

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

MAY 26, 2009

(Time change from 6:30 p.m.) **8:15 P.M.**

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; Lynn Rhone – PK-12 Principal; Various Students, Staff, Community Citizens; Dr. Timothy Clay – Management Advisory Group; Randy Ray, Esq.

Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m., welcomed visitors, and called for an Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously, to enter into Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. in consideration of specific personnel. Mr. Ray was invited to attend.

Motion to **reconvene in regular session at 8:37 p.m.** made by Mrs. Somerville, seconded by Mr. Sparrow, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Ray left the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Several District residents expressed their concerns on stimulus fund line item location, shared BOCES positions, the election, how budget funds are being spent, the RCSA controversial flyer, staffing cuts, and the effect of the 2009-2010 budget on children.

CLERK'S REPORT:

1.1M Approval of the Minutes of May 12, 2009 and May 19, 2009

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

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1.2M Approval of the Treasurer's Report for April, 2009
Motion made by Mrs. Dickenson, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

1.3M Approval of Student Activities Report for April, 2009
Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

2.1 Update

Mr. Hoose addressed some issues that were mentioned in the mass-mailed flyer created by the grass roots organization 'Romulus Citizens for School Accountability (RCSA). He stated that it contained lots of misinformation and the flyer content and its mailing timing hurt the budget passage.

2.2 Presentation on Common Starting Schedule

Mr. Hoose included explanations on the following areas which are all connected to the new scheduling: buses, teachers, Kidsafe, Surge. He mentioned that how bus drivers are paid will change, but not the rates.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

3.1M Authorization to accept the reimbursement donation of \$566.19 from the Romulus Community Sports Boosters for the District's purchase of a baseball/softball pitching machine. Said amount to be deposited in Athletic Supply Code A2855.450-99-0000.
Motion made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hollenbeck, and carried unanimously.

3.2M Authorization to accept the reimbursement donation of \$1,235.50 from the Romulus Community Sports Boosters for the District's purchase of Spring track uniforms. Said amount to be deposited in Athletic Supply Code A2855.450-99-0000.
Motion made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously.

3.3 Budget Update and Discussion

Mr. Boulware mentioned that the Board of Education may decide to do one of the following with regard to the defeated school budget:

- . Prepare and adopt a contingency budget without going back to the voters.
- . Present the original budget for a second vote, or a revised budget.
- . Adopt a contingency budget, present one or more propositions to the voters which will allow them the opportunity to vote to fund services that cannot be provided without voter approval.

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After lengthy discussion and deliberation, the Board of Education decided to re-vote the defeated budget and propositions. Reductions will be made to the following: (1) Computer Hardware; (2) Custodial Equipment; (3) Science Equipment; (4) Athletics Equipment. The re-vote will be held June 16, 2009.

3.4RS RESOLUTION OF THE ROMULUS CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT, SENECA COUNTY, ROMULUS, NEW YORK
NOTICE OF RE-VOTE OF 2009-2010 SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC
HEARING, BUDGET RE-VOTE AND OTHER PROPOSITIONS

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, June 9, 2009, at 6:30 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 re-voting on the Budget, re-voting to establish a Capital Bus Reserve Fund, re-voting on the purchase of two (2) sixty-six (66) passenger school buses, and re-voting to collect additional monies for the Edith B. Ford Memorial Library will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 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 HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School District, Seneca County, is hereby authorized to expend a total of \$10,863,202 for the operation of the school of said District for the school year 2009-2010, and that said sum be raised by tax upon taxable property of said School District after first deducting the estimated money available from State Aid and other sources.

AND, NOTICE IS HEREBY 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,

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to annex an Exemption Report to the School 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 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, NOTICES IS ALSO GIVEN, that applications for absentee ballots will be available June 2, 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 received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. prevailing time on Tuesday, June 16, 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 Ms. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Sparrow, and carried unanimously.

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CLERK'S REPORT:

1.4M Authorization of Election Inspectors and Clerks for the June 16, 2009 re-vote of the Budget as follows:

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

PK-12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

4.1 Update

Mrs. Rhone congratulated the students who were present at tonight's reconvened BOE meeting and were "quality students who had put forth effort" regarding their comments/ ideas on the concerns and issues discussed at the meeting.

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: As Recommended by Mr. Hoose

6.1A Shannon McLaughlin – Substitute Teacher, K-6,
Uncertified

Alyssa Fox – Substitute Teacher, K-6, Uncertified

Kristin Davie – Substitute Teacher, 1-6, Uncertified

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 as follows:

. April 2, 2009, April 7, 2009, April 8, 2009, April 27, 2009, April 28, 2009, April 30, 2009

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

Motion to **adjourn at 10:40 p.m.** made by Mr. Sparrow, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

LEANNE KEEL
DISTRICT CLERK

