

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL  
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 14, 2009  
6:30 P.M. – BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
5:30 P.M. – BOARD ROOM**

**PRESENT:** Anna M. Morgan – President; Laurie Asermily;  
Rhonda Dickenson; Norman Hollenbeck; Kristine Somerville;  
Brian Sparrow

**ABSENT:** Cornelia Johnson – Vice President

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael J. Hoose – Superintendent; Leanne Keel – District Clerk; Robert Boulware – Business Manager; John Dickenson – CSEA President; Tina Carlson – CSEA Secretary/Treasurer; Tim Kuryla; James Somerville, Sr.; James Somerville, III; Ryan Somerville; Chris Saeli; Lisa Frier; M/M David Moore; M/M Jason Sproul; Abby Sproul; Susan Porter – FLTIMES Reporter

**OTHERS ABSENT:** Lynn Rhone – PK-12 Principal

Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m., and welcomed visitors.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Somerville, Sr. suggested that the May 12, 2009 Public Hearing on the school budget be scheduled to other than a Board of Education meeting date and the time be changed from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to “accommodate people’s work schedules.”

**PRESENTATION:**

- Abby Sproul – Spelling Bee Champion

Ms. Morgan congratulated 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, Abby Sproul, on her outstanding performance as winner of the RCS Spelling Bee, and in the regional competition with 22 other school districts where she was 11<sup>th</sup> out of 44 students. Ms. Sproul was also presented with a Certificate of Achievement.

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**CLERK'S REPORT:**

1.1M Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2009

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

1.2M Approval of payroll for March, 2009

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

1.3M Approval of Student Activities Report for March, 2009

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

2.1 Update

Mr. Hoose stated that the Title I Audit which was conducted April 8, 2009 yielded two recommendations and was, overall, very satisfactory. Also, the search for a Director of Pupil Personnel Services is underway with final interviews of two candidates scheduled for May 7, 2009.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposal to create an experimental Middle School for grades six to eight for five years. Mr. Hollenbeck inquired if the five year limit was a solid time frame even if it was felt that the concept was not working. Mr. Hoose replied that it was not. Mr. Hoose will now apply to the NYSED for their approval of the proposed model.

2.2RS WHEREAS the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School District wishes to create an "Experimental Middle School" for grades 6-8 for five (5) years beginning with the 2009-2010 school year; and

WHEREAS such a model will serve the best interests of the students by:

1. Creating a vertical alignment of curriculum for grades 6-8 through the Middle School "team" concept
2. Helping to bridge the social/emotional transition between elementary and secondary grades
3. Allowing for a greater exposure to a variety of teachers and teaching styles
4. Assisting in the development of organizational and transition skills; and

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WHEREAS the Romulus Central School District employs teachers possessing the proper certifications as well as meeting the NYS Commissioner's Regulations, Section 80-5.12, for the formation of such a Middle School model;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Romulus Central School District creates a 6-8 Middle School model subject to approval by the NYS Commissioner of Education.

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

2.3M Authorization of the following Romulus Foundation for Educational Opportunities grant applications:

. Alan Gelatt – Herkimer Diamond Mines Field Trip @ \$1,182.22

. Hilary Kadar – Ovid Lions Club Youth Band Conference @ \$225.00

. Kathleen Whitney – “Jump With Jill” Concert @ \$2,000.00

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

2.4M Authorization of the following grant application:

. Kelly Happ, Surge Site Coordinator – Alternative Spring Break Disaster Relief Venture @ \$300.00 (Jennifer Asermily, Michael Crowe)

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

2.5M Approval of the following Conference request:

. Dale Buck – 19-A Examiner – NY Assoc. of Pupil Transportation (NYAPT) Annual Conference @ \$646.00

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

**BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:**

3.1 Update

Mr. Boulware stated that the BOE Ad Hoc Retiree Insurance Committee had agreed to offer the Memorandum of Agreement (Item 3.6RS) as stipulated herewith below.

He also said that the proposed 2009-2010 school district budget would be a .6% tax rate increase, and that Federal Stimulus funds are not a part of the proposal because of unanswered questions about “how the money

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could be spent” as well as the accountability guidelines on tracking the spending of the funds. Both the Federal government and the State government will be overseeing this issue.

3.2RS RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School District agrees to provide the use of a school bus and a driver for the Seneca County Youth Bureau Swim Program to transport students to and from the program site at Vince’s Park, Seneca Falls, NY (corner of Rt. 318 and Rt. 5&20) during the weeks of July 6, 2009 through June 17, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; and

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED THAT mileage will be charged to the Seneca County Youth Bureau at the rate of \$2.00 per mile for an approximate daily total of 26 miles, round trip; and

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED THAT the driver’s salary will be \$13.00 per hour to be paid directly by Seneca County to the driver.

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

3.3RS RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School District, Seneca County, is hereby authorized to expend a total of \$10,577,510.00 for the operation of the school of said District for the school year 2009-2010, and that said sum be raised by tax upon taxable property of said School District after first deducting the estimated money available from State Aid and other sources.

Motion made by Ms. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Sparrow. Mrs. Somerville indicated that she did not agree with the \$1 million spent on sending special education students to WFL BOCES while “taking jobs away from people in this community.” She recommended bringing them back into the district for program and “perhaps some Teacher Assistant positions be restored in the process.”

The motion carried with five affirmative votes. Mrs. Somerville voted no.

3.4M Approval of the Romulus Central School Property Tax Report Card containing budget estimates for the 2009-2010 school year budget.

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

Motion carried with five affirmative votes. Mrs. Somerville abstained.

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3.5M Authorization for payment of 2009-2010 Annual Dues for membership in the Four County School Boards Assoc. @ \$3,652.00. Motion made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mrs. Asermily. Mrs. Somerville abstained.

3.6RS The following Memorandum of Agreement is made between the Superintendent of Romulus Central School District (hereinafter the "District") and the Romulus Faculty Association (hereinafter the "Association").

WHEREAS the parties have researched health insurance options for retirees through the joint Health Insurance Committee; and

WHEREAS the current Contract outlines health insurance options for retired employees and requires any plan changes to be mutually agreed upon; and

WHEREAS both the Association and the District agree that more efficient and appropriate options for retiree health insurance exist; and

WHEREAS both the Association and the District agree that the expansion of retiree health insurance options will in no way change the retiree's or the District's contractual premium commitments (e.g., from age 65 to 69 the District pays 70% of the premium and the retiree pays 30%);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the parties agree that the health insurance Medicare options for retirees who retire on or after June 30, 2009 shall be:

- Excellus Supplemental C Plan
- Excellus Supplemental C Plan w/\$5/\$15/\$30 prescription rider
- Medicare Blue Choice Plan (\$10)
- Medicare Blue Choice Plan (\$10) w/\$5/\$15/\$30 prescription rider

Current retirees (those who retired from the District prior to June 30, 2009) shall also be afforded the options listed above but shall, in addition, retain the Blue Million Traditional option. This Agreement shall be effective as of April 15, 2009.

Mr. Boulware mentioned that the Excellus Supplemental C Plan can move with a retiree out of New York State, and the Medicare Blue Choice Plan (\$10) can remain in the New York State area if a retiree resides in the State for more than ½ year.

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

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**TRANSPORTATION REPORT:**

11.1M Approval of Non-Public School Transportation requests for the 2009-2010 school year as follows:

School, Gr. 7 . Lindsay Schell – Finger Lakes Christian

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School, Gr. 3 . Madison Bulkley – St. Francis/St. Stephen's

School, Gr. 1

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

7.1L Melissa Lilyea – Secondary Education Teacher – Childbearing leave of absence, effective approximately September 1, 2009 through November 16, 2009, utilizing accumulated sick days. Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously.

**RESIGNATION:**

7.2RG Kimberly Baldasari – Lunch Monitor, retroactive to 3/24/2009

Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

**PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: As Recommended by Mr. Hoose**

6.1A Stacey Bennett – Substitute School Bus Driver, pending NYSED Fingerprinting Clearance, and current 19-A certification Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

6.2A Joshua Asermily – Substitute Teacher, K-12, Uncertified, pending NYSED Fingerprinting Clearance Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Dickenson. Motion carried with five affirmative votes. Mrs. Asermily abstained.

6.3A Jackie Vincent – Substitute Cleaner, pending NYSED Fingerprinting Clearance Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously.

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**COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT:**

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

- . February 12, 2009, February 26, 2009
- . March 2, 2009, March 5, 2009, March 9, 2009, March 19, 2009, March 24, 2009, March 26, 2009, March 30, 2009
- . April 2, 2009

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

Ms. Keel, Mr. Boulware, and all guests left the meeting at 7:05 p.m. in anticipation of an Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously, to enter into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. in consideration of collective negotiations and personnel.

Motion to **reconvene in regular session at 7:43 p.m.** made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mr. Sparrow, and carried unanimously.

Motion to **adjourn at 7:44 p.m.** made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously.

LEANNE KEEL  
DISTRICT CLERK

