

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 2012
7:00 P.M. - BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: Robert McCann – President; Seth Brandow – Vice President; Rebecca Jessop; Timothy Kuryla; Kara Mapstone; James O. Somerville; Thomas Wilson

ABSENT: No one

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Zimar – Interim Superintendent; Leanne B. Keel – District Clerk; Robert J. Boulware – Business Manager; Martin Rotz – Principal PK-8; John Dickenson – Supervisor, Buildings & Grounds; Christopher Puylara – RFA President; Amanda Pundt – RFA Vice President; Carol Cooper; Bernard Wegman; Colleen Cook; Hilary Chaya; Betty Gerych; Kathleen Stuck; Margaret Brady; Melanie Shoebridge-Bloom; Elizabeth Montesano; Babette Bennett; Jeffrey Bennett; Donna Newcomb; James Mein; Linda Mastellar; Daniel Bowman; Heather Goldberg; David Mapstone; Paul Davie; Paul Doyle; Dr. David Dresser; Vicky Shields; Deanna Emblidge; Terry Aho

1. OPENING:

- **Call to Order – By Mr. McCann at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. INTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

MUSIC DEPT. AND PTCC

- Presentation by Ms. Hilary Chaya and Ms. Betty Gerych (Music Dept.)
The dual musical responsibilities were described along with upcoming events and festivals for the remainder of the school year. Also, French Horn student, David Balcer, has been selected by NYSSMA to play in the Junior High Area All-State orchestra. Ms. Chaya stated that this is ‘not only an honor to be chosen but it is even more outstanding to be chosen to perform in the orchestra’.
- Presentation by Ms. Vicky Shields, PTCC President
Ms. Shields and Mrs. Emblidge reviewed the many upcoming events that the parent/teacher organization will host.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Public Comment** - *Individual comments will be limited to five (5) minutes, with additional time granted at the discretion of the Board President or his/her designee.
Mr. Paul Doyle, President of the Lakeshore Landing Homeowner’s Association, Inc. requested that the BOE allow a public straw vote of a

potential merger with the South Seneca CSD and not “shortstop the action at any point before the straw vote.” Mr. Wegman, a member of the RCS Merger Advisory Committee expressed his personal concern with the BOE for focusing on RCS as a ‘stand alone’ District without considering the idea of RCS as a ‘merged’ District.

Mr. Puylara addressed the importance of following the timeline as well as giving the RCS Community the opportunity to express their opinions and mentioned other options to merger such as ‘tuitioning of students’, ‘charter school’, and ‘sharing of services’.

Mrs. Mastellar stated her concern of what happens to a community if merger does occur and what the impact of that process would be. She also felt that the merger concept was being “rammed down the throats of community residents without data and implications being known”.

3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

- **Financial Presentation**
Mr. Boulware reviewed the initial budget for the 2013-14 school year utilizing detailed appropriations reports.
- **Open Board Members Forum**
Mr. McCann expressed some concerns relative to merger information inaccuracies and community-held opinions he has become aware of. He and Mr. Somerville both asked for patience from all individuals concerned about the merger and its process.

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Mr. Bowman expressed his concerns with the lack of communication and that more face-to-face meetings with open discussion have not been held. He also requested that those meetings have a distinct agenda.

4. BUSINESS OFFICE REPORTS

- **Budget Assumption**
Mr. Boulware presented the initial budget assumptions for the 2013-14 school year, revised as of October 23, 2012. These included contractual salary increases, employee benefits, utilities, BOCES services, debt service, revenues, and other assorted categories.
- **Maintenance Budget**
Mr. Dickenson reviewed his anticipated budget in detail.

- **Administrative Budget Decisions**
Mrs. Zimar asked the BOE for their opinion on re-joining the Four County School Boards Assoc. for the 2013-14 school year. The decision was to not rejoin that organization at this time. Additionally, a high-end salary figure for a new full-time Superintendent of Schools was requested with the BOE indicating a salary range of \$117,000 - \$127,500.

5. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

Moved: **Mrs. Mapstone**

Seconded: **Mr. Kuryla**

Approved/Defeated: **Unanimously**

6. NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING – SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE

**LEANNE B. KEEL
DISTRICT CLERK**