

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 22, 2012
7:00 P.M. – BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: Robert McCann – President; Laurie Asermily – Vice-President; Susan Backlund; Seth Brandow; Timothy Kuryla

ABSENT: Rebecca Jessop; James O. Somerville

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael J. Hoose – Superintendent; Leanne B. Keel – District Clerk; Michael Pane – Athletic Director; Donna Newcomb; Kara Mapstone – Newly Elected BOE Member; Thomas Wilson – Newly Elected BOE Member; Connie Richardson – Seneca County Substance Abuse Coalition Coordinator; Diane Laws – Seneca County Substance Abuse Data Coordinator

OTHERS ABSENT: Robert J. Boulware – Business Manager

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Mrs. Mapstone requested that the current BOE membership create and conduct a survey before the end of this school year for community, parent, and student comment/questions on the Romulus/South Seneca Merger Study. Mr. McCann announced that the BOE have already created a “draft” letter which, after revision, will be sent to the entire Romulus District community along with a survey form. He also stated that he will accept ideas and comments that anyone would like to share, and will be attending meetings in the Townships that make up the RCSD. **Please refer to further comments under the PRESIDENT’S REPORT, Page 4280, of these Minutes.**

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION PRESENTS

PRESENTATION:

. Seneca County Substance Abuse Coalition – Diane Laws, Data Coordinator
Mrs. Connie Richardson, Seneca County Substance Abuse Coalition Coordinator, informed the BOE that the Coalition received, through United Way of Seneca County, a Grant whose focus is to reduce underage drinking and its related consequences among 9-12 grade youth. Currently work with students occurs through focus groups in Seneca County schools and introducing conversation about this issue into the curricula. Ms. Laws discussed results from the several surveys that were conducted to build awareness and collaborative efforts throughout Seneca County because this is a County-wide issue.

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CLERK'S REPORT:

- 1.1M Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2012 and May 15, 2012
Motion made by Ms. Backlund, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.
- 1.2M Acceptance of **information copies** of the following Warrants:
- . Fund A, #20 - #25 (04-16-12 – 4-30-12)
 - . Fund C, #17 (04-16-12)
 - . Fund F, #17 - #21 (04-16-12 – 4-30-12)
 - . Fund H, #4 (04-16-12)
- 1.3M Acceptance of **information copies** of Claims Auditor Report for March, 2012 and April, 2012
- 1.4M Treasurer's Report for April, 2012
Motion made by Ms. Backlund, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

MRS. NICHOLSON RECEIVES AWARD

2.1 Update – NYS Athletic Administrator's Assoc. Award Recipient
Mr. Hoose announced that his Secretary, Suzanne Nicholson, was the recipient of this Section V Award. Her selection was based on her "exceptional leadership skills and concern for the athlete as well as being a vital contributor to all aspects of Romulus athletics for the last 11 years." Also, Mrs. Nicholson has been the Coordinator/Coach for Youth Bitty Ball and Youth Basketball for the past 13 years. Michael Pane, Athletic Director, added that "she also treats each Romulus athlete as if they were her own."

FOUR COUNTY SBA MEMBERSHIP NOT RENEWED

2.2M Authorization to re-establish membership in the **Four County School Boards Association @ \$3,554.00** for the 2012-13 school year.
The BOE discussed the renewal of membership based on this school year's program meeting issues and presenters. The decision was to **not renew membership for the 2012-2013 school year.**
Motion made by Mr. Brandow, seconded by Ms. Backlund, with five "no" votes of those members present.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

CAPITAL PROJECT RECEIVES NYSED APPROVAL

3.1 Update
Mr. Hoose (in the absence of Mr. Boulware) mentioned that NYSED informed him that our Capital Project is now approved as submitted. The Architect will now prepare the Bid Documents ASAP.

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Additionally, Mr. Brandow and Mr. Kuryla, Facilities Committee members, announced that a **public meeting on the natural gas pipeline** will be held on June 19, 2012 in the RCS Cafeteria, from 3-4 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.

SCHOOL BUS #67 DECLARED SURPLUS

3.2M Authorization to declare as surplus Freightliner Thomas 60 passenger school bus, #67, with approximately 161,823 miles which will be processed through an auction with Auctions International.

Motion made by Ms. Backlund, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

RESIGNATION:

ANNE SEPE RETIRES

6.1A Anne Sepe – Special Education Teacher, due to retirement, effective September 28, 2012, with incentives as stipulated in the current RFA Contract and the separate Retirement Incentive funded by Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund.

Motion made by Mr. McCann, seconded by Ms. Backlund, and carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT: As Recommended by Mr. Hoose

TEMPORARY HEALTH AIDE HIRED

6.2A Roxanne Tellier – Health Aide, Civil Service Temporary appointment, effective May 23, 2012, at a salary of \$12.40 per hour, for 6.25 hours per day when school is in session, without benefits.

Motion made by Ms. Backlund, seconded by Mr. Kuryla, and carried unanimously.

TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER SCHOOL VAN DRIVER

6.3A David Ettman – Volunteer School Van Driver, Temporary, effective May 22, 2012 through June 22, 2012.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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Mr. McCann offered further comments on the Merger Study and public notification (**refer to Public Comments, Page 4278, of these Minutes.**) He stated that due to misinformation, and a need to get information from the public, there is a need for a public meeting which would be held in the Summer of 2012.

Also mentioned was an RCS conflict with the proposed June 4, 2012 Merger Study meeting. Because it is the Sports Banquet which Merger Study Committee members, Staff and Community members will attend, the BOE recommended that the Study Consultants reschedule the June meeting.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mrs. Asermily, seconded by Ms. Backlund, and carried unanimously, to enter into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. for the purpose of specific personnel. Mr. Hoose was excused at 8:49 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED

Motion to reconvene in regular session at 9:32 p.m. made by Mr. Brandow, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:33 p.m. made by Ms. Backlund, seconded by Mrs. Asermily, and carried unanimously.

LEANNE B. KEEL
DISSTRICK CLERK