

A Special Meeting of the Roxbury Central School District was held on April 1, 2020 via the Zoom video streaming platform.

Present: Ed Fersch, Dawn Kalleberg, Kelli Winnie, Denise Johnston and Ed Dalski
Superintendent: Jeffrey J. Bennett
Principal: Jill Ten Eyck
Treasurer: Wendy Sprague
Secretary: Marianne Schor

President Fersch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Bennett gave a PowerPoint presentation on the preliminary budget for 2020-2021. The 3rd Public Presentation will be on April 15th.

**2nd Public
Budget
Presentation**

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. Dawn Kalleberg moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie, to approve the following resolution:

**COVID-19
Closing Resolution**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has resulted in the Federal, State and County governments declaring a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS the Governor has ordered, pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.4, the closure of schools statewide for a period of weeks ending April 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has previously ordered the closure of all Delaware County schools at 12:00 a.m. on March 18, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. The Board of Education hereby declares the COVID-19 virus is an emergency for the School District.
2. The school building is closed for students at 12:00 a.m. on March 18, 2020 ending April 14, 2020 pursuant to the Governor's Order and the earlier County Executive Order.
3. The District will comply with any and all extensions of the closure of the school buildings ordered by the County Executive or by the Governor.

4. During the period of school building closure for students, all District stakeholders shall establish plans to ensure the continuity of learning and operations to the extent feasible and appropriate in accordance with consultation with the State Education Department, Department of Health and the Office of Children and Family Services consistent with Executive Orders 202.4 and 202.11.
5. The Board of Education may be required to amend the school calendar to address these extraordinary circumstances and make up instructional days.
6. The Board of Education meetings from March 16, 2020 forward until further notice shall be closed to the public under Governor Executive Order 202.1. The school district shall make the meeting accessible to public participation through video streaming or by conference call at the time of the meeting and the school district will record the Board of Education meeting and post the video, audio or transcript on the district website.
7. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to follow the Federal, State and County orders and to take such action as necessary and proper to operate the school district during this time of emergency.

Motion approved unanimously.

2. Dawn Kalleberg moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie, to approve the following resolution:

**COVID-19 Hourly
Wage**

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has resulted in the Federal, State and County governments declaring a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Executive has ordered school buildings closed for student attendance beginning from March 18, 2020 to April 14, 2020 due to the threat from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.4 and 202.11, has closed school

buildings statewide for a period of four weeks ending on April 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the School District (“School District”) intends to provide alternate instruction and continue the operation of educational and related programs provided by the School District to the extent reasonable and consistent with direction from the State Education Department, Department of Health, Office of Children and Family Services, and Federal, State and Local officials; and

WHEREAS, the School District desires to pay hourly School District employees during the closure of the traditional School District operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Education hereby declares the COVID-19 pandemic is an emergency for the School District.
2. To the extent not already provided for in a collective bargaining agreement, hourly employees shall continue to be paid for the March 18 to April 14, 2020 school building closure for students, provided such employees are available for work and report to work when directed to do so. This is meant to make such employees whole for missed work due to the school closure and shall be consistent with such employees’ regular compensation during normal school district operations.
3. Depending on the length of school building closure, the Superintendent of Schools may extend the length of payment to reflect an extended School District building closure.
4. This resolution shall apply only for the specific and limited purpose of addressing the unique challenges presented by the outbreak of COVID-19. It shall not set any precedent or practice regarding any aspect of the Resolution.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Fersch asked Ms. Ten Eyck to talk about the plans for continuing education during the week of April 6-10. As she began her report, the meeting was interrupted by an online attack. Mr. Fersch immediately called for a motion to adjourn the meeting and asked if the offending material could be wiped from the record of the meeting. Dawn Kalleberg moved, seconded by Ed Dalski to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Ed Fersch, BOE President

Jeffrey J. Bennett, Superintendent

Marianne Schor, Secretary