

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2012
7:00 P.M. – BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: Robert McCann – President; Laurie Asermily – Vice President; Susan Backlund; Seth Brandow; Rebecca Jessop; Timothy Kuryla; James O. Somerville

ABSENT: No One

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael J. Hoose – Superintendent; Leanne B. Keel – District Clerk; Robert J. Boulware – Business Manager; Lynn Rhone – PK-12 Principal; Babette Bennett; Lisa Heitmann; Juan Rivera; Donna Brandow; Alison Crowe; Linda Mastellar; Daniel Bowman

Mr. McCann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. welcomed guests and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

15.1 Health Insurance Committee Update

Ms. Backlund, as Chairperson, reported on the High Deductible Health Plan sponsored by Excellus and the benefit of a Health Savings Account (HSA) for all employees. She indicated that this Committee was recommending adoption of such plans.

15.2 Facilities Committee Update

Mr. Kuryla, as Chairperson, stated that the Committee met with NYSEG regarding the Natural Gas Line relative to the Capital Project and boiler replacement. He indicated that NYSEG sent out a “survey letter” to Romulus community residents about their interest in using natural gas. The work on the Project will begin after school is ended in June, 2012. Mr. Hoose will “put a link to NYSEG on the District’s website” as an assistance to residents who may wish further information.

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT:

HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN APPROVED

3.2M Authorization to allow the Romulus Central School Administration to offer the Non-Monroe Healthy Blue High Deductible Insurance Plan to all eligible employees and retirees of the Romulus Central School District with the full funding of the deductible amount put into a Health Savings Account (HSA), effective July 1, 2012.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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Mrs. Linda Mastellar requested that a Study be made on the social and economic impact that a Merger would have on property values and children. She indicated that she has a possible idea on how the Study could be funded. Then, Mrs. Jennifer Yuhás read her

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letter written to the Board of Education regarding her opinions and observations of RCSD and surrounding school districts relative to a possible school merger. She also indicated that she would like to be considered as a member of the Community Advisory Committee.

CLERK'S REPORT:

1.1M Approval of Capital Project/School Bus Vote Minutes of January 31, 2012 and BOE meeting Minutes of January 31, 2012.

Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Mr. Kuryla, and carried with six affirmative votes. Ms. Backlund abstained.

1.2M Approval of Minutes of Special BOE Meeting held on February 6, 2012
Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Mr. Kuryla, and carried with six affirmative votes. Ms. Backlund abstained.

1.3M Approval of Payroll for January, 2012
Motion made by Mr. Brandow, seconded by Mr. Somerville, and carried unanimously.

1.4M Approval of Student Activities Report for January, 2012
Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Ms. Backlund, and carried unanimously.

1.5M Board **Information copies** of the following Warrants for January, 2012:

- . Fund A, #13 (01/13/12), Fund A #14 (01-27-12)
- . Fund C #11 (01-13-12), Fund C, #12 (01-27-12)
- . Fund F, #11 (01-13-12), Fund F, #12 (01-27-12)
- . Fund TA, #21 (01-27-12)

(No motion required)

1.6M Board **Information copy** of Claims Auditor Report for January, 2012
(No motion required)

Ms. Backlund left the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

ACCUPLACER TESTING

2.1 Update

Mr. Hoose reported that RCS has contracted with FLCC to offer a new diagnostic tool (Accuplacer Testing) which will be utilized in March, 2012. Free of charge tests will be administered to our Sophomores and Juniors using our computers in the Media Center under the auspices of our Guidance Staff. The results will provide valuable information about how prepared and/or on-track the students are for college level coursework.

NYSCOSS CONFERENCE

2.2M Authorization for Superintendent of Schools, Michael J. Hoose, to attend the NYSCOSS Spring Conference, March 4-6, 2012 in Albany, NY, with expenses.
Motion made by Mr. Kuryla, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

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MERGER ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

2.3 Discussion of Merger Study Update/Advisory Committee

Mr. Hoose mentioned that this Committee will be chosen in the very near future, and that the Board of Education will make the final decision.

RFEO GRANT AUTHORIZED

2.4M Authorization of the following RFEO Grant applications:

- . Hilary Chaya – Ovid Lions Club Youth Band Conference @ \$900.00

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

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

CAPITAL PROJECT BOND RESOLUTION

3.3RS A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Romulus Central School District in the County of Seneca, New York was held in the Board Conference Room, Romulus, New York, on February 14, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. (Prevailing Time).

Absent: Susan Backlund

There were present: Robert McCann, President, Laurie Asermily, Vice-President, Seth Brandow, Rebecca Jessop, Timothy Kuryla, James O. Somerville

Also Present: Michael J. Hoose, Superintendent, Robert Boulware, Business Manager, Leanne B. Keel, District Clerk

It was moved by Mr. McCann, and seconded by Mr. Kuryla that the following resolution be adopted:

**BOND RESOLUTION OF THE ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADOPTED FEBRUARY 14, 2012 AUTHORIZING A CAPITAL PROJECT AT A
MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST NOT TO EXCEED \$6,750,000 AND THE
ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SERIAL BONDS OR NOTES IN ANTICIPATION
OF SUCH BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$5,385,000.**

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Romulus Central School District, (the "District") in the County of Seneca, New York, at the special District meeting duly called and held on January 31, 2012 did vote and adopt a proposition authorizing a project (the "Project") consisting of boiler replacement and conversion from steam to hot water, deconstruction of the existing steam boiler system, site improvements and health and safety improvements, all of the foregoing to include original furnishings, fixtures and equipment, architectural fees, and all other necessary costs incidental to such work (the "Project") and the expenditure therefor of a total sum not to exceed \$6,750,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and the payment of the costs of the project by using \$1,365,000 from the District's reserve fund approved by the District's voters on May 16, 2006 and the levy of a tax in the amount of \$5,385,000, subject to

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available State Aid, which tax shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are authorized to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$5,385,000, and a tax is approved to pay the interest on said obligations when due.

WHEREAS, the Romulus Central School District (the "District"), as a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), ECL Section 8-0101, *et. seq.*, and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations"), having reviewed the impact of the Project upon the environment, determined by resolution adopted December 13, 2011 that such action constitutes a "Type II Action" under the Regulations and is not subject to review under SEQRA.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ON FEBRUARY 14, 2012, BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT, (by favorable vote of not less than two thirds of all the members of said Board of Education) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subject to the provisions of Section 3 hereof, the District is hereby authorized to undertake the Project and to expend therefor an amount, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to financing thereof, not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of \$6,750,000, and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The estimated total cost of said specific objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$6,750,000 and the plan of financing includes the use of \$1,365,000 from the District's reserve fund approved by the District's voters on May 16, 2006 and the issuance of serial bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,385,000 to finance said appropriation and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable, subject to applicable amounts of state assistance available or to any revenues available for such purpose from any other source.

Section 2. Bonds and bond anticipation notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Local Finance Law"), in a principal amount not to exceed \$5,385,000 to finance said appropriation for the Project.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared with regard to the Project:

- (a) Under the Local Finance Law, the period of probable usefulness of the Project is thirty (30) years;
- (b) Current funds are not required by the Local Finance Law to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof authorized by this resolution; and

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- (c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. The temporary use of available funds of the District, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were raised or otherwise created, is here authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the capital purposes described in Section 1 of this resolution. The reasonably expected source of funds to be used to initially pay for the expenditures authorized by Section 1 of this resolution shall be from the District's General Fund. It is intended that the District shall then reimburse expenditures from the General Fund with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution and that the interest payable on the bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such bonds shall be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. This resolution is intended to constitute the declaration of the District's "official intent" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 to reimburse the expenditures authorized by this resolution with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are reasonably expected to be, received, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the objects or purposes described herein.

Section 5. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District without limitation of rate or amount. The full faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the District of appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year. The bonds may be issued such that annual installments of principal and interest are substantially level, as provided by law.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or
- (c) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

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Section 7. The power to issue and sell the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, including all powers or duties pertaining or incidental thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, as Chief Fiscal Officer, except as herein provided. The bonds shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer, pursuant to the Local Finance Law. The Chief Fiscal Officer is authorized to execute and deliver any documents and to take such other action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and provisions hereof.

Section 8. Trespasz & Marquardt, LLP is appointed bond counsel to the District for the Project.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a summary of the foregoing resolution, together with a Notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law in the newspapers having general circulation in the District and designated the official newspapers of District for such publication.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Robert McCann, President	Voting Yes
Laurie Asermily, Vice President	Voting Yes
Susan Backlund	Voting Absent
Seth Brandow	Voting Yes
Rebecca Jessop	Voting Yes
Timothy Kuryla	Voting Yes
James O. Somerville	Voting Yes

The resolution was declared adopted.

PK-12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

4.1 Update

Mrs. Rhone mentioned that Mid-term testing took place the week of January 24-27, 2012, and Literature Week for the K-6 students was this week (February 13-17, 2012).

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT: As Recommended by Mr. Hoose

TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE APPOINTED

6.1A Erica Powell – Teacher Aide, a **Temporary Employee, retroactive to February 6, 2012 until June 8, 2012, at a salary of \$7.25 per hour for 6.5 hours per day when school is in session, without benefits.**

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

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COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT:

9.1M Approval of the recommendations as listed in the Minutes as follows:

. January 12, 17, 19, 2012

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

BOE PRESIDENT COMMENTS

. Mr. McCann reviewed the Exit Poll taken at the Capital Project vote on January 31, 2012.

. He also stated that the BOE would have the final decision of the Advisory Committee members and only residents of the Romulus School District would be able to sit on that Committee, although the Romulus Faculty Association (RFA) had expressed their concern on how teachers would be chosen.

. Additionally, Mr. McCann mentioned that the President of the Romulus Administrators Association, Lynn Rhone, has filed a petition with the New York State Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) requesting formal recognition of the Association as a collective bargaining unit for the PK-12 Principal, Assistant Principal/Data Coordinator, and Building Maintenance Supervisor. The Romulus Board of Education had notified the Association that they would not acknowledge them as a collective bargaining unit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Kuryla, seconded by Mr. McCann, and carried unanimously, to enter into Executive Session at 8:01 p.m. for the purpose of litigation issues. Mr. Somerville excused himself from this session.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED

Motion to reconvene in regular session at 8:21 p.m. made by Mr. Brandow, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously by those present.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. made by Mr. Brandow, seconded by Mr. Kuryla, and carried unanimously by those present.

LEANNE B. KEEL
DISTRICT CLERK