RONDOUT SCHOOL

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Open Session Minutes
May 25, 2021
Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 834 6408 5551 Passcode: 2eApR3

Organization

Board President J. Koenig called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
President J. Koenig announced the reason for meeting remotely was due to the status of the pandemic. Dr. Wojcik was present on-site while the BOE members would participate remotely.
Roll call was taken.
Members Present Virtually: J. Koenig, K. Sturonas, S. Kopecky, R. Benavides, S. Wagliardo, S. Bush
Members Absent:
Others Present Virtually: D. Nitka, M. Amidei, J. Parkerson, V. King, H. Siena, D. Van Donselaar, S. Tuegel,

Review and Approval of Minutes

K. Sturonas moved to approve the open and closed session minutes of the April 22, 2021 Regular Board of Education Meeting and the open session minutes of the Special Board of Education meeting on April 22, 2021. Seconded by S. Bush A roll call vote was taken.
Voting Aye: J. Koenig, K. Sturonas, S. Kopecky, S. Wagliardo, S. Bush, R. Benavides
Voting Nay: None

Staff Recognition

Employment Anniversaries
S. Bush moved to approve the resolution to recognize employment anniversaries as presented. Seconded by S. Kopecky. A roll call vote was taken.
Voting Aye: J. Koenig, K. Sturonas, S. Kopecky, S. Wagliardo, S. Bush, R. Benavides
Voting Nay: None

Financial Matters

A copy of the Financial Update ending May 10, 2021 was presented and reviewed by the Board of Education. The Treasurer's Report ending April 30, 2021 was placed on file. The bills and salaries were reviewed. K. Sturonas moved to approve the bills and salaries as presented. Seconded by S. Bush. A roll call vote was taken.
Voting Aye: J. Koenig, K. Sturonas, S. Kopecky, S. Wagliardo, S. Bush, R. Benavides
Voting Nay: None

Tax Appeals, Objections, Exemptions
A tax appeal was received from Abbvie.
Grants & Donations
K. Sturonas moved to accept the $50 donation from Town and Country. Seconded by S. Wagliardo. A roll call vote was taken.
Voting Aye: J. Koenig, K. Sturonas, S. Kopecky, S. Wagliardo, S. Bush, R. Benavides
Voting Nay: None

Budget Amendment

A budget amendment is needed due to revenue and expenditure changes. J. Wojcik reviewed the changes which include COVID related curriculum, communication tools, and infrastructure. H. Sienna said the main reason for amending the budget was due to the integration of the proceeds of the Bond sale. Bond proceeds are received in one year but expenses are spread over several years. K. Sturonas moved to place the proposed budget amendment on display for 30 days and to hold a Budget Hearing on June 29, 2021. Seconded by R. Benavides. A roll call vote was taken.
Voting Aye: J. Koenig, K. Sturonas, S. Kopecky, S. Wagliardo, S. Bush, R. Benavides
Voting Nay: None

Superintendent's Report

Staff – Student Update

D. Nitka reported on staff and student activities. The initial beginning band meeting and band concert were held virtually. A school wide in house museum walk was enjoyed by all students and staff. Thirteen stations were set up to highlight art and academic projects students worked on throughout the year. Student assessments, including science assessment, Fountas and Pinell, IAR and Star Math have been completed. The graduation ceremony for the class of 2021 was held in the gym for immediate family and a link was provided for friends and family members to watch the ceremony live. The office will move to the South area of the building while work is being completed on the North side of the building.

Legislative Update

There are currently two bills being proposed to the legislature that may affect the educational program. One is the Unstructured Playtime Bill which will require schools to schedule time into Kindergarten-fifth grade schedules. The other is a bill that will require Sex Education for all students in grades 6-12.

Action Items Report

Buildings and Grounds projects funded by the bond sale are in progress. HVAC and window replacement are set to begin the week of June 1st. ISLIP analysis shows student growth across cohorts. The new contract with the Rondout Education Association begins on August 16, 2021

Consideration of Business & Board Affairs

Board Committees will be reviewed in June. There were no new FOIA requests.

Open Forum

Board Members

S. Kopecky said he was impressed with how well the staff got thru such a tough year. He thanked everyone for a successful academic year with all the challenges that were worked through.

Public Comments

None

Personnel

David Nitka submitted his resignation due to his family moving out of state. K. Sturonas moved to accept the resignation of David Nitka. Seconded by S. Bush. A roll call vote was taken.
Voting Aye: J. Koenig, K. Sturonas, S. Kopecky, S. Wagliardo, S. Bush, R. Benavides
Voting Nay: None

Closed Session

At 7:41 p.m. J. Koenig moved to go into Closed Session authorized under Section 2© of the Open Meeting Act, for the following subsections: #1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee. 9) Student disciplinary cases. Seconded by R. Benavides. A roll call vote was taken.
Voting Aye: J. Koenig, K. Sturonas, S. Kopecky, S. Wagliardo, S. Bush, R. Benavides

The Board returned to open session at 9:12 p.m.

Adjournment
At 9:15 p.m. S. Bushmoved to adjourn. Seconded by J. Koenig. A roll call vote was taken.
Voting Aye: J. Koenig, K. Sturonas, S. Kopecky, S. Wagliardo, S. Bush, R. Benavides
Voting Nay: None

Respectfully Submitted,

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J. Koenig, President K. Sturonas, Secretary