

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL  
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2008  
6:30 P.M.**

**5:30 P.M. BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
ALL BOE MEMBERS ARE INVITED**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael J. Hoose – Superintendent; Leanne Keel – District Clerk; Lynn Rhone – PK-12 Principal; Barbara Quinn – Director, Curriculum & Instruction; Kathleen Stuck – RFA President; Hilary Kadar – RFA Vice-President; Christopher Puylara – RFA Chief Negotiator; Jennifer Bartlett – RFA Secretary; Karen Horvath; Carlene Augustine; Nancy Galusha; Amanda Pundt; Anne Sepe; Theresa MacCheyne; Martin Rotz; David Stonesifer; James Somerville, Sr.; James Somerville, III; Byron Farnsworth; M/M Juan Rivera; Julia Galipeau – Varsity Soccer Team Member; Erica Nicholson – Varsity Soccer Team Member; Corinne Poormom – Student Council President; Susan Porter – FLTIMES Reporter

**OTHERS ABSENT:** Robert Boulware – Business Manager

Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m., and welcomed visitors.

**VARSITY GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM:**

Ms. Nicholson and Ms. Galipeau briefly thanked the Romulus Sports Boosters and Mr. Tim Kuryla for their support, funding, and the construction of two dug outs and a score tower for the Varsity Soccer field.

The athletes left the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:**

President Ms. Corinne Poormom listed some of the upcoming Council activities: A lunch for the students of the quarter; Honor Roll pizza/chicken wings party; canned food drive; “pie in the face” contest; “give back week” to local families; Gong Show. New activities this

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school year are as follows: Apparel Sale; Go Green initiative; recycling.

Ms. Poormon left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Somerville, Sr. requested to address the BOE regarding “resignations and new appointments” asking them to table the personnel items relative to Mrs. Barbara Quinn and Mrs. Lynn Rhone and that the school attorney should be contacted. He questioned whether the salary increases were in the current budget. Mr. Hoose mentioned that “a lot of work” had occurred regarding their appointments and “the money for their appointments is in the current school budget”, at which time Mr. Somerville asked to “see specifically where in the budget.”

**DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION REPORT:**

4.1 Grades 6-8 ELA Vertical Planning Team Presentation –  
Barbara Quinn, Team Members

Mrs. Quinn introduced the members of the 6-8 Vertical Planning Team with Mr. Jennifer Bartlett addressing the work that was accomplished over the Summer of 2007 and the Summer of 2008 on the ELA curriculum and its impact for students. Its purpose was to address curriculum gaps that were appearing in grades 6 through 8, with the intent to build a solid foundation for high school and success on the Regents exams. Ms. Bartlett stated that she has worked with social studies and science teachers on the concepts.

4.2 Comparison of District ELA Data for 2007-08 for 6-8  
Vertical Planning

Mrs. Quinn then reviewed the testing data and targeted skills mentioning that this effort was funded by Title II funds.

**CLERK’S REPORT:**

1.1M Approval of Minutes of September 9, 2008  
Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

1.2M Approval of Student Activities Report for August, 2008  
Motion made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mr. Sparrow, and carried unanimously.

1.3M Approval of Treasurer’s Reports for June, 2008 and July, 2008  
Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

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- 1.4 Review and discussion of Warrants August 26, 2008 and  
September 16, 2008

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

2.1 Update

Mr. Hoose stated that interviews will be held soon by the WFL BOCES personnel in order to fill the vacant Cafeteria Manager position RCS shares with Seneca Falls CSD. Also mentioned was the minor vandalism of the field house and press box on the athletic field which the NYS Troopers are investigating, and that RCS is considered, by NYSED, a 'school in good standing.'

5.2 Discussion of Alcosensor Screening Policy

Mr. Hoose mentioned that input from community, teacher, and counselors will be sought to assist in the creation of a draft policy on alcohol screening of students. Only students suspected of having this issue may be screened. Mr. Hoose stated that BOE approval of any policy will be required. The BOE granted verbal permission to the Superintendent to pursue this issue.

2.2M Approval of the following Conference Requests:

- Title II
- . Alan Gelatt – STANYS (State Teacher's Assoc. of Of NYS) @ \$558.00, Rochester, NY
  - . John Vincent – 69<sup>th</sup> Technology Fall Conference @ \$30.00, Oswego, NY
  - . Jennifer Bartlett – NYS English Council Annual Conference @ \$470.00, Albany, NY
  - . (NYS Assoc. for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance)
    - . Kate Whitney – NYSAHPERD @ \$673.00, Verona, NY
  - . (NYS Assoc. for Computers & Technology Educators)
    - . Ray Fox – NYSCATE @ \$528.83, Rochester, NY
    - . Nancy Munn – NYSCATE @ \$423.00, Rochester, NY
    - . Donna Newcomb – NYSCATE @ \$478.86, Rochester, NY
    - . Sue Fegley – NYSCATE @ \$420.00, Rochester, NY
    - . Jeff Felice – NYSCATE @ \$584.00, Rochester, NY

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

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

. Lynn Rhone – Rachel’s Challenge Continued @ \$4,000.00

. Risa Lobkovsky – International Club Field Trip to the Jordanville Monastery @ \$750.00.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion made by Mrs. Somerville, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously, to go into Executive Session @ 7:05 p.m. to discuss resignations and appointments of particular persons. All visitors, Ms. Keel, Mrs. Rhone and Mrs. Quinn left the meeting at this time.

Motion to **reconvene at 7:25 p.m.** made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

**BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:**

3.1M Authorization to approve and submit the Internal Audit Risk Assessment and Claims Audit Report of the Romulus Central School District for the year ended June 30, 2008.

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

**DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION REPORT:**

4.3 Presentation on the District Professional Development Plan  
Mrs. Quinn briefly stated that the change in Superintendent and various personnel title changes was the main reason for the current annual review of this document. And, she added that staff development is funded through Federal grants.

4.4M Authorization to accept the District Professional Development Plan

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

**PK-12 PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:**

5.1 Update

Mrs. Rhone mentioned that ZAP is working well in 7/8 grade, and grades 5/6 have expressed an interest in adopting it; therefore, it will begin tomorrow, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Open House will be held October 9<sup>th</sup>, and the Fall play entitled THE CURIOUS SAVAGE will be presented on November 1-2, 2008.

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**RESIGNATIONS:**

7.1RG Barbara B. Quinn – Director of Elementary Education, effective September 1, 2008

Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Dickenson. Mrs. Somerville voted no; motion passed with six affirmative votes.

7.2RG Lynn Rhone – Secondary Principal, effective September 1, 2008

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

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

6.1A Barbara B. Quinn – Director of Curriculum and Instruction, as two-year contract, effective September 2, 2008, at a salary of \$96,594 with continuation of benefits as stipulated in the current CSEA and RFA Union Contracts, and subject to 2009-2010 salary negotiation with the Superintendent of Schools.

Mrs. Somerville stated that she would not support this motion due to cost and the need to be more fiscally responsible with taxpayer's money.

Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Asermily. Mrs. Somerville voted no; motion passed with six affirmative votes.

6.2A Lynn Rhone – PK-12 Principal, a three year probationary appointment, effective September 2, 2008, at a salary of \$86,000 with continuation of benefits as stipulated in the current CSEA and RFA Union Contracts.

Mrs. Somerville stated that she would not support this motion due to cost and the need to be more fiscally responsible with taxpayer's money.

Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Dickenson. Mrs. Somerville voted no; motion passed with six affirmative votes.

6.3A Authorization to change the following Food Service Program employee hours for the 2008-09 school year, retroactive to September 3, 2008 and with continuation of benefits as stipulated in the CSEA Contract:

. Charlotte Willower – Food Service Helper, from 4.5 hours to 6 hours @ current rate of pay

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

6.4A Donna Marr – Substitute Food Service Helper

Lisa Hauf – Substitute Food Service Helper

Vickie Janto – Substitute Teacher, PK-6, Uncertified

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

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES REPORT:**

6.5A Dominic Paradise – Director of Physical Education @ \$1,360.00

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

6.6A Varsity Basketball, Boys – Rick McCulloch @ \$5601.20  
Motion made by Ms. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Sparrow, and carried unanimously.

6.7A JV Basketball, Boys – Mike Kaufman @ \$4218.00  
Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

6.8A Assistant Basketball, Boys – Greg Cool @ \$3375.00  
**TABLED**

6.9A Modified Basketball, Boys, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Barry Somerville @ \$1691.00  
Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

6.10A Modified Basketball, Boys', 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Kyle Collinsworth @ \$1691.00  
Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

6.11A Varsity Basketball, Girls – Damon Nicholson @ \$5601.20  
Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously.

6.12A JV Basketball, Girls – Colleen Cook @ \$4428.90  
Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sparrow, and carried unanimously.

6.13A Assistant Basketball, Girls – Charlie Luffman @ \$3375.00  
**TABLED**

6.14A Modified Basketball, Girls, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – James Somerville, III @ \$1691.00  
Motion made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

6.15A Modified Basketball, Girls, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Liz Houghton @ \$2113.00  
Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

6.16A Bowling, Co-Ed – Terry Moore @ \$1765.00  
Motion made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

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- 6.17A Varsity Cheerleading – Jennifer Bartlett @ \$3021.00  
JV Cheerleading – Melanie Morabito @ \$2020.00

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

- 6.18A Winter Track – David Ettman @ \$1831.20  
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Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

6.19A Tiffany Williams – JV Basketball Cheerleading Intern, unpaid, subject to NYSED Fingerprinting Clearance approval, effective during the 2008 JV Basketball season.

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

**COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT:**

9.1M Approval of the recommendations as listed in the Minutes of July 23, 2008, August 18, 2008, August 25, 2008 and September 8, 2008.

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

2.4M Authorization to delete, effective September 2, 2008, the following titled responsibilities as granted to Barbara B. Quinn as Elementary Education Principal at the July 8, 2008 BOE Reorganization Meeting due to her title change to Director of Curriculum and Instruction:

- . Attendance Officer
- . Public Records Access Officer

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously, to go into Executive Session @ 8:04 p.m. to discuss a specific personnel issue. All visitors, Ms. Keel, Mrs. Rhone and Mrs. Quinn left the meeting.

Motion to **reconvene in public session at 8:20 p.m.** made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

Motion to **adjourn at 8:20 p.m.** made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

