

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Rome Board of Education
August 12, 2021**

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Members Present: Ms. Davis, Mr. Ferretti, Dr. Fontana, Mr. Hagerty, Mr. Mellace, Mr. Nash, Ms. Reddick, Miss Iacovissi

Members Absent: Mrs. Herbowy, Ms. Megerell

Note:

Other School District Personnel in Attendance:

Mr. Blake, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Brewer, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Mezza, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Management
Mr. Morton, Director of People Operations

6:04 P.M. Executive Session was canceled. Meeting started at regular time.

PRESIDENT CALLS MEETING TO ORDER

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

1. Add-Ed Programs-Discussion of reinstatement of preK special education program
2. Add-People Operations-report of the committee position creation requests
3. Opening Schools

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

1. Summer Programs Complete
2. Mr. Morton staffing
3. Nate VanWie-Capital Project Discussion
4. Equity Task Force Meeting
5. NYSSBA Award-Patrick Longo-Champions of Change

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Jeff Buckley-jbuxstarr@yahoo.com-Masks

WORK STUDY SESSION

1. Opening Schools-Mr. Blake
2. Capital Projects Update-Nate Van Wie, C&S Handouts given

REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. To accept bid withdrawal and award a contract:

Resolution by Dr. Fontana, seconded by Mr. Mellace:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rome City School District (the “Board of Education”) solicited bids from contractors for HVAC/Mechanical construction services in conjunction with its 2019 Capital Improvement Project – Phase 2 (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the bids were received and opened on August 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Project Architect, LaBella Associates, DPC, and the Project Construction Manager, C&S Engineers, Inc., have reviewed the bids and bidders’ qualifications for the Project, discussed their bids and the Project with each of the bidders, and by letter dated August 10, 2021, recommended acceptance of a bid withdrawal and award of a contract to the lowest responsible bidder as set forth herein:

Trade	Contractor Name
HVAC/Mechanical Construction Contract	Airside Technology Corporation

WHEREAS, the Board of Education accepts the recommendations of the Project Architect and the Project Construction Manager and determines that it is in the best interest of the School District to accept the requested bid withdrawal and award a contract as set forth herein;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Education hereby resolves to award the following contract for the Project:

1. HVAC/Mechanical Construction Contract: Acceptance of the written request to withdraw its bid from King & King Mechanical, Inc., due to a mathematical error, and award of a contract to the next lowest bidder, Airside Technology Corporation, in the following amount:

Base Bid	\$691,000.00
Total	\$691,000.00

2. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools or his designee to execute a contract in compliance with this Resolution, the bid solicitation documents, the Project scope, and the Project timeline and take all actions necessary or convenient on behalf of the Board of Education to enter into the said contract and complete the Project.
3. Upon approval by the Board of Education, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution to accept Consent Agenda:

Resolution by Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Mellace:

That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Consent Agenda be accepted by the Board of Education.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS

Consent Agenda Action Items

1. Resolution to approve personnel changes as listed below:

RESOLVED: That the permanent appointments, transfers, resignations, salary adjustments, leaves of absence, et al, contained below, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools be, and are, hereby approved.

The Superintendent certifies that the requirements of the New York State Education Department, the Civil Service of the City of Rome, and the Board of Education have been met in all cases.

A. Leave of absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Valerie DeGennaro (Strough)	FMLA	09/07/2021 (up to 12 weeks)
Kelsey Lovett (Denti/Teacher Asst.)	unpaid (other employment in district)	09/02/2021-06/30/2022
Sherry Drake (Supported Learning/ Sr. Typist)	unpaid (other employment in district)	07/01/2021-06/30/2022

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Consent Agenda Action Items

B. Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Joyce Murphy (Monitor/Denti)	Resignation	08/01/2021
Erica Vandreasar (Teacher Asst./Strough)	Resignation	08/06/2021
Dante Mezza (Teacher Asst./RFA)	Resignation	07/27/2021
Rachel Jackson (Teacher/Joy)	Resignation	08/31/2021
Bridgette Gates (Teacher/Staley)	Resignation	08/31/2021
Wendy Lopez (Teacher Asst./Joy)	Resignation	08/31/2021
Rachel Ruscito (Teacher Asst./Ridge)	Resignation (other employment in District)	08/31/2021

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Consent Agenda Action Items

1. Resolution of initial placements, annual reviews, reevaluations, manifestation determinations, amendments, program reviews and/or transfers of students with disabilities:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the placement of children based upon the CSE/CPSE meeting recommendations be approved.

ROME CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT CSE/CPSE

August 12, 2021

PART 200 REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Part 200.2, Section (d)

...The board of education or board of trustees of each school district shall, upon completion of its review of the IEP in accordance with section 200.4(d)(2) of the Part, arrange for the appropriate special education programs and services to be provided to a student with a disability as recommended by the committee on special education.

Part 200.2, Section (d) (2)

...arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for a preschool student...

DISABILITY	CSE	CPSE
Autistic	10	
Deaf		
Deaf-Blindness		
Emotionally Disturbed		
Hearing Impaired		
Intellectual Disability	1	
Learning Disabled	6	
Multiply Disabled	4	
Orthopedically Impaired		
Other Health Impaired	11	
Speech Impaired		
Transfer Review		
Traumatic Brain Injury		
Visually Impaired		
Pre-School with disability		4
Non-Disabled	1	2
Declassified	1	
Section 504	2	
Tabled		

FINANCE

Consent Agenda Action Items

1. Resolution to declare equipment obsolete/surplus (*Ebay Items*):

RESOLVED: That the following equipment be declared obsolete/surplus and be disposed of in accordance with policy #4520:

Location	Item	Number			Quantity	Reason	
		Serial	RCSD ID	RIC		Damaged/Disposal	Sale
						✓	
IT Dept.		List in Business Office				✓	
RFA	Calculators	List in Business Office				✓	
Supported Learning	Test Kits	List in Business Office				✓	
	File Cabinets		QC030657		1	✓	
			QC030656		1	✓	
			QC030654		1	✓	
				QC004619		1	✓
			QC027332		1	✓	

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

FINANCE

Action Items

1. Resolution to approve tax certiorari:

Resolution by Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Hagerty:

WHEREAS, Chickadee Properties L.P. and as agent for and on behalf of the Oneida County Industrial Development Agency (“Chickadee Properties L.P.”) filed tax certiorari proceedings challenging the assessment on its property located at 650 Harbor Way (tax map parcel no. 242.020-1-18.3) in the City of Rome, for the 2018, 2019, and 2020 assessment rolls; and

WHEREAS, Chickadee Properties L.P. has proposed settlement of the proceedings upon the following terms:

- a. Discontinue the 2018 proceeding with no reduction in assessment; and
- b. Reduce the 2019 assessment to \$3,407,613;
- c. Reduce the 2020 assessment to \$3,304,500;
- d. Reduce the 2021 assessment to \$2,467,238;
- e. Reduce the 2022 assessment to \$2,467,238;
- f. Reduce the 2023 assessment to \$3,051,500;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is willing to settle the proceedings pursuant to the terms outlined above. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Education agrees to settle the tax certiorari proceedings commenced by Chickadee Properties L.P. in accordance with the terms set forth above and in the form approved by Ferrara Fiorenza PC and hereby delegates to Ferrara Fiorenza PC the authority to execute such settlement documents.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Clarification given for the increase under letter f.

FINANCE (Continued)

Action Items

2. Resolution for Change Order- 2019 Capital Improvement Project

Resolution by Mr. Nash, seconded by Ms. Reddick:

RESOLVED: That, whereas, during completion of the following designated projects it has become evident that certain additional work was required, the following Change Order is hereby approved. This Change Order will officially become part of the designated project and the current authorized sum for the project is hereby increased by the amount of this Change Order and will be reported as such to the State Education Department:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
National Building & Restoration 1010 Tilden Ave Utica, NY 13502	Rome Free Academy Ceiling Tile Change <i>(Change Order #1)</i>	\$13,566.00
National Building & Restoration 1010 Tilden Ave Utica, NY 13502	Rome Free Academy Stairwell 1201 Renovation <i>(Change Order #2)</i>	\$24,331.00
National Building & Restoration 1010 Tilden Ave Utica, NY 13502	Rome Free Academy Stairwell Moisture Mitigation <i>(Change Order #3)</i>	\$15,887.00
National Building & Restoration 1010 Tilden Ave Utica, NY 13502	Rome Free Academy Sidewalk Replacement <i>(Change Order #4)</i>	\$19,701.00

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Point of information-change orders for work is now approved before the work is done. (was not the case in the past) Thank you to C&S and LaBella for getting approval by the Board of Education before the work is done.

Committee Reports Discussion items included BAN .28, Retirement 9.8%, Chickadee, CRRAS Funds, Tax Levy (adoption) (max is set by voters in May, Board sets the levy at the last meeting in August)Mr. Blake recommended to the Board adopt tax levy at 1.4%. This would give a half percent back to the tax payers. Approved at the Finance Committee meeting.

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, September 7th at 10:00 A.M.

FACILITIES

Action Items

No agenda items

Committee Reports *Mr. Hagerty would like the committee to be involved with the capital project planning. He will organize meetings and send his thoughts to get the committee started.*

Next Committee Meeting:

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Action Items

No agenda items

Committee Reports *Schedule is mapped out for meetings for the year. Dates are set for the meetings.
Discussions held: RTI Plans, SCEP, PreK Special Education request for reinstatement of program.*

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, August 23rd at 4:30 P.M.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS

Action Items

1. Resolution to recall individual from the Preferred Eligibility List:

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Ms. Davis:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby recalls the following individual from the Preferred Eligibility List:

Melinda Boufford	Reading Teacher (RFA)	BS60Step5+ MS	\$54,910	Effective Date 09/01/2021
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Voice vote.

By acclamation.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

2. Resolution to grant tenure:

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Mr. Hagerty:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants the following tenure:

Dana Benzo Director Effective Date 08/20/2021

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

3. Resolution to approve staff transfers:

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Ms. Davis:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following transfers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kelly DeCarolis (Office Spec.)	Staley (11 month/7.5 hrs.)	RFA (11 month/7.5hrs.)	08/30/2021
Leonard Gratch (Teacher)	Denti (K)	Denti (AIS Math)	09/01/2021
Mark Rushton (Teacher)	Staley (5 th)	Staley (AIS Math)	09/01/2021
Sara Wilk (Teacher)	Denti (Reading)	Gansevoort (Reading)	09/01/2021
Tracy Guiliano (Teacher)	Joy (6 th)	Denti (4 th)	09/01/2021
Kelly Reese (Teacher)	Joy (Reading)	Denti (Reading)	09/01/2021
Kristin Zlatniski (Teacher)	Denti (6 th)	Denti (K)	09/01/2021
Allison Johnson (Teacher)	Bellamy (12:1:1)	Joy (Resource)	09/01/2021

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

4. Resolution to appoint instructional personnel:

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Ms. Davis:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following instructional personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Briana Linder (Ridge/Stokes)	Librarian	Library Media Specialist	BA60Step12+ MS	\$61,910	09/01/2021- 08/31/2024
Kaylee Gaj (District Wide)	ESL	ESL	BA30Step15+ MS	\$61,140	09/01/2021- 08/31/2025
Rachel German (Joy/Gansevoort)	Librarian	Library Media Spec.	BA30Step7+ MS	\$53,440	09/01/2021- 08/31//2025
Joshua Mazzaferro (Staley)	Physical Ed.	Physical Ed.	BA30Step7+ MS	\$53,440	09/01/2021- 08/31/2024
Kelly Gordon (Staley)	Physical Ed.	Physical Ed.	BA30Step10+ MS	\$56,440	09/01/2021- 08/31/2024
Jessica Hart (Denti)	Art	Art	BA30Step9+ MS	\$55,440	09/01/2021- 08/31/2025
Ashley Reith (Staley)	Reading	Reading	BA60Step12+ 6+MS	\$62,184	09/01/2021- 08/31/2024
Keri Citriniti (Denti)	Reading	Reading	BA30Step15+ MS	\$62,477	09/01/2021- 08/31/2024
Scott Royce (Bellamy)	Reading	Reading	BA90Step23+ MS	\$85,111	09/01/2021- 08/31/2024
Kaitlin Collins (Staley)	Elementary	Elementary	BA30Step5+ MS	\$51,440	09/01/2021- 08/31/2025
Kalyn Chambrone (Staley)	Elementary	Elementary	BAStep5	\$47,639	09/01/2021- 08/31/2025
Rita Taborosi (Staley)	Special Ed.	Special Ed.	BA30Step9+ MS	\$55,440	09/01/2021- 08/31/2025
Katherine LoRusso (Joy)	Elementary	Elementary	BA30Step5+ MS	\$51,440	09/01/2021- 08/31/2025

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

4. Continued.

* The expiration date of the above probationary appointment for classroom teaching position is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 2509 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure a classroom teacher or principal must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either “effective” or “highly effective” in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the classroom teacher or principal receives an “ineffective” composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.”

Shannon Kula (Strough)	School Social Worker	School Social Worker	BA60Step6+ MS	\$55,910 (pro-rated)	09/10/2021- 09/09/2025
Emily Vivyan (DWF)	School Social Worker	School Social Worker	BA60Step6+ MS	\$55,910 (pro-rated)	09/01/2021- 08/31/2025

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Discussion held concerning transfer/new tenure area

5. Resolution to adjust administrative start date:

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Ms. Davis:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following adjustment of the following administrative start date:

Daniel Murphy Asst. Principal RFA	From 07/26/2021 to 08/09/2021
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* The expiration date of the above probationary appointment for classroom teaching position is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 2509 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure a classroom teacher or principal must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either “effective” or “highly effective” in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the classroom teacher or principal receives an “ineffective” composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.”

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

6. Resolution to appoint non-instructional personnel (Probationary):

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Dr. Fontana:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following non-instructional personnel (probationary):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Emily Till (Business Office)	Sr. Account Clerk	\$35,005.25 (pro-rated/degree)	08/16/2021-02/15/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

7. Resolution to appoint non-instructional personnel (provisional):

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Dr. Fontana:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following non-instructional personnel (provisional):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kelsey Lovett (Stokes)	Sr. Office Specialist (8 hrs./day)(Step S)	\$34,158.62 (pro-rated/degree)	08/23/2021
Jeffrey Sessions (RFA)	Office Spec.-12 month (7.5hrs./day)(Step S)	\$30,077.62 (pro-rated/degree)	08/16/2021
Mary Delaney (RFA)	Office Spec.-11 month (7.5hrs./day)(Step S)	\$25,049.40 (pro-rated)	08/19/2021
Kaylee Sharp (Strough)	Office Spec.-12 month (7.5hrs./day)(Step S)	\$30,077.62 (pro-rated/degree)	08/30/2021
Angela Tiffany (Staley)	Sr. Office Spec. (8 hrs./day)(Step S)	\$34,158.62 (pro-rated/degree)	08/30/2021

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

8. Resolution to appoint intramural personnel:

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Ms. Davis:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of the following intramural staff:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Michelle Browne	Strough	Fall Lunch	\$1,028
Michelle Browne	Strough	Winter Lunch	\$1,544
Michelle Browne	Strough	Spring Lunch	\$1,321
Steven Mudry	Strough	Fall Lunch	\$1,028
Steven Mudry	Strough	Winter Lunch	\$1,544
Steven Mudry	Strough	Spring Lunch	\$1,321
Todd Lanzi	Strough	Fall Lunch	\$1,028
Todd Lanzi	Strough	Winter Lunch	\$1,544
Todd Lanzi	Strough	Spring Lunch	\$1,321
Todd Lanzi	Strough	Fall (AM)	\$1,028
Todd Lanzi	Strough	Winter (AM)	\$1,544
Todd Lanzi	Strough	Spring (AM)	\$1,321
David Petrelli	Strough	Fall (AM)	\$1,028
David Petrelli	Strough	Winter (AM)	\$1,544
David Petrelli	Strough	Spring (AM)	\$1,321
Theodore Swavely	RFA	Fall (AM)	\$1,028
Theodore Swavely	RFA	Winter (AM)	\$1,544
Evan Howard	RFA	Fall (PM)	\$1,028
Billie Mays	RFA	Spring (PM)	\$1,321

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

9. Resolution to accept retirement:

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Ms. Reddick:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts, with regret, the retirement of the following individual:

Patricia Ward	Teacher	RFA	Effective Date 07/30/2021
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Voice vote.

By acclamation.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

10. Resolution to appoint fall coaching personnel:

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Dr. Fontana:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following fall coaching personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Charles "Jake" Dercola	Varsity Football	\$6,425	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Alfred Bevilacqua	Modified Football	\$4,803	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Bryce Baldwin	Assistant Varsity Football	\$5,340	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Thomas "Derek" Levisay	Assistant Varsity Football	\$5,340	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Alexsander Vernold	Assistant Varsity Football	\$3,245	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Gabe Vaccaro	Modified Football	\$4,618	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Lawrence Bevilacqua	Modified Football	\$4,618	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Jacob Crawford	JV Football	\$4,592	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Edward Reynolds	Assistant JV Football	\$5,340	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Chad Reese	Varsity Boys Soccer	\$5,340	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Tyler Stevenson	Varsity Boys Soccer Assistant	\$4,803	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Mark Rushton	JV Boys Soccer	\$4,519	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Rachel Reid	Assistant Cross Country B&G	\$3,813	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Ty Knamm	Varsity Boys Cross Country	\$5,340	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Brett Couchman	Modified Cross Country	\$4,803	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Mackenzie Welter	Varsity Field Hockey	\$4,911	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Kelly Reese	Assistant Field Hockey	\$4,803	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Reanna Zappavigna	JV Field Hockey	\$2,957	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Kayla Smith	Modified Field Hockey	\$3,919	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Nicholas Jeror	Varsity Girls Cross Country	\$4,484	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Michelle Browne	Varsity Girls Swimming	\$5,340	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Salvatore Carollo	Modified Girls Swimming	\$4,618	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Melissa Downs	Varsity Girls Soccer	\$5,340	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Diane Stevenson	Girls Varsity Asst. Soccer	\$3,954	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
David Gardinier	JV Girls Soccer	\$4,803	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Jerry Zehr	Boys Modified Blk Soccer	\$4618	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Evan Howard	Girls Modified Orange Soccer	\$4,618	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Kevin Perrone	Varsity Girls Gymnastics	\$5,340	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Kaelei Spoor	Assistant Girls Gymnastics	\$4,097	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Nicholas Natishak	Varsity Girls Tennis	\$3,675	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Courtney Spatto	Assistant Cross Country	\$3,639	08/23/2021-11/01/2021
Kimberly Luczak	Varsity Cheerleading	\$4,803	08/23/2021-11/01/2021

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

11. Resolution to appoint interim administrator:

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Dr. Fontana:

WHEREAS; the District is in need of the services of a certified administrator to serve as Interim Principal of Staley for, at a minimum, the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, Sean Carone currently serves as the Assistant Principal of Staley Elementary School and Is appropriately certified to serve as a building administrator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carone has agreed to serve as Interim Principal of Staley Elementary in a non-tenure track capacity, and has waived rights under Education Law Section 3012. NOW,

THEREFORE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, it is resolved that Sean Carone is appointed as Interim Principal of Staley Elementary School effective August 1, 2021, in a temporary, non-tenure track capacity. Mr. Carone's salary while serving as Interim Principal shall be \$94,500 (pro-rated). Mr. Carone shall be deemed on a leave of absence from his Assistant Principal position while serving as Interim Principal.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

12. Resolution to transfer instructional staff:

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Mr. Ferretti:

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Ms. Davis to amend the meeting date:

WHEREAS, Reanna Zappavigna was originally appointed by the Board of Education at its 08/13/2020 meeting, to a four (4) year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Physical Education and Recreation, effective 09/01/2020 through 08/31/2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a stipulated agreement dated August 13, 2021, Reanna Zappavigna was voluntarily assigned to a vacant position in the Health tenure area for the 2021-2022 school year, whereby she will spend a substantial portion of her time performing duties of a teacher in the tenure of Health and will accrue seniority in that tenure area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the same stipulated agreement dated August 13, 2021, Reanna Zappavigna will continue to spend a substantial portion of her time performing the duties of her original appointment as a teacher in the tenure area of Physical Education and Recreation During the 2021-2022 school year and will continue to accrue seniority in that tenure area; and

WHEREAS, New York State Education Law §30-1.9 requires that a professional educator be appointed such that they shall spend a substantial portion of their time to service in their assigned tenure area(s), NOW

THEREFORE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, it is resolved that Reanna Zappavigna, who possesses Health and Physical Education certifications issued by the Commissioner of Education, is appointed to the position of Health Teacher in the tenure Area of Health, 09/01/2021, in a probationary appointment from 09/01/2021 through 08/31/2025, unless extended in accordance with the law. The expiration date is tentative and conditional only. To the extent required by the applicable provisions of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure, Ms. Zappavigna must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if she receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time, unless such requirements are waived by the State of New York. Ms. Zappavigna's salary shall be set forth on Step 30 Column 6, Schedule 2, of the collective bargaining agreement.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

13. Resolution to appoint teacher coordinators (2021-2023):

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Ms. Davis:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following teacher coordinators (2021-2023):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Mary Kernan	Coordinator	Art	\$2,500
Diane Stevenson	Coordinator	ESOL	\$2,500
Michelle Skibitski	Coordinator	Guidance (7-12)	\$2,500
Erin Mauer	Coordinator	Guidance(Pre-K-6)	\$2,500
Howard Britton	Co-Coordinator	Health	\$1,250
Cara Wojdyla	Co-Coordinator	Health	\$1,250
Patricia Keeney	Coordinator	Foreign Language (7-8)	\$2,500
Kristiane Bauer	Coordinator	Foreign Language (9-12)	\$2,500
Jessica Fanfarillo	Coordinator	Math (9-12)	\$2,500
Jedediah Musch	Coordinator	Occupational Ed.	\$2,500
Melissa Downs	Co-Coordinator	Science (9-12)	\$1,250
Salvatore Carollo	Co-Coordinator	Science (9-12)	\$1,250
David Brognano	Coordinator	Social Studies (7-8)	\$2,500
Mary Shaw	Coordinator	Social Studies (9-12)	\$2,500
Rachel Pulizzi	Coordinator	Special Education (K-6)	\$2,500
Tracy Morehouse	Coordinator	Special Education (9-12)	\$2,500
Kelly Sanzone	Coordinator	Third Grade	\$2,500
Michelle Tine	Coordinator	Pre-K	\$2,500
Nikki Roberts	Co-Coordinator	Kindergarten	\$1,250
Laurence Heldman	Co-Coordinator	Kindergarten	\$1,250
Meghan Pokines	Coordinator	Fifth Grade	\$2,500
Tracy Melone	Coordinator	Business	\$2,500

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Committee Reports *Discussion held concerning vacancies of instructional and non-instructional staff. Hiring rubric will be discussed at policy committee. District Clerk position will not work in the position for the business office. Deficiency between Business Office and People Operations, communication. Patti/Martha are doing the work of the clerk, possible stipend for this. Update on nursing staff. Nursing Coordinator would be a stipend to two nurses, eliminate coordinator. Interviews will continue next week. Italian teacher position discussed. Possible partnership with MVCC. Request to create 2 custodial workers for evening.*

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, August 23rd at 5:30 P.M.

POLICY

Action Items

No agenda items

Committee Reports *NYSSBA training-transitioning to Board Docs. Audit of existing policies, review of policies (cyclical nature), hiring rubric to be reviewed, DEI policy. Ms. Davis will send agenda items to Patti on Friday. Appoint committee members on the next agenda.*

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, August 18th at 4:30 P.M.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Resolution authorizing commencement of E-Cigarettes and Vaping Litigation:

Resolution by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Mellace:

Whereas, the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and vaping devices has increased dramatically among high school and middle school students in recent years, leading to significant risks of addiction, potentially life threatening respiratory ailments, and other health consequences: and

Whereas, the use of e-cigarettes and vapid devices by students has caused the Rome City School District (the "School District") to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of these devices decreases: and

Whereas, the School District's Board pf Education ("the Board") has been invited to join a nationwide lawsuit by school districts against Juul Labs, Inc. the largest seller of e-cigarettes in the United States and other parties responsible for the production, marketing, sale and distribution of e-cigarettes and vaping devices; and

Whereas, the Board wishes to join this lawsuit to discourage the proliferation of e-cigarettes, end the marketing of e-cigarettes to children, and seek compensation for harm caused to the District due to e-cigarette use. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby

- RESOLVES:
1. To appoint the law firms of Ferrara Fiorenza PC, and the Frantz Law Group, APLC and approve the agreement to provide legal services in connection with pursuing claims for damages against Juul Labs, Inc. and others consistent with the recitals above:
 2. To authorize the Superintendent to take all steps necessary for the District to become an active co-plaintiff to pending litigation filed on behalf of school districts Nationwide by the Frantz Law Group against Juul Labs, Inc. and others.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (Continued)

2. Resolution to adopt the District-Wide Safety Plan for the 2021-2022 school year:

Resolution by Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Fontana:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education adopt the 2021-2022 District-Wide Safety Plan.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

3. Resolution to appoint a Safety Committee:

Resolution by Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Mellace:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a Safety Committee be appointed consisting of the following members:

Robb Mezza, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Management
Tanya Davis, Board of Education
Anna Megerell, Board of Education
Alex Rodriguez, Director of Facilities III
Christy Colangelo, OHM BOCES Safety Office
Jessica Fletcher, OHM BOCES Safety Office
Jack Angrisano, MO BOCES Representative
Tracy O'Rourke, Principal
Paul Yanik, Security
Andy Thompson, Transportation
Christina Freeman, Nurse
Carolyn McMahan, Nurse
Rob Wood, Teacher/Union
Dr. Stephen Hampe, Parent Representative

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

4. Opening of Schools (*Discussed earlier in the meeting*)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tabled item: Resolution to accept retirement.

Motion by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Mr. Ferretti, to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:46 P.M. for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations, employment of a particular individual, and the Superintendent's evaluation.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Motion by Ms. Reddick, seconded by Ms. Davis, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:35 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Ms. Reddick, seconded by Ms. Davis, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 P.M. to the call of the President.