

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL  
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 7, 2013**

**6:00 P.M. – EXECUTIVE SESSION  
7:00 P.M. - PUBLIC SESSION REGULAR MEETING - AUDITORIUM**

**PRESENT: Robert McCann – President; Seth Brandow – Vice President; Rebecca Jessop; Timothy Kuryla; Kara Mapstone; James O. Somerville; Thomas Wilson**

**ABSENT: No one**

**OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Zimar – Interim Superintendent; Leanne B. Keel – District Clerk; RCS Merger Advisory Committee Members; RCS Community Residents; SSCS Community Residents; RCS Faculty and Staff**

**ABSENT: Robert J. Boulware – Business Manager**

**1. OPENING AND MINUTES**

**1.1 Call to Order – By Mr. McCann at 6:00 p.m.**

**1.1.1 Executive Session**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**1.1.1.1 Discussion of matter leading to the employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, or removal of a particular person.**

**1.1.1.2 RFA Negotiations**

Moved: Mr. Kuryla

Seconded: Mr. Wilson

Approved: Unanimously

**1.2 A motion was offered to return to public session at 7:00 P.M. in the Auditorium**

Moved: Mr. Wilson

Seconded: Mr. Kuryla

Approved: Unanimously

**1.1.2 Pledge of Allegiance**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**1.1.3 Public Comment - \*Individual comments will be limited to five (5) minutes, with additional time granted at the discretion of the Board President or his designee.**

Mr. Wegman, RCS Advisory Committee Member, spoke on behalf of what effect new budget cuts would have on the District, as well as previous cuts and the effect those have had to the present time. He stated that “by

continuing on the way we are now only continues to harm the future of the students in this district.”

Mr. Bowman, RCS Advisory Committee Member, mentioned his frustration with possible budget cuts, the lack of the RCSD community voting on the Merger Study, efficiencies etc. He also demanded that action be taken by the BOE to develop a plan.

Mr. Goldberg, RCS Advisory Committee Member, requested that the BOE describe in detail what steps have been taken to balance our budget.

Mrs. Sepe-McCheyne, Co-President of the SSCS Teachers Assoc., requested that the RCS BOE “put the merger out to the community for consideration.”

Mr. McCann thanked all speakers for their comments, thoughts, ideas, and requests indicating that the BOE will take them into consideration in their future revisit of the merger issue.

1.3 Resolution to Approve Minutes

**APPROVED MINUTES**

1.3.1 Resolution to approve the following:

Minutes of regular Board of Education meeting of December 10, 2012

Moved: Mr. Kuryla

Seconded: Mr. Somerville

Approved: Unanimously

1.4 Resolutions, Other

1.4.1 To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following:

1.3.1.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Mr. Brandow

Seconded: Mr. McCann

Approved: Unanimously

1.5 Announcements and Reports

1.5.1 The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be January 22, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

1.6 Other Items

**2. INTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

2.1 Romulus Student Forum

2.1.1 Hosted by High School Student Council – Samantha Seils, President  
Ms. Seils gave an update on the Community Food Pantry contributions (500 cans), and \$150.00 was collected for the Seneca Community Christmas

Project. In February, the Student Council will sponsor a Souper Bowl with all contributions donated to the Community Food Pantry and a Give Back Week will be held. And, upcoming monthly Student Council events will be divulged in the near future.

## 2.2 Resolutions

### **COMBINED SPRING SPORTS**

2.2.1 To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following Combined Sports Teams:

2.2.1.1 WHEREAS, the South Seneca CSD and the Romulus CSD have met to ascertain the advantages of combining sports teams; and

WHEREAS, the South Seneca CSD and the Romulus CSD have agreed on terms for blending certain sports;

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT upon the recommendation of the Romulus CSD Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the blended athletic opportunities of Modified, Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys' Baseball, Girls' Modified Softball, and all Track levels; and

BE IT, FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT when Romulus CSD is the host School, Romulus CSD coach's salary schedule and coach's handbook will be followed; and

BE IT, FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the students from each District will follow their own school's Code of Conduct; and

BE IT, FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT all of the costs associated with the blended Modified, Junior Varsity, and Varsity sports i.e., supplies, field maintenance, officials, salaries, and transportation, will be equally shared between South Seneca CSD and Romulus CSD.

Mrs. Zimar reported on student signup numbers as of today's date:

- . Baseball Program – 4 sophomores, one junior, three seniors
- . Softball Girls' Modified Program – no signups
- . Track – 5 Varsity girls, 6 Varsity boys, 7 Modified consisting of 5 girls and 2 boys

Also mentioned were parent concerns regarding academic eligibility rules for both RCS and SSCS which are not totally similar.

Moved: Mr. Wilson  
Approved: Unanimously

Seconded: Mr. Kuryla

## 2.3 Announcements and Reports

2.3.1 Red Ribbons to Chris Puylara and his team of staff members including Nichole Fuller, Bethanne Bond, Amanda Pundt, Karen Horvath, and Lindsay Guy for their volunteer work in preparing and sponsoring 32 students in the Wonderful Life 5K Run. Applause to our student participants for their Romulus representation and perseverance.

### **3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

#### **3.1 Resolutions**

#### **NYSSBA CANDIDATE CHOSEN**

3.1.1 Election of Area 2 Board of Director for NYSSBA between candidates Rodney George, Avon School District or Joyce Lyke, Wayne School District

3.1.1.1 To act upon the BOE decision to vote for Joyce Lyke as follows:

Moved: Mr. Brandow  
Adopted: Unanimously

Seconded: Mr. Kuryla

#### **3.2 Announcements and Reports**

##### **3.2.1 President's Report**

#### **DISCRIMINATION LAWSUIT REJECTED**

Mr. McCann announced that the RCSD has received the decision of Buffalo, NY US District Judge Michael Telesca to reject and dismiss without settlement the August 2011 claims of discrimination made by Kristine Somerville against the District.

##### **3.2.2 Board Members Forum**

##### **3.2.3 Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Zimar announced that the District's APPR documents for Teachers and Principals have been approved by NYSED. She then thanked Chris Puylara and his team of teachers for their laborious efforts.

### **4. BUSINESS OFFICE REPORTS**

#### **VARIOUS REPORTS ACCEPTED**

#### **4.1 Resolutions**

4.1.1 To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following:

4.1.1.1 Treasurer's Report for November, 2012

4.1.1.2 Student Activities Report for November, 2012

4.1.1.3 Acceptance of Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2012

Moved: Mr. Kuryla  
Approved: Unanimously

Seconded Mrs. Jessop

#### **4.2 Announcements and Reports**

##### **4.2.1 Special Education budget presentation**

Mrs. Zimar, in the absence of Mr. Boulware, reviewed the initial budget for the Special Education Department for the 2013-14 school year.

##### **4.2.2 Discussion and direction on the category of the District's Risk Assessment for the 2012-13 school year.**

Mrs. Zimar, in the absence of Mr. Boulware, also reviewed the recommended areas for risk assessment Auditor testing by the Management Advisory Group of

NY, Inc. The area for direction will be the Food Service Program, specifically the Cafeteria and its costs.

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Public Comments \* Individual comments will be limited to five (5) minutes, with additional time granted at the discretion of the Board President or his designee.

5.2 Resolutions

5.3 Announcements and Reports

5.3.1 Ray Fox - Thoughts for Additional Reports to the BOE's of RCS and SSCS  
Mr. McCann thanked Mr. Fox for his written document stating that the RCS BOE will be diligently looking at it as they continue to revisit the Merger issue. Mr. McCann also stated that the BOE is not against merger but is looking at unanswered questions and will gather information from the community. He also asked Mr. Fox if he would be willing to assist in that endeavor with his response of 'yes' being heard by all in attendance at this meeting.

## 6. PERSONNEL

### APPROVED RESIGNATION, APPOINTMENTS

6.1 Resolutions in Regard to Administrators and Teachers

6.1.1 To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following personnel issues:

6.1.1.1 Resignation from Michelle-George Mason as Musical Director – Elementary Musical Production, and Elementary Drama Club Advisor effective January 1, 2013.

6.1.1.2 Appointment of Hilary Chaya to the position of Marching Band Director

6.1.1.3 Appointment of Jennifer Bartlett to the position of Color Guard Director

6.1.1.4 Appointment of Mary Godwin to the position of After Hours Supervisor at a pro-rated salary of \$1,425.00

Moved: Mr. Brandow

Seconded: Mr. Wilson

Adopted: Unanimously

6.2 Resolutions in Regard to Support Staff

6.2.1 To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Susan Fegley to the position of School Technology Coordination at a pro-rated salary of \$6,000 for the school year 2012-13.

Moved: Mr. Kuryla

Seconded: Mrs. Mapstone

Adopted: Unanimously

6.3 Resolutions, Other

6.3.1 To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following:



**RFA COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT EXTENSION**

**APPROVED**

10.2 A motion was offered to return to public session at 9:25 p.m. to approve the conceptual Agreement between the Romulus Faculty Association (RFA) and the Interim Superintendent of Schools, Nancy Zimar, for a one (1) year extension through June 30, 2014.

Moved: Mr. Wilson

Seconded: Mr. Brandow

Approved: Passed with six affirmative votes. Mr. Somerville abstained.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**APPROVED ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was offered to adjourn at 9:27 P.M.

Moved: Mr. Wilson

Seconded: Mr. Kuryla

Approved: Unanimously

**12. DISTRIBUTIONS**

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**Note:** Items added to the Agenda after it was first distributed (i.e., addendum items) are marked with an asterisk [\*] preceding the outline number.

LEANNE B. KEEL  
DISTRICT CLERK