

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL  
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
AUGUST 12, 2008  
6:00 P.M.**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.  
ALL BOE MEMBERS AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED**

**PRESENT:** Anna Morgan – President; Cornelia Johnson – Vice-President; Norman Hollenbeck; Rhonda Dickenson; Kristine Somerville; Brian Sparrow

**ABSENT:** Laurie Asermily

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael J. Hoose – Superintendent; Leanne Keel – District Clerk; Robert Boulware – Business Manager; Barbara Quinn – Elementary Principal; Lynn Rhone – Secondary Principal; Carla Woolston – Cafeteria Manager; Christopher Puylara – RFA Chief Negotiator; Michael Pane – Elementary Education Teacher; Joseph D’Battisto – Clerk of the Works, Capital Project; Terry Steinruck; Barney Farnsworth (Arr. 6:15 p.m.)

Ms. Morgan called the BOE meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and welcomed guests.

**BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT;**

3.1 Presentation on 2008 Capital Project – Joe D’Battisto, Clerk of the Works, Capital Project

Mr. D’Battisto stated that the roofing component of the project will be completed August 20, 2008, and replacement and installation of multiple windows is behind schedule. The Substantial Completion Date for the entire project is October 31, 2008. He also mentioned that the General Contractor, Battle Construction, Inc., has been notified that a second shift of workers as well as weekend work may be necessary to get the job done. And, also if cleaning of areas is not performed by the workers, the cost of cleaning by RCS personnel will be backcharged to the Contractor.

Mr. D’Battisto left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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3.2 Presentation on “Going Green” – Carla Woolston, Cafeteria  
Manager

Mrs. Woolston indicated that, as school cafeterias, country-wide and in NY State, continue to struggle with economically running a food service, more economical and ecologically friendly methods need to be looked at. For instance, she will be using some stainless steel silverware and Melamine dishes instead of disposable products for the 2008-09 school year. However, some Styrofoam and plastic products will still need to be used. Mr. Puylara, Student Council Advisor, stated that Student Council officers will be asked to “sit by the recycling bins in the cafeteria to remind students what is and is not recyclable.

Ms. Woolston left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:**

4.1 Presentation on Summer Curriculum Work – Mrs. Quinn  
and Mr. Pane

Mrs. Quinn and Mr. Pane reviewed their Powerpoint presentation detailing the K-6 Math curricula that teachers created and aligned with State Standards and then data entered into online for public awareness.

Mr. Pane left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

**CLERK’S REPORT:**

1.1M Approval of Minutes of July 29, 2008

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

1.2M Approval of Payroll for July, 2008

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

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

2.1 Update

Mr. Hoose mentioned that RCS will have a new web site by the end of September, 2008, reviewed the status of teams/coaches for Soccer and Volleyball teams, explained that “Assistant Coaches are needed for safety reasons” and that he would be “recommending appointing chaperones for away games only.”

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2.2M Authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to attend the New York State Council of School Superintendents Fall Conference, October 4-7, 2008, Saratoga Springs, NY, with expenses

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

**BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:**

3.3RS WHEREAS the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School District has been authorized by the voters at the Annual School District meeting to raise, for the current budget of the 2008-09 school year, a sum not to exceed \$10,502,235.00;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopt the **SCHOOL TAX LEVY for the 2008-09 school year at \$4,941,011 and TAX RATES for the 2008-09 school year as follows:**

- . **Town of Fayette \$20.2788**
- . **Town of Romulus \$20.9330**
- . **Town of Varick \$20.9330**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopt the **LIBRARY TAX LEVY for the 2008-09 school year at \$3,000 and TAX RATES for the 2008-09 school year as follows:**

- . **Town of Fayette \$0.0123**
- . **Town of Romulus \$0.0127**
- . **Town of Varick \$0.0127**

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board fix the

**EQUALIZATION TAX RATES BY TOWNS, and confirm the extension of the taxes as they appear on the following described tax rolls:**

	<b>TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS BY TOWNS</b>	<b>EQUAL.TAX RATE/TOWN</b>	<b>TRUE VALUE VALUATIONS BY TOWN</b>
Fayette	56,207,223	0.9600	58,549,191
Romulus	55,266,243	0.9300	59,426,068
Varick	126,322,853	0.9300	135,831,025
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>237,796,319</b>		<b>253,806,283</b>

AND, BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED THAT the **Tax Warrant** of this Board, duly signed, shall be affixed to the above

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described tax rolls authorizing the collection of said taxes to **begin September 1, 2008 and end December 1, 2008, giving the Tax Warrant an effective period of 92 days at the expiration of which time the Tax Collector shall make an accounting, in writing, to the Board;**

AND, IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT THE **delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows:**

- . **No penalty September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>**
- . **2% penalty October 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>**
- . **3% penalty November 1<sup>st</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>**
- . **NO taxes accepted after December 1<sup>st</sup>**

And that the approval of the Board shall be Treasurer-endorsed on the face of Fidelity Bond furnished for the Tax Collector, and that said Bond shall be filed as required by law.

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

**TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

11.1M Approval of Bus Routes, School Bus Drivers and Hours for the 2008-09 school year

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

11.2M Authorization for the School Bus Fleet Manager to attend the NYSDOT School Bus & Passenger Carrier Safety Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY, October 8-10, 2008, at a cost of \$444.00, with meal reimbursement per the CSEA Contract.

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

**SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

4.2 Update

Mrs. Rhone mentioned that the previously named Homework Hall will now be known as **Zeros Aren't Permitted (ZAP)**.

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

6.1RS WHEREAS the Romulus Central School Board of Education approved, at its July 29, 2008 meeting, the **salary** for newly appointed **Guidance Counselor, Victoria Reale at \$38,845;** and

WHEREAS the Guidance Counselor's salary is, by Romulus Faculty Association Contract, based on an index of 1.10%

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because there is a 20 day work requirement over the months of July and August of a calendar year; and

WHEREAS \$38,845 multiplied by the 1.10% = \$42,729 which is the correct annual salary for Ms. Reale and which calculation was inadvertently overlooked;

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT that Ms. Reale's salary agreement with the Romulus Central School District will be for \$42,729.

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

6.2A Mae Beth MacPherson – School Bus Driver, a probationary appointment, for 6.75 hours at a salary of \$13.50 per hour, effective September 3, 2008, with benefits per the current CSEA Contract.

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

6.3A John Dickenson – Senior Building Maintenance Mechanic, a provisional/promotional competitive appointment, 12 months 2,080 hour per year, effective September 1, 2008, at a salary of \$15.50 per hour, with continuation of benefits as stipulated in the current CSEA Contract.

Motion made by Ms. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Sparrow. Mrs. Dickenson and Mrs. Sommerville abstained. Motion carried with four affirmative votes.

6.4A Teresa Steinruck – Day Care Leader, a probationary appointment pending NYSED Fingerprinting Clearance, effective August 13, 2008, at \$13.00 per hour for no more than eight (8) hours per day when school is in session and up to 15 summer work days, with benefits as stipulated in the current CSEA Contract.

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

6.5A Mary Voorhees - Day Care Worker, a probationary appointment pending NYSED Fingerprinting Clearance, effective September 2, 2008, at a **salary of \$9.00 per hour for four and one-half (4.5) hours per day when school is in session, with benefits as stipulated in the current CSEA Contract.**

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

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6.6A Kalenna Partin (MacDonald) - Day Care Worker, appointment pending NYSED Fingerprinting Clearance, effective September 2, 2008, at a **salary of \$9.00 per hour for three and one-half hours (3.5) hours per day when school is in session, with benefits under the CSEA Contract, excluding all insurances.**

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

**EXTRACURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS:**

6.7A Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach – Michael Kaufman @ \$3,734.00

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

Ms. Keel, Mr. Boulware, and all guests left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mr. Sparrow, and carried unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. in consideration of specific personnel. This session ended at 7:45 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION:** Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously, to reconvene in public session at 7:45 p.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

2.3M Authorization to create the title of Director of Curriculum and Instruction for possible use.

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

2.4M Authorization to investigate changing the current Romulus full time Occupational Therapist TO a .8 position at Romulus Central School with a .2 position at Seneca Falls Central School.

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

Motion to **adjourn at 7:46 p.m.** made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Morgan, and carried unanimously.

LEANNE KEEL, DISTRICT CLERK  
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