

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2009
6:30 P.M. – BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

**6:30 P.M. ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN
CONSIDERATION OF
COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AND PERSONNEL
(The regular meeting will reconvene at
Approximately 7:00 p.m.)**

PRESENT: Anna 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; Lynn Rhone – PK-12 Principal; James Werner; Susan Porter – FLTIMES Reporter; James Werner; James Somerville; Jeffery Trout – Fayette Town Councilman

OTHERS ABSENT: Robert Boulware – Business Manager

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. in consideration of collective negotiations and personnel.

Motion to **reconvene in regular session at 6:50 p.m.** made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

CLERK'S REPORT:

1.1M Approval of Minutes of December 16, 2008
Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

1.2M Approval of Payroll for December, 2008
Motion made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

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1.3M Approval of Treasurer's Report for November, 2008
Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

1.4M Approval of Student Activities Report for December, 2008
Motion made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

1.5M Authorization for Ms. Morgan, President, to attend the NYSSBA's State Legislative Issues Conference, March 1-3, 2009
Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

1.6M Discussion centered around the creation of a Citizen's Budget Committee to work with the BOE Budget Committee (Ms. Morgan, Mr. Hollenbeck, Mrs. Asermily), with the following motion being presented to the BOE:

- Creation of a Citizen's Budget Committee comprised of no more than seven (7) community members to assist the BOE Budget Committee as they work on the creation of the 2009-2010 Romulus Central School budget.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

2.1 Governor Paterson's proposed budget cuts
Mr. Hoose mentioned that the Suozzi Report to the Governor proposes some cost saving measures for education; i.e., sharing services, District mergers (no indication of forced mergers), and revision of State Aid formulas. Mr. Hoose also reviewed four models of "When State Aid is Frozen" and the "Impact of the Governor's Proposed Cuts", all relative to local tax increases. He stated that we are at the point of "waiting for a budget to be passed at both the BOCES and State level."

2.2RS WHEREAS the New York State Department of State, Division of Local Government Services has established a competitive statewide program due on January 14th, 2009 to fund planning initiatives that lead to shared services that reduce overall costs; and

WHEREAS, the County of Seneca, in concert with the Seneca Falls Central School District, the Romulus Central School District, the Town of Fayette, and the Town of Varick, proposes to apply for funding to conduct a Shared Maintenance Facility

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Study to determine whether a single, centralized shared vehicle maintenance facility would reduce the overall maintenance costs to these communities and the County rather than maintaining separate facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the County of Seneca would act as Lead Applicant with the Towns of Fayette and Varick and the Romulus Central and Seneca Falls Central School Districts as co-applicants supporting the project; and

WHEREAS, this grant, if awarded, would begin in Summer 2009, would provide \$29,000 in funds toward the Study, and would require a local cash match of \$3,223 (or 10%) to be provided by the County of Seneca and at no cost to the Towns or School Districts; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, all co-applicants will enter into an inter-municipal agreement for the purpose of conducting the Study, with this agreement listing in detail the duties and requirements of each partner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Romulus Central School District acknowledges the need to conduct the Shared Maintenance Facility Service Study, and fully supports the project as a co-applicant on the County of Seneca's application to the New York State Division of Local Government Services 2009 Local Government Efficiency Grant Program.

Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

2.3M Authorization for the following Conference request:

. Leanne Keel – May Elections and New Voting Machines @ \$110.60

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

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

3.1M Approval of the Unpaid Tax Warrant for the 2008-09 school taxes in the amount of \$260,537.40 for the Towns of Fayette, Romulus, and Varick.

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

3.2M Authorization to establish a petty cash fund for the Cafeteria in the amount of \$100.00 for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year.

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

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PK-12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

4.1 Update

Mrs. Rhone mentioned that the second marking period ends on January 23, 2009, followed by mid-terms.

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: As Recommended by Mr. Hoose

6.1RS RESOLVED THAT, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools on January 13, 2009, **NANCY BUISCH**, whose address is 7562 McCarriger Road, Ovid, NY 14521, be granted a **Long Term Substitute Transportation Aide, pending NYSED Fingerprinting Clearance as required, retroactive from January 5, 2009 through no later than June 30, 2009, at \$9.00 per hour for hours worked and at the discretion of the Supervisor.**

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

6.2A Jacquelyn Aman – Substitute Teaching Assistant, PK-12 and Substitute Clerical, pending NYSED Fingerprinting Clearance
Carah Deal – Substitute Teacher, PK-6, Uncertified, pending NYSED Fingerprinting Clearance

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

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT:

9.1M Approval of the recommendations as listed in the Minutes of November 18, 2008, December 1, 2008, December 3, 2008, December 4, and December 18, 2008.

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

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

LEANNE KEEL
DISTRICT CLERK

