ \$200
- . Peter K. Thummler Scholarship – 2 @ \$1000 each
- . Seneca Falls Elks Lodge #992 Scholarship – 2 @ \$200 each
- . Ovid-Willard Lions Club Service Scholarship @ \$200
- . Trooper Kenneth A. Poormon Scholarship – 2 @ \$1000 each
- . Romulus PTCC Scholarship – 2 @ \$300 each
- . Romulus Alumni Assoc. Scholarship – 2 @ \$500 each

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- . C. Scott Sampson Memorial Conservation Scholarship @ \$250
- . Barton VanRiper Memorial Scholarship @ \$100
- . Romulus Community Sports Scholarship – 4 @ \$250 each
- . John & Hattie Bromka Valedictorian’s Award @ \$500
- . Orville L. Cook Scholarship – 2 @ \$1950
- . James R. McDonald Scholarship @ \$1600
- . Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship @ \$5000
- . Brian S. Lotterhos Scholarship @ \$500
- . N.Y. State Scholarship for Academic Excellence @ \$1500 and \$500
- . Seneca County Children’s Committee – 2 @ \$600
- . Seneca County Youth/Bureau/Board @ \$500
- . Griswold Award @ \$650
- . Senator Nozzolio Citizenship Award - \$50 Savings Bond
- . Romulus Faculty Association Award – 3 @ \$1000
- . Danny F. “Danny” Nichols Memorial Award @ \$250
- . Four Town Community Service Award @ \$250
- . Emalee Hope Mein Scholarship @ \$500

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried with five affirmative votes. Mr. Sparrow abstained.

3.3M Authorization for stipends for the following responsibilities to be paid through a Romulus Central School District sponsored 403(b) employee benefit account, effective for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years:

- . Clerk to the Board of Education
- . Records Management Officer
- . Board of Education Audit Committee Recording Secretary

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

3.4M 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 in the amount of \$26,000.

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

3.5RS RESOLVED THAT upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Romulus Central School District Board

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of Education recommends the funding of the **Capital Bus Reserve Fund**, up to a maximum of not to exceed \$200,000 from unappropriated fund balance as of June 30, 2008.

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

3.6RS RESOLVED THAT upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Romulus Central School District Board of Education recommends the funding of the **Capital Reserve Fund**, up to a maximum of not to exceed \$700,000 from unappropriated fund balance as of June 30, 2008.

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

3.7M Authorization to transfer \$25,000 from the General Fund Interfund Transfer Account into the School Lunch Fund for the 2007-08 school year.

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

3.8M Authorization to accept the Agreement between the Romulus Central School District and the Seneca Falls Central School District for the purpose of sharing the services of the positions of Transportation Supervisor and School Bus Dispatcher.

Motion made by Ms. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Sparrow, and carried with five affirmative votes. Mrs. Somerville abstained.

3.9M Authorization to accept the Agreement between the Romulus Central School District and the Seneca Falls Central School District for the purpose of sharing the services of the position of Head Custodian/Safety Officer.

Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried with five affirmative votes. Mrs. Somerville voted nay.

RESIGNATION:

7.1RS WHEREAS, the resignation of **Gina Lynch, Elementary Education teacher**, was submitted and accepted by the Romulus Central School District Board of Education on September 12, 2006, with an effective date of August 21, 2006; and

WHEREAS, this resignation was submitted at that time in order for Mrs. Lynch to assume a Teacher Assistant position within the Romulus Secondary School;

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BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT, Mrs. Lynch's **resignation** as stated herewith be **redacted and rescinded, effective immediately.**

Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Mr. Sparrow, and carried with five affirmative votes. Mrs. Somerville noted nay.

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: As Recommended by Mr. Thompson

6.1A Nicole Shapoff – School Psychologist Intern, full-time, effective August 27, 2008, @ \$18,000, without benefits.

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried with five affirmative votes. Mrs. Somerville voted nay.

6.2RS RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School ratifies the salary between the Board of Education and **Neal MacPherson as Building Maintenance Supervisor**, effective July 1, 2008 for the 2008-09 school year, at a salary of \$39,590 with benefits as stipulated in the RFA and CSEA Contracts.

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

6.3RS RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School ratifies the salary between the Board of Education and **Lynn Rhone as Secondary Education Principal**, effective July 1, 2008 for the 2008-09 school year, at a salary of \$78,000 with benefits as stipulated in the RFA and CSEA Contracts.

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

6.4RS RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School ratifies the salary between the Board of Education and **Barbara B. Quinn as Elementary Education Principal**, effective July 1, 2008 for the 2008-09 school year, at a salary of \$89,192 with benefits as stipulated in the RFA and CSEA Contracts. Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Mr. Sparrow, and carried unanimously.

6.5RS RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School ratifies the salary between the Board of Education and **Suzanne Nicholson as Executive Secretary**, effective July 1, 2008 for the 2008-09 school year, at a salary of \$41,000 with benefits as stipulated in the RFA and CSEA Contracts.

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

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6.6RS RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School ratifies the salary between the Board of Education and **Thomas Riley as Athletic Director**, effective July 1, 2008 for the 2008-09 school year, at a salary of \$23,453 with benefits as stipulated in the RFA and CSEA Contracts.
Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

6.7A Kathleen Whitney – Fitness Center Supervisor, part-time, @ a stipend of \$10/hour for six (6) hours per week (6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays), effective July 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008.

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

6.8A Dawn Wichtman – Permanent employee status from Probationary employee status, effective July 23, 2008.

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

6.9A Authorization of the following Summer School bus runs and school bus drivers/monitor:

- . Tina Turk – Newark/Red Jacket @ 5.5 hours/day
- . Terry Moore – Rushville/Gorham @ 5 hours/day (Bus Driver)
- . Gloria Foreman – Rushville/Gorham @ 4.5 hours/day (Bus Monitor)
- . Sandy Travis – RCS High School students to Waterloo Summer School @ 7 hours/day
- . Cliff Irwin – RCS Elementary students to RCS, East Run, @ 4 hours/day
- . Sharon Scott – RCS Elementary students to RCS, West Run @ 4 hours/day
- . Beth MacPherson – RCS Swim Program (driver's time & salary paid directly by Seneca County Youth Program to driver)

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

6.10A Authorization of the following Summer bus driver and monitor rate of pay:

- . A Driver who makes less than \$14.50 per hour for regular driving will receive a \$14.50 per hour driving rate of pay.
- . A Driver who makes \$14.50 or more per hour for regular driving will receive that regular hourly rate of pay per hour.

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. Bus Monitors will be paid as stipulated in the CSEA Contract. (2008-09 = \$7.94/hour)

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

6.12A Authorization to **amend the Employment Agreement dated July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2009 for RAY FOX as Director of Technology** with the Romulus Central School District to provide for a **salary of \$20,000 for the period January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009** as permitted by the NYS Teacher Retirement System.

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

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES REPORT:

6.11A Varsity Volleyball – Lindsay Guy @ \$3565.00
JV Volleyball – Colleen Cook @ \$2963.10
Modified Volleyball – David Etman @ \$2045.40

Varsity Golf – Jim Williams @ \$2673.30

Varsity Basketball, Boys – Rick McCulloch @ \$5601.20
JV Basketball, Boys – Mike Kaufman @ \$4218.00
Assistant Basketball, Boys – Greg Cool @ \$3375.00
Modified Basketball, Boys, 7th Grade – Barry Somerville @ \$1691.00
Modified Basketball, Boys, 8th Grade – Kyle Collinsworth @ \$1691.00
Varsity Basketball, Girls – Damon Nicholson @ \$5601.20
JV Basketball, Girls – Colleen Cook @ \$4428.90
Assistant Basketball, Girls – Charlie Luffman @ \$3375.00
Modified Basketball, Girls, 7th Grade – Liz Houghton @ \$2113.00

Bowling, Co-Ed – Terry Moore @ \$1765.00

Varsity Cheerleading – Jennifer Bartlett @ \$3021.00
JV Cheerleading – Melanie Morabito @ \$2020.00

Winter Track – David Ettman @ \$1831.20
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Student Council, High School – Chris Puylara @
\$1737.75
Student Council, Elementary – Doris Robinson @
\$420.20

Stage & Lighting Director – Alan Gelatt @ \$1579.00
Drama Production: Director – Laura Feligno @
\$1086.00

Musical Production: Director for a High School
Production – Sheridan Davenport @ \$3771.90

Musical Production: Director for an Elementary
Production – Michelle George-Mason @ \$3600.45

Musical Production: Music Director for a High
School production in Spring, 2009 – Hilary Kadar @
\$2971.00

Musical Production: Music Director for an Elementary
Production – Betty Gerych @ \$3119.55

Drama Club Advisor, High School – Sheridan Davenport
@ 315.00

Drama Club Advisor, Elementary – Michelle George-
Mason @ \$315.00

Yearbook Advisor – Chris Puylara @ \$4009.95

Marching Band: Director – Hilary Kadar @ \$1358.00

Color Guard Advisor – Jennifer Bartlett @ \$891.00

Choral Music: Director – Betty Gerch @ \$735.00

Honor Society Advisor – Nancy Munn @ \$1719.00

Honor Society Advisor – Cathy Jordan @ \$1719.00

7th Grade Advisor - Carlene Augustine @ \$204.00

7th Grade Advisor – Melanie Shoebridge-Bloom @
\$204.00

8th Grade Advisor – Jennifer Bartlett @ \$255.00

8th Grade Advisor – Bernie Wegman @ \$204.00

9th Grade Advisor – Chris Puylara @ \$700.70

9th Grade Advisor – John Vincent @ \$637.00

10th Grade Advisor – Hilary Kadar @ \$713.00

10th Grade Advisor – Melissa Lilyea @ \$713.00

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11th Grade Advisor – Nancy Munn @ \$1604.40
11th Grade Advisor – Jeff Felice @ \$1680.80
12th Grade Advisor – Kate Whitney @ \$1910.00
12th Grade Advisor – Chris Puylara @ \$2101.00

Ski Club Advisor – Alan Gelatt 2 \$66.68
Ski Club Advisor – MJ Barber @ \$66.68

International Club Advisor – Sue Mitchell @ \$891.45
International Club Advisor – Risa Lobkovsky @ \$849.00

Peer Mediator Advisor – Amy Zembovich @ \$198.00
Peer Mediator Advisor – Ellen Moore @ \$247.66
Peer Mediator Advisor – Carlene Augustine @ \$198.00

Web Master – Jeff Felice @ \$2060.00

Art Club Advisor – Melanie Shoebridge-Bloom @
\$1061.00
Arts in Education Coordinator – Hilary Kadar @ \$611.00
Arts in Education Coordinator – Michelle Goerge-Mason
@ \$833.70

Weight Room Coordinator – Kate Whitney @ \$4000.00

Varsity Club Advisor – Jeff Felice @ \$668.85

Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Dickenson.

Discussion ensued, with the following amended motion:

Motion to TABLE ALL WINTER SPORTS (Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Winter Track) and approve all others made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried with five affirmative votes. Ms. Morgan abstained.

6.13A Varsity Soccer, Girls – Chris Puylara @ \$4107.00
JV Soccer, Girls – Heather Higby @ \$2376.00
Modified Soccer, Girls – Erica Petroccia @ \$1426.00

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

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT:

9.1M Approval of the recommendations as listed in the Minutes of April 9, 2008, May 27, 2008, June 2, 2008, and June 16, 2008.

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

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MISCELLANEOUS:

0.0RS BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of Romulus Central School extend its sincere and heartfelt appreciation to **Robert L. Thompson** for his dedication and leadership during his tenure as **Interim Superintendent**.

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

Motion to **adjourn at 8:23 p.m.** made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously.

LEANNE KEEL
DISTRICT CLERK

