

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL  
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 27, 2009  
6:30 P.M. – BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

**ABSENT:** Kristine Somerville

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael J. Hoose – Superintendent; Leanne Keel – District Clerk; Robert Boulware – Business Manager; Barbara Quinn – Director Curriculum & Instruction; Michael Pane – Administrative Intern/Interim Athletic Director; James Werner; Christine Saeli; James Somerville, Sr.; Jordan Hollenbeck; Susan Porter – FLTIMES Reporter

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Jordan Hollenbeck, a 1999 RCS graduate, thanked the Board of Education and the District for the long standing tradition that Romulus offers to its students, and offered to him. He said that RCS is “not a big box school, but a magical place where one can have all experiences and do it all if one so chooses.”

Mr. Hollenbeck left the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- **Student Council Update**

Corinne Poormon, President, reported that there are now a sufficient number of recycle bins for everyone’s use in the Cafeteria. The “pie in the face contest” was held netting approximately \$200.00 in contributions which will be donated to the Seneca County Christmas Project. And, February Recess will be February 16-20, 2009.

Ms. Poormon left at 6:37 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously, to enter into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. in consideration of collective negotiations. Mr. Boulware was invited to attend.

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Motion to **reconvene in regular session at 7:05 p.m.** made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

1.1M Approval of Minutes of January 13, 2009

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

1.2M Approval of Treasurer's Report for December, 2008

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

1.3RS WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Marinelli, a 14-year Superintendent of the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES, was honored by the Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESAs) as the recipient of the 2008 "Justus A. Prentice" award for "contributions through executive leadership"; and

WHEREAS, this well deserved recognition took place in Phoenix, Arizona in December, 2008, and Dr. Joseph Marinelli's dedicated service to the children and public schools of this area was celebrated;

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School District, during an open public meeting held January 27, 2009, offers its genuine appreciation to Dr. Joseph Marinelli for his continuing efforts to provide educational opportunities for all students, as well as its heartfelt congratulations for the richly deserved accolades associated with this prestigious national award.

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

2.1 Update

Mr. Hoose mentioned that he had received a letter of appreciation from the SURGE Program regarding the support RCS has given to their program. And a new WFL BOCES shared Cafeteria Manager will begin at RCS during the week of February 9, 2009.

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

. Theresa MacCheyne – "No Excuses"—Be Confident @ \$2,950.00

. Cathy Jordan – Author Visit (Wendy Mass), Grades 7-12 @ \$2,500.00

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

2.3M Authorization to allow the placement of a bronze plaque of honor on a wall inside the RCS Auditorium in memory of RCS graduate Daniel McDonald.

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

**BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:**

3.1 Update

Mr. Boulware mentioned that in the future an Actuarial Report will become part of the annual Audit Report. The Actuarial Report is a required annual study update of the expense and obligations the District must contribute for its Retiree Health Benefits Plan.

Also mentioned was the future training by Ray Wager, Auditor, of Extraclassroom Activity advisors, officers, and students regarding correct procedure in fund appropriations and reporting.

Additionally, Mr. Boulware stated that the Single Audit Report had no negative results, including the lunch fund.

3.2RS At a meeting of the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School District held at Romulus, New York on January 27, 2009, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School District does hereby elect to provide the benefits of a Retirement Incentive, funded through the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund for all eligible employees who meet the following requirements:

- . Must have thirteen (13) years of continuous service to the District
- . Must meet eligibility requirements to retire through the TRS or ERS
- . Must submit an irrevocable letter of retirement to the District before February 10, 2009
- . The Incentive amount will be deposited into an HRA or 403(b) (or split between the two) on June 30, 2009
- . The Incentive is for this school year only

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

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3.3RS WHEREAS, the Romulus Central School District's Music Department has received a donation of a baritone horn (Tuba) from an area resident; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hilary Kadar, 4-12 Instrumental Music teacher, has valued it at \$1,500.00;

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT authorization to accept this brass instrument for use in the music program be granted.

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

3.4M Authorization to accept the Independent Auditor's Extraclassroom Activity Funds Audit for the year ended June 30, 2008, as prepared by Raymond F. Wager, CPA, P.C.

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

3.5M Authorization to accept the Independent Auditor's Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2008, as prepared by Raymond F. Wager, CPA, P.C., and to have the District Clerk publish a Public Notice regarding its availability for public inspection.

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

**DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION REPORT:**

4.1 Curriculum & Supervision Update

Mrs. Quinn reported that a Superintendent's Conference Day will be held in-house on January 30, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. In the future, the SDM Committee will present to the Board of Education on a common beginning and ending time for students in the 2009-2010 school year.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

7.1L Michael Pane – Romulus Central School Administrative Internship, a six month full time internship, effective retroactive to January 5, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

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

**RESIGNATION:**

7.1RG Sandra Brignall – Cafeteria Monitor, effective February 4, 2009

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

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**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

13.1 Update

Mr. Pane mentioned that a Meet the Coaches Night will be held in the near future, the Winter Sports season is ending, and Section 5 will implement cutbacks in game schedules and there will be potential combining of two modified teams into one.

**EXTRACURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS:**

- 6.1A Varsity Baseball – Michael Kaufman @ \$3,565.00
- Varsity Softball – Ralph Walborn @ \$2,852.00
- JV Softball – John Vincent @ \$2,822.00
- Modified Softball – Heather Higby @ \$1,948.00
- Spring Track – David Ettman @ \$1,831.20
- Spring Track – John Bachman @ \$1,831.20

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 December 10, 2008, December 16, 2008, January 8, 2009, and January 9, 2009

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

Motion to **adjourn at 7:30 p.m.** made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

LEANNE KEEL  
DISTRICT CLERK

