

**ROMULUS CENTRAL SCHOOL
ROMULUS, NY 14541**

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 19, 2012

**6:30 P.M. – SOUTH SENECA CSD AUDITORIUM WITH
THE SOUTH SENECA CSD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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; Amanda Pundt – RFA President; Susan Porter – FLTIMES Reporter; Dr. William Silky – Consultant; Alan Pole – Consultant; Residents of the Romulus CSD Community; Residents of the South Seneca CSD Community

OTHERS ABSENT: Robert Boulware – Business Manager

• CALL TO ORDER

- . By Romulus BOE President, Mr. McCann, at 7:00 p.m.
- . By South Seneca BOE President, Mr. DiPerna at 7:00 p.m.

• PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – South Seneca BOE President, Michael DiPerna

• BOARD PRESIDENT WELCOME

Mr. McCann thanked the RCS Merger Advisory Committee for their efforts during previous months and asked for a show of audience hands if they were from Romulus or Ovid/Interlaken. That indicated an about equal representation.

• INTRODUCTION OF CONSULTANTS

Dr. Silky acknowledged both Boards of Education, Superintendents, Advisory Committee members, Staff of Romulus and South Seneca, Ms. Suzanne Spear of NYSED, and Mr. Sean Maguire, NYS Department of State.

Dr. Silky and Mr. Pole then presented the final report of the Merger Study highlighting enrollment trends, school schedules, curriculum offerings, facilities, transportation, staffing needs, finances and savings. South Seneca Business Manager Naomi Zuckerman, also presented data on three-year budget projections.

A many Question/Answer session followed which addressed issues such as retirees and health insurance, equal representation regarding parental choice of student attendance, escalating costs, use of State Incentive Aid, busing of students.

Both Mr. McCann and Mr. DiPerna indicated that cooperation between the two Districts currently exists with, for example, sports teams and community activities.

Information about upcoming public information sessions was distributed to attendees, will be available on school district web sites, in District publications, and via various media. District residents are urged to attend these sessions to learn more and to share their feelings about the merger.

Additionally, both Boards of Education will meet in their Districts on December 10, 2012. The Romulus Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room to straw vote on whether to offer the Merger Proposal to their Community.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

A Romulus BOE motion was offered to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

Moved: Mr. Kuryla

Seconded: Mr. Brandow

Approved: Unanimously

LEANNE B. KEEL
DISTRICT CLERK