

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 27, 2012
7:00 P.M. – BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

ABSENT: Thomas Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Zimar – Interim Superintendent; Leanne B. Keel – District Clerk; Robert J. Boulware – Business Manager; Martin Rotz – PK-8 Principal; Becky Elder – Shared Transportation Supervisor; Christopher Puylara – RFA President; Amanda Pundt – RFA Vice-President; Bernard Wegman; Donna Newcomb; James Mein; David Mapstone; Daniel Bowman; Linda Mastellar

1. OPENING

- Call to Order – By Mr. McCann at 7:05 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance

2. INTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Report on Athletic participation numbers
Mrs. Zimar distributed this document and mentioned that this was created at the request of the BOE to be placed in the Interscholastic Athletics section of the Budget binder.

3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

*** 3.1 Resolutions**

- 3.1.1 To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to declare a negative environmental impact for the application process of the Merger Study with South Seneca Central School.

Moved: Mr. Brandow
Adopted: Unanimously

Seconded: Mr. Somerville

- 3.1.2 To act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Department of State Work Plan for the application process of the Merger Study with South Seneca Central School.

Moved: Mrs. Jessop
Adopted: Unanimously

Seconded: Mr. McCann

- **President's Report**
Mr. McCann encouraged guests and BOE members to attend an upcoming presentation by Dr. Rick Timbs, Executive Director, Statewide School Finance Consortium, on December 8, 2012 in the Auburn High School Auditorium, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. He will address issues related to public education economics and activism.

Mr. McCann announced the upcoming public information sessions to be held within the Romulus community commencing on November 29, 2012 at the Fayette Fire Department at 7:00 p.m., followed by another on December 3, 2012 in the RCS Auditorium at 7:00 p.m., another on December 5, 2012 at the Varick Fire Department at 7:00 p.m., and December 7, 2012 in the Romulus Board of Education Conference Room at 8:00 a.m. And, RCS will soon have a Facebook Page.

- **Open Board Members Forum**
Mr. Brandow, BOE Vice-President, reviewed his 'snapshot' spreadsheet which focused on assumptions of finances and tax rate figures for the Romulus community.

- **Merger Open Forum – RCS Advisory Committee**

Mr. Bowman, RCS Advisory Committee member, reviewed his powerpoint presentation entitled Merger Hopes and Fears List for both the Romulus and South Seneca school districts. This addressed enrollment, facilities, staffing, finances, and administrative/general areas of concern. He stated that the purpose of this document was to provide as much factual information to community members who can, then, make their own decision.

- **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. Mr. Puylara and Mrs. Mastellar expressed their continuing concerns related to the merger.

4. BUSINESS OFFICE REPORTS

- **Student Transportation Budget – Becky Elder**
Mrs. Elder reviewed her detailed appropriations budget for the 2013-14 school year, adding that she will be recommending the purchase of one new school bus for inclusion in the May, 2013 Budget presentation since no new bus was purchased for the last academic year. The funds for such a purchase come from a previously established Reserve Fund.

***EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- For the purpose of discussion of a personnel matter of a particular person.

Moved: Mr. Kuryla

Seconded: Mrs. Jessop

Approved: Unanimously at 9:08 p.m.

A motion was offered to adjourn out of Executive Session at 9:26 p.m.

Moved: Mr. Kuryla

Seconded: Mrs. Jessop

5. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered to adjourn at 9:27 p.m.

Moved: Mr. Brandow

Seconded: Mrs. Mapstone

Approved: Unanimously

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**