

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL
5705 ROUTE 96
ROMULUS, NEW YORK 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

**JANUARY 25, 2011
6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Brian Sparrow - President; Laurie Asermily - Vice-President; Susan Backlund; Dr. Sarah Everts; Timothy Kuryla; Robert McCann; James O. Somerville

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael J. Hoose - Superintendent; Leanne B. Keel - District Clerk; Robert Boulware - Business Manager; Lynn Rhone - PK-12 Principal; Christopher Puylara - RFA President; Amanda Pundt - RFA Vice-President; Denise Sparrow - CSEA Vice President; Shaun Merrill

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Puylara, President of the Romulus Faculty Association, reported that its members are "in agreement with what the BOE is doing by looking at some other options." And, the BOE has the full support of the RFA.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CLERK'S REPORT:

1.1M Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2011
Motion made by Dr. Everts, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

1.2M Approval of Treasurer's Report for December, 2010
Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Dr. Everts, and carried unanimously.

1.3M Approval of Student Activities Report for December, 2010
Motion made by Ms. Backlund, seconded by Mr. Kuryla, and carried unanimously.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

2.1 Update

Mr. Hoose reported that there are 684 school districts in New York State that appear on the School Poverty Rates schedule; i.e., Fayetteville-Manlius @ 4.04%, Seneca Falls @ 11.57%, Romulus @ 15.37%, South Seneca @ 15.62%, and Waterloo @ 17.44%. And, Dr. William Silky, Educational Consultant, will be addressing the BOE in public session on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of presentation and discussion of efficiency options regarding the Romulus Central School District.

2.2RS The Romulus Central School District Board of Education acting by and through its Board President duly authorized and do herein declare:

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State has released an application for the Local Government Efficiency Program, High Priority Planning Grant which allows municipalities to include School Districts to apply for funding that provide funds for plans and studies that will include an examination of the potential savings and management improvements for two or more municipalities to study shared services or transfer of functions to be performed on a county-wide basis; and

WHEREAS, the Romulus Central School District is a Co-Applicant to Wayne-Finger Lakes Board of Cooperative Education application to the Local Government Efficiency Program Grant, High Priority Planning Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Wayne-Finger Lakes Board of Cooperative Educational Services (WFL BOCES) is the Lead Applicant and all Co-Applicants shall submit with the application a formal resolution of the governing body showing support of this grant application. The purpose of this resolution is to provide official support of this governing body of this co-applicant for the application and the proposed project and to state the following:

- I. Authorization to apply for the grant: The Romulus Central School District designates that the WFL BOCES as the lead applicant with Dr. Joseph J. Marinelli, District Superintendent, WFL BOES as the Lead Applicant contact person. We hereby authorize Dr. Marinelli to submit an application to the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, High Priority Planning Grant for the 2010-2011 program year. The Romulus Central School District also authorizes WFL BOCES and Dr. Marinelli to execute all financial and/or administrative processes relating to the grant program.

**EDUCATIONAL
CONSULTANT TO
ADDRESS BOE**

**RESOLUTION TO CO-
APPLY FOR A SENECA
COUNTY REGIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL STUDY GRANT**

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- II. Project Title and Description: The project will be known as the "Seneca County Regional High School Study and Planning Project." The study and planning will examine the potential savings, management improvements, and benefits to the community in developing regional high schools. A regional high school is defined as two or more school districts combining their high school programs and retaining separate elementary, and middle school programs, or K-8 programs.
- III. Funding Request: We authorize WFL BOCES to apply for \$55,000 of funding from the Local Government Efficiency Program, High Priority Planning Grant.
- IV. Local Share Information: WFL BOCES and each of the four co-applicants will be responsible for an equal 1/5th portion, \$1,389 of the total 10% matching share of \$5,555 from local shares.
- V. Co-Applicant Information: The Romulus Central School District is an authorized co-applicant to WFL BOCES application to the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, High Priority Planning Grant for the Seneca County Regional High School Study and Planning Project. We agree to work with WFL BOCES and each of the Component School Districts in Seneca County which are also co-applicants to this grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, a Board of Education meeting was held on January 25, 2011, wherein a quorum was present and a majority of the quorum voted to provide authorization for WFL BOCES to apply for the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, High Priority Planning Grant with the Romulus Central School District as a Co-Applicant. Therefore, this document is to serve as the formal resolution of the Romulus Central School District Board of Education, pursuant to the laws of New York.

Motion made by Dr. Everts, seconded by Mr. Kuryla, and carried unanimously.

2.3RS WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Central School District Board of Education authorized at their Board meeting on January 24, 2011 an Agreement for the participation of up to four (4) Romulus student athletes on the Mynderse Academy Modified Girls' Lacrosse team for the Spring 2011 season; and

**ROMULUS & SENECA
FALLS SHARE A
LACROSSE TEAM**

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WHEREAS, the Romulus Central School District Board of Education hereby requests authorization of the Agreement as created by the Seneca Falls Central School District herewith:

- The participation of Romulus student athletes cannot result in cuts of Seneca Falls Central School District students. If there are excessive numbers which require cuts, the Romulus Central School District students will not be able to participate.
- Participation is based on successful Selective Classification of Grades 7 & 8 students.
- Given the fact that student athletes are required to provide their own equipment (goggles, sticks), there will be no charge to the Romulus Central School District.
- Romulus Central School District is responsible for transportation to Mynderse Academy for daily practices and games. Romulus student athletes will travel to away games with the Mynderse Academy team on Seneca Falls Central School District buses.
- Romulus student athletes will be in compliance with Romulus eligibility requirements.
- The Mynderse Academy athletes' Code of Conduct will apply to all team members.
- Romulus student athletes will be covered under the Romulus student accident policy. The Romulus Central School District will provide a Certificate of Insurance for liability, naming the Seneca Falls Central School District as certificate holder.
- This Agreement is for the 2011 season only.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Romulus Central School District Board of Education grants authorization for a shared Modified Girls' Lacrosse Team with the Seneca Falls Central School District as outlined herewith.

Motion made by Mr. McCann, seconded by Mr. Kuryla, and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

3.1M Authorization to accept the Independent Auditor's Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2010 as prepared by Raymond F. Wager, CPA, P.C.

Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Dr. Everts, and carried unanimously.

**SINGLE AUDIT REPORT
AUTHORIZED**

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3.2M Authorization of the Unpaid Tax Warrant for the 2010 Romulus Central School Tax season, with an outstanding balance of \$260,787.43.

Motion made by Dr. Everts, seconded by Mr. Somerville, and carried unanimously.

3.3M Authorization to accept the Extraclassroom Activity Funds Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2010 as prepared by Raymond F. Wager, CPA, P.C.

Motion made by Ms. Backlund, seconded by Dr. Everts, and carried unanimously.

PK-12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

4.1 Update

Mrs. Rhone stated that Mid-Term exams/Regents are being given January 24-28, 2011.

Mrs. Rhone left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

7.1L Lindsay Guy – Speech Therapist – A childbearing leave of absence, effective approximately April 24, 2011, utilizing accumulated sick leave days, with a return to Romulus Central School at the beginning of the 2011-12 school year.

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

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: As Recommended by Mr. Hoose

6.1A Kristen Murray – Substitute Teacher, Certified, K-6

Tiffany Collinsworth – Substitute Teacher, Uncertified, 7-12

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

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT:

9.1M Approval of the recommendations as listed in the CSE Minutes of December 14, 201, December 20, 2010, and December 21, 2010.

Motion made by Dr. Everts, seconded by Ms. Backlund, and carried unanimously.

**UNPAID TAX WARRANT
AUTHORIZED**

**EXTRACLASSROOM
ACTIVITY FUNDS AUDIT
REPORT AUTHORIZED**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR
LINDSAY GUY, SPEECH
THERAPIST**

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OTHER:

1.000 Mr. Hoose stated that he and Mr. Somerville attended a recent meeting with the Seneca County Board of Supervisors Chairman, LaVerne Lafler, and Supervisor Peter Same, to discuss concerns about the Cayuga Nation's application to put 129 acres into federal trust.

One of Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's aides was also present for the discussion as well as Seneca Falls CSD Superintendent Bob McKeveny. Mr. Somerville said that it is time "to wake up and get all Seneca County and Cayuga County involved in doing something and work with any organizations that we can."

Ms. Keel, and other guests left the meeting at 7:13 p.m. in anticipation of an Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Dr. Everts, seconded by Ms. Backlund, and carried unanimously, to enter into Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of a possible appointment of a particular person. Mr. Boulware was invited into the session.

Motion to **reconvene in regular session at 7:40 p.m.** made by Dr. Everts, seconded by Mr. McCann, and carried unanimously.

Motion to **adjourn at 7:41 p.m.** made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

LEANNE B. KEEL
DISTRICT CLERK

**INDIAN LAND CLAIM
MEETING HELD**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**REGULAR SESSION
RECONVENED**

ADJOURNMENT

