

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2008
6:30 P.M. – BOARD ROOM**

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; Kathleen Stuck – RFA President; John Dickenson; Teresa Bryan; James Somerville, Sr.; James Somerville, III; Barry Somerville; Bette Somerville; Ann Scott; John Saeli; Chris Saeli; Susan Porter – FLTIMES Reporter

OTHERS ABSENT: Robert Boulware – Business Manager

Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and welcomed visitors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

. Mrs. Scott asked for clarification on a rumor she heard regarding the elimination of the Physics and Environmental classes. Mr. Hoose assured her that this would not occur.

. Mr. Saeli requested that the Board send a letter of support to the Seneca & Cayuga District Attorneys and Sheriffs Departments regarding their recent cigarette raids at the Cayuga Indian Nations convenience stores in Seneca Falls & Union Springs.

Also, he requested the cost per pupil figure stating that RCS has the highest cost. Ms. Morgan responded that RCS is one of the lowest in the WFL BOCES. Mr. Somerville, Sr. also requested the student cost data.

And, Mr. Saeli asked about the Commission on Property Tax Relief proposal sent to the Governor regarding consolidation of school districts with less than 1,000 students. Ms. Morgan stated that this recommendation is just a proposal at this time, and “we want to see this district survive. Be aware we’re here for the long haul to protect RCS.”

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- . Mrs. Bette Somerville, Teacher Aide, read her letter to the Board members requesting that no action be taken to appoint a long-term teacher substitute at tonight's meeting for her following reasons:
 - . Her application was not considered.
 - . The posting was done in an inadequate timeframe and in an inadequate manner.
 - . No prior Board authorization for the posting of the position occurred as required by RCS policy.

At this point, the Board went into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously, to go into Executive Session in consideration of a proposed personnel appointment. All visitors, Ms. Keel and Mrs. Rhone left the meeting.

Motion to **reconvene in regular session at 7:23 p.m.** made by Mrs. Somerville, seconded by Mr. Sparrow, and carried unanimously.

CLERK'S REPORT:

- 1.1M Approval of Minutes of November 11, 2008
Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.
- 1.2M Approval of Payroll for November, 2008
Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.
- 1.3M Approval of Treasurer's Report for October, 2008
Motion made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.
- 1.4M Approval of Student Activities Report for October, 2008 and November, 2008
Motion made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mr. Sparrow, and carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- 2.1M Approval of a Conference Request for:
 - Title I . Cathy Jordan – The Best of the Best in Young Adult Literature @ \$225.00
 - Title II . M.J. Barber – 2009 School Library Media Specialist Conference @ \$250.00
- Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

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

. Laura Feligno, Alan Gelatt, Hilary Kadar, Sheridan Davenport – Hollywood-style Flats @ \$1,500.00
Motion made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

3.1M Authorization for the Business Manager to submit the Management Letter Response for the Audit year ended June 30, 2008.

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

3.3M The following motion will be attached to the Romulus Central School 403(b) written Plan required by the Internal Revenue Service, effective January 1, 2009:
Authorization that the Romulus Central School, acting through the Business Manager and pursuant to authorization of its governing Board, hereby adopts the Romulus Central School 403(b) Retirement Plan, subject to its terms and the terms of any other agreements as deemed appropriate attached hereto and made a part hereof, and the Adoption Agreement and the selections made therein.

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

PK-12 PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

4.1 Update
Mrs. Rhone mentioned that the 7th/8th grade Middle Level students are preparing for the upcoming WFL BOCES Skills Competition, nine families received food and gifts through the generosity of the RCS Staff, and the Elementary students will be sending gifts to soldiers in Iraq & Afghanistan.

TERMINATION:

7.1TM Marcella Bennett – Transportation Aide, effective December 9, 2008
Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Asermily. Mrs. Somerville abstained. Motion passed with six affirmative votes.

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PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: As Recommended by Mr. Hoose

6.1RS RESOLVED THAT, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools on December 9, 2008, **MATTHEW MC CUSKER**, whose address is 57 William Street, Geneva, NY 14456, be granted a **Long-term Substitute Teacher appointment, pending NYSED Fingerprinting Clearance, effective January 5, 2009 through June 30, 2009, at a pro-rated salary of \$35,900, with benefits as stipulated in the current RFA Contract, for the Administrative Internship of Michael Pane, Elementary Education Teacher.**

Motion made by Ms. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Sparrow. Mrs. Somerville abstained. Motion passed with six affirmative votes.

6.2A . Abby Brewer – Substitute Teacher, PK-12, Certified, pending NYSED Fingerprinting Clearance

. Rebecca Bennett – Substitute Cleaner @ \$7.50 per hour

. James Reagan – Substitute Teacher, K-6, Certified, pending NYSED Fingerprinting Clearance

. Jody Zajac – Substitute Clerical, Substitute Teacher K-12, Substitute Teacher Aide, all pending NYSED Fingerprinting Clearance

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

6.3A Ashley Notebaert – Substitute School Bus Monitor/Attendant, pending NYED Fingerprinting Clearance, @ \$7.15 per hour

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

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT:

9.1M Approval of the recommendations as listed in the Minutes of October 15, 2008, October 16, 2008, October 20, 2008, October 28, 2008, October 29, 2008, October 31, 2008, November 4, 2008, and November 7, 2008

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

Motion to **adjourn at 7:33 p.m.** made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

LEANNE B. KEEL, DISTRICT CLERK

