

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL  
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 25, 2008  
6:30 P.M. – PUBLIC MEETING**

**5:00 P.M. BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
ALL BOE MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO  
ATTEND**

**(Jim McNeil, Asst. Superintendent for Human Resources @ WFL BOCES, will be presenting)**

**PRESENT: Anna Morgan – President; Cornelia Johnson – Vice-President; Laurie Asermily; Rhonda Dickenson; Brian Sparrow; Judith Lerch**

**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; Participation in Government Students; SSAFE Concerned Parent Group**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Kim Stamberger, a SSAFE concerned parent group member, read a letter to the BOE regarding their “concerns about the future of the on-site daycare at RCS”, specifically requesting to address the BOE on April 8, 2008 and April 23, 2008, and that the BOE postpone their vote on this issue until after these two meetings.

Ms. Morgan responded that the April 8, 2008 BOE meeting will occur between a full day of interviews with a semi-finalist for the Superintendency at RCS, and it will be brief. She recommended an alternate date of May 13, 2008 which was agreed to by the parents and the BOE. The meeting on April 23, 2008 will occur as requested.

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CLERK'S REPORT:

1.1M Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2008

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

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

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

SUPERINTENDENT/TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR REPORT:

2.1 Update – General

Mr. Thompson stated that Superintendent candidate interviews will occur on March 31, 2008, April 1, 2008 and April 2, 2008.

2.2M Authorization of the following Romulus Foundation for Educational Opportunities grant applications:

. Jennifer Bartlett/English Dept. – “A Night To Be Heard” @ \$400.00

. Melanie Shoebridge-Bloom – Bringing the Arts to Life at RCS @ \$1,200.00

. Alan Gelatt – Herkimer Diamond Mine @ \$995.20

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

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

3.1 Update

Mr. Boulware stated that there will be a Contractors meeting on the Capital Project at 1:15 p.m. on April 8, 2008.

3.2M Authorization to increase the amount of budget transfer limit that the Superintendent and Business Manager can approve FROM \$2,500.00 TO \$10,000.00, as per recommendation of Ray Wager, Auditor.

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

**3.3RS RESOLUTION OF THE ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, SENECA COUNTY, ROMULUS, NEW YORK NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that a public hearing of qualified voters of the Romulus Central School District, Seneca County,

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Romulus, New York will be held in the Library of the Romulus Central School, 5705 Route 96, Romulus, Seneca County, New York on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at 6:00 P.M. prevailing time for the purpose of discussion of the expenditure of funds and the budgeting thereof.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that voting to fill two (2) vacancies on the Board of Education, and voting on the Budget, will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008. Voting by machine will be in the North Entrance Lobby of the Romulus Central School building, 5705 Route 96, Romulus, New York 14541, and polls will be open between the hours of 1:00 – 9:00 P.M. Only qualified voters will be permitted to vote. **PROOF OF RESIDENCY WILL BE REQUIRED.**

**AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN**, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 21, 2008. There are two (2) vacancies to be filled on the Board of Education; each vacancy is for a three (3) year term of office.

Each petition must be directed to the Board Clerk, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, must state the residence of each signer, and must state the name and address of the candidate.

**AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN**, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2008-2009, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning May 6, 2008, except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, at the District Clerk's Office.

**AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN**, that applications for absentee ballots will be available after April 21, 2008 at the office of the District Clerk, Romulus Central School, 5705 Route 96, Romulus, New York 14541 during school business hours. Eligible District voters may use absentee ballots under the following conditions:

. That he/she is or will be on the day of the school election, a qualified voter of the school district in which he/she resides, that he/she is or will be on such date, over 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States and has or will have resided in the school district for 30 days next preceding such date.

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. That he/she will be unable to appear to vote in person on the day of the school district election for which the absentee ballot is requested because he/she is or will be on such day (a) a patient in a hospital, or unable to appear personally at the polling place on such day because of illness or physical disability or (b) because his/her duties, occupation, business or studies will require him/her to be outside of the county or his/her residence on such day, or (c) because he/she will be on vacation outside the county of his/her residence on such day, or (d) absent from his/her voting residence because he/she is detained in jail awaiting action by grand jury or awaiting trial or is confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony.

Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. prevailing time on Tuesday, May 20, 2008.

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

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

4.1 Update

Mrs. Quinn mentioned that a computerized Curriculum Program will be presented at the March 28, 2008 Superintendent's Conference Day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

7.1L Heather Higby – Child-bearing leave of absence, effective approximately April 13, 2008 through approximately May 28, 2008, utilizing “all of ... personal and sick days except for one day, and ... some leave will be without pay.”

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

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: As Recommended by Mr. Thompson

6.1RS WHEREAS the appointment of MELANIE MORABITO as Long-Term Substitute Teacher Assistant for the child bearing leave of absence of Darlene Werner, Teacher Assistant, was approved by the Board of Education on February 26, 2008 at a pro-rated salary of \$18,500; and

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WHEREAS the pro-rated salary figure was incorrect;  
BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT the pro-rated salary of \$18,500 be redacted and rescinded; and

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT the pro-rated salary of \$18,100 be approved herewith by the Board of Education.  
Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sparrow, and carried unanimously.

6.2A Eric McInroy – Substitute Teacher, PK-12, Non-Certified  
Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, econded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

6.3A Authorization of tenure appointment for DARLENE CRAGLE WERNER, Teacher Assistant, effective September 1, 2008.

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

6.4A Authorization of tenure appointment for KAREN HORVATH, Elementary Education teacher, effective September 1, 2008.

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

6.5A Authorization of tenure appointment for PATRICIA WAID, Teacher Assistant, effective September 1, 2008.

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

EXTRACURRICULAR APPOINTMENT:

6.6A Hilary Kadar – Marching Band Director @ \$1,055  
Motion made by Mrs. Dicksenson, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION:

9.1A Approval of recommendations as listed in the Minutes as follows:

- . December 7, 2007
- . January 14, 2008, January 15, 2008
- . February 8, 2008, February 13, 2008, February 14, 2008, February 15, 2008, February 28, 2008
- . March 4, 2008, March 5, 2008

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

Ms. Keel, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. MacCheyne and guests left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Ms. Morgan, seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. in consideration of specific personnel.

Motion to reconvene in open session at 7:10 p.m. made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

Motion to **adjourn at 7:10 p.m.** made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously.

LEANNE KEEL  
DISTRICT CLERK

