

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2009
6:30 P.M. – BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
5:30 P.M. – BOARD ROOM**

**6:30 P.M. ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION
IN CONSIDERATION OF
PERSONNEL AND COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS**

PRESENT: Anna M. 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; Robert Boulware – Business Manager; Barbara Quinn – Director, Curriculum and Instruction; Michael Pane – Administrative Intern/Interim Athletic Director; Kathleen Stuck – President RFA; Christopher Puylara – US History Teacher; Corrine Poormon – Student Council President; Denise Sparrow; Tim Kuryla; Ann Scott; James Somerville, Sr.; James Somerville, III; M/M Barry Somerville; Susan Porter – FLTIMES Reporter; Various Participation in Government students

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

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Student Council Update – Corinne Poormon**

Miss Poormon stated that the end of the third marking period is April 3rd and the Jr./Sr. Prom will be held May 2nd.

Miss Poormon left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

- **Secondary Social Studies Curriculum – Chris Puylara**

Mr. Puylara's Powerpoint presentation addressed the Social Studies curriculum from Grade 7 through Advanced Placement US History. He demonstrated the TechPaths computer program which tracks lesson plans for each of his courses and student performance. The address for TechPaths is rcs.ny.techpaths.com

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CLERK'S REPORT:

1.1M Approval of Minutes of March 10, 2009

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck. Mrs. Somerville recommended 'amending the minutes' from "... and requested a 'moment of silence' to recognize the (demise) of Mrs. Beverly Steele, ..." to read "... and requested a 'moment of silence' to recognize the (passing) of Mrs. Beverly Steele, ...".
Motion carried unanimously.

1.2M Approval of Treasurer's Report for February, 2009

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

1.3M Approval of Student Activities Report for February, 2009

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

1.4M Authorization of Election Inspectors and Clerks for the May 19, 2009 Budget Vote and Board of Education Election as follows:

. Charmione Dinsmore, Barbara Hammond, Alice Howard, Joseph St. Thomas, James Steele, Mary Waters
Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

1.5M Approval to change the BOE meeting scheduled on April 28, 2009 TO April 22, 2009 due to the necessity of voting on the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES budget.

Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Somerville abstained. Motion carried with six affirmative votes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

2.1 Update

Mr. Hoose mentioned that he had attended the Four County SBA Legislative Breakfast on March 21st, whereby the attending NYS legislators stated that the State budget will not be on time.

In Mrs. Rhone's absence, Mr. Hoose presented to Board members the idea of a trained and certified Therapy Dog in the school for educational and 'visitation' purposes for use by staff and students. The Board gave their support to the idea which will now be pursued.

2.2M Authorization of the following Romulus Foundation for Educational Opportunities grant applications:

. Alan Gelatt – Salt Water Education Project (Josh Goodman, Chris Catt) @ \$350.00

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. Jennifer Bartlett & English Dept. – 5th Annual “A Night To Be Heard” @ \$400.00

. Melissa Lilyea – Fabricate Five Picnic Tables for Pavilion (Matthew Gelatt, Samuel Beckwith) @ \$700.00

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

2.3M Approval of a revised IEP Diploma, per New York State Education Law, which may be awarded to selective Romulus Central School District Special Education students, effective June 27, 2009. Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

2.4M Approval of the following Conference request:
Title II . Steven Dolan – DSM IV (Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders) Training in a Day @ \$302.00
Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

3.1 Update

Mr. Boulware mentioned that RCS is one of 55 NYS school districts to earn an “A” bond rating, making it eligible for lower interest rates. He also requested the BOE Ad Hoc Insurance Committee hold a meeting on April 7, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

3.2M Approval of the Pay Dates for the 2009-2010 school year
Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

3.3RS RESOLUTION OF THE ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, SENECA COUNTY, ROMULUS, NEW YORK NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing of qualified voters of the Romulus Central School District, Seneca County, Romulus, New York will be held in the Library of the Romulus Central School, 5705 Route 96, Romulus, Seneca County, New York on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 5:30 P.M. prevailing time for the purpose of discussion of the expenditure of funds and the budgeting thereof.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that voting

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to fill three (3) vacancies on the Board of Education, voting on the Budget, voting to establish a Capital Bus Reserve Fund, voting on the purchase of two (2) 66-passenger school buses, and voting to collect additional monies for the Edith B. Ford Memorial Library will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. Voting by machine will be in the North Entrance Lobby of the Romulus Central School building, 5705 Route 96, Romulus, NY 14541, and polls will be open between the hours of 1:00 – 9:00 P.M. Only qualified voters will be permitted to vote. **PROOF OF RESIDENCY WILL BE REQUIRED.**

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that petitions to nominate candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 20, 2009. There are three (3) vacancies to be filled on the Board of Education; each vacancy is for a three (3) year term of office. The incumbents are:

Laurie Asermily
Norman Hollenbeck
Cornelia D. Johnson

Petitions to nominate a School Board member may be obtained from the District Clerk's Office at Romulus Central School, 5705 Route 96, Romulus, New York 14541, Monday through Friday, exclusive of legal holidays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Each petition must be directed to the Board Clerk, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, must state the name and residence of each signer, and the name and address of the candidate.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2009-2010, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning May 5, 2009, except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, at the District Clerk's office.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School District, Seneca County, is hereby authorized and directed by the New York State Board of Real Property Services Law, Chapter 258 of the Laws of 2008, Section 495, to annex an Exemption Report to the School

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District tentative/preliminary budget, and to the final budget. The Report will show the amount of the total assessed value of the final assessment roll(s) used in the budgetary process that is exempt from taxation.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to be used to finance, in whole or in part, the purchase of vehicles for student transportation, including all costs incidental to the acquisition thereof, in an ultimate amount not to exceed \$1,175,000, and to transfer into such fund the sum of \$163,975.08 (as of February 28, 2009) plus accrued interest, that is presently in the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund established by the voters on May 17, 2005, and to pay into such Reserve Fund annually thereafter such amounts as the Board may determine from current and future unappropriated fund balances. The Fund shall have a probable term of ten (10) years, and any withdrawal of funds for the purchase of vehicles for student transportation shall require the approval of the voters of the District.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School District, Seneca County, is hereby authorized to expend a total of not to exceed \$194,681.52 for the purchase of two (2) sixty-six (66) passenger school buses, and that said sum be paid out of the Capital Bus Reserve Fund.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School District, Seneca County, is hereby authorized and directed to collect an additional \$3,000 annually for a maximum amount not to exceed \$6,000 annually for the operation of the Edith B. Ford Memorial Library through the levy of a tax on the taxable property of said School District.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that applications for absentee ballots will be available after April 20, 2009 at the office of the District Clerk, Romulus Central School, 5705 Route 96, Romulus, New York 14541 during school business hours. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be

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received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. prevailing time on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots were issued will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the District Clerk's office.

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

COMMITTEE REPORT:

15.1M Approval of the first reading of the following policy:

. Policy #6551 – Family and Medical Leave Act Revised

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

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION REPORT:

4.1 Update

Mrs. Quinn indicated that a Superintendent's Conference Day will be held March 27, 2009.

4.2 District January Regents & 5th Grade Social Studies Results
Sixteen students took nine Regents exams with 19% passing in the 70-79 range and 38% passing within the 65-70 range. 38 students took the Social Studies test with 66% passing within the 85-100 range, and 29% passing within the 65-84 range.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

7.1L Jeffery Felice – 7-12 Math Teacher, an **Educational leave of absence, paid, as a Fulbright Exchange Teacher for the 2009-2010 school year.**

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7.2L Hilary Kadar – Romulus Central School Administrative Intern, a 10 month ½ time internship effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, unpaid

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

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: As Recommended by Mr. Hoose

6.1RS RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools on March 24, 2009, **MICHAEL KRAUSE of Hailsham, England, be approved as an international teacher under the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program for the 2009-2010 school year for the paid Leave of Absence of JEFFERY FELICE as a Fulbright Exchange Teacher.**

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6.2A Kimberly Baldasari – Food Service Helper, effective March 25, 2009, at a salary of \$8.47 per hour for three (3) hours per day that school is in session, with benefits under the CSEA Contract. Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

6.3A Monica Drew – Substitute Teacher, pending NYSED Fingerprinting Clearance – K-12, uncertified
Monica Drew - Substitute Cafeteria Monitor, Substitute Teacher Aide, Substitute Clerical, all pending NYSED Fingerprinting Clearance
Morgan Kuryla – Substitute Teacher, pending NYSED Fingerprinting Clearance – 7-12, uncertified
Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

6.4A Mary Lee Sampson – Information Officer Volunteer, effective immediately. Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT:

9.1M Approval of the recommendations as listed in the Minutes of February 11, 2009, February 13, 2009, and February 23, 2009. Motion made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously, to enter into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. in consideration of collective negotiations and personnel. Mr. Boulware was invited to attend.

Motion to **reconvene in regular session at 7:56 p.m.** made by Mrs. Somerville, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

Motion to **adjourn at 7:57 p.m.** made by Mr. Hollenbeck, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

LEANNE KEEL
DISTRICT CLERK

