

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2013
7:00 P.M. – AUDITORIUM**

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

ABSENT: Thomas Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Zimar – Interim Superintendent; Leanne B. Keel – District Clerk; Robert J. Boulware – Business Manager; Susan Fegley – School Technology Coordinator; John Dickenson – Supervisor, Buildings & Grounds; Christopher Puylara – RFA President; Amanda Pundt – RFA Vice President; Melinda Schillinger; Bernard Wegman; James Mein; Emilie Sisson – Wayne County Rural Health Network

1. OPENING

- Call to Order – By Mr. McCann at 7:00 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Update on Social Studies Department – Christopher Puylara
US History teacher, Chris Puylara, mentioned that a ‘mock election for US President’ was held in October, 2012 for RCS students to cast their voting machine ballot for their presidential choice after attending a ‘mock debate’ between Mr. Puylara (portraying Mr. Obama) and Mr. Wegman (portraying Mr. Romney). The outcome was a win for Mr. Puylara/Obama. In November, 2012, an RCS Foundation Grant sponsored the US History Class on a trip to Washington, DC which Mr. Puylara presented via a slide show.

A listing of future activities for History classes was mentioned; i.e., stock market game, student voter registration, Senior Option, Presidential Press Conferences for Juniors, simulations of historical actions and events. And, future consideration for academics may be AP Geography, a Gemini Economics course, and the application of Common Core Standards to Social Studies.

- Public Comments - *Individual comments will be limited to five (5) minutes, with additional time granted at the discretion of the Board President or his designee. Ms. Emilie Sisson, an RCS resident, addressed the BOE regarding the previously discussed Merger issue of needed revenue. She urged the members to look at a different model in dealing with issues and shift from economic deficiencies to

She urged the members to look at a different model in dealing with issues and shift from economic deficiencies to generating revenue, engaging and recruiting the community, Grant writing, looking at strengths and potentialities and not cuts, how school reserves are utilized, and seeking assistance in determining a final decision on a merger. Ms. Sisson stated that Romulus and the school is a unique culture and should be promoted and marketed.

- **A special meeting of the Board of Education will be held on February 5, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent Search process with Dr. Michael Glover and Mr. Scott Bischooping.**
- The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be February 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

3. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

- **President's Report**
Mr. McCann stated that, regarding a Merger, the BOE membership is anxious to move forward, define questions that need answers which might be given in a dual BOE meeting, and discuss a timeline for a straw vote.
- **Superintendent's Report**
Mrs. Zimar indicated that she will investigate collaborative Grants that Ms. Sisson mentioned, how that may be accomplished through private and public Foundations, and the types of grants available.

The Seneca County Children's Committee has given a \$1,200 donation to RCS for its Back Pack Program. Mrs. Zimar gave kudos to Mrs. Midey, Mrs. Munn, and Mrs. Bennett for their support and coordination of the program.

The Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) is a technology guideline to assist districts in determining if the technology decisions on operating systems and hardware capacity they make best meet the instructional needs of students. Mrs. Zimar indicated that the PARCC computer-based assessments will be used by 2014-15, and, therefore, academic server upgrades will be performed prior to that timeframe.

4. BUSINESS OFFICE REPORTS

- **Review of Undistributed (Debt Service—Employee Benefits—Transfers) A90000**
Mr. Boulware reviewed these funds and also stated that no State Aid fiscal numbers are available as of this date.

- Options to BAN/Bond Capital Project 2013-14
Mr. Boulware stated that Capital Project reports now are mandated by NYS to be filed sooner than previously required which means that projects will be closed out more quickly. He also mentioned that a BAN is a one-year short term note with little risk to project funding, and the NYS amortization current rate on a Bond is 2.35%. Mr. Boulware indicated that obtaining a Bond through the NYS Dormitory Authority is a safer option than that. He suggested that Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc., which is the largest independent financial service firm in NYS advising local governments, including school districts, hold a Q & A session with the BOE to discuss financial planning for the district.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

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No comments were received.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

Moved: Mr. Kuryla

Seconded: Mrs. Mapstone

Approved: Unanimously

LEANNE B. KEEL
DISTRICT CLERK