

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
Rome Board of Education
September 2, 2021**

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Members Present: Ms. Davis, Dr. Fontana, Mr. Hagerty, Mrs. Herbowy, Ms. Megerell, Mr. Nash,
Ms. Reddick

Members Absent: Mr. Ferretti, Mr. Mellace, Miss Iacovissi

Note:

Other School District Personnel in Attendance:

Mr. Blake, Superintendent of Schools

Staff Excused: Mr. Brewer, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Mezza, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Management
Mr. Morton, Director of People Operations

PRESIDENT CALLS MEETING TO ORDER

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Resolution to approve ordinary contingent expense:

Resolution by Mr. Nash, seconded by Mrs. Herbowy:

WHEREAS, the Rome City School District's Architect, LaBella Associates, has determined the George R. Staley Elementary School has sustained devastating flooding, is unusable and needs immediate repairs and reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received and considered the report of its Architects regarding the necessity for immediate repairs and reconstruction to mitigate the impact of the flooding and the necessity for the immediate relocation of Staley Elementary School students and staff; and

WHEREAS, the above Emergency Project work is required to preserve the health and safety of the students and staff and for protection of the District's property; and

WHEREAS, LaBella Associates has opined that the scope of the emergency work is a Type II SEQRA action.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board has determined that the flood mitigation repairs and reconstruction and the relocation of the students and staff from the George R. Staley Elementary School is a Type II Action under the regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, requiring no further review.
2. The Board of Education hereby finds pursuant to the Education Law, the mitigation repairs, reconstruction and the relocation of the George R. Staley Elementary School students and staff is an Emergency Project necessary to preserve the health and safety of students and staff and for the protection of the school property; and that the project is an ordinary contingent expense.
3. The maximum estimated cost of the Emergency Project as determined by LaBella Associates, the School District's Architect, is approximately \$ 4,354,367.00. The funding source for the project will be the General Fund balance and to the maximum extent possible, insurance proceeds, state building aid and any available Federal or State flood relief.
4. The Superintendent of Schools and all officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps reasonably necessary or appropriate to complete the Emergency Project and to carry out the intent of this Resolution and to apply for any eligible state building aid and to recover any available insurance proceeds and any available Federal or State flood relief resource.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Voice vote

By acclamation.

Dr. Fontana requested that Mr. Blake's evaluation be completed and submitted by September 10th. The Ad Hoc Committee to develop goals. The committee members will consist of Ms. Megerell, Ms. Davis, and Dr. Fontana. They will be completed by the end of September.

Ms. Megerell expressed gratitude to Ms. Benzo for the supplies.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Hagerty, seconded by Ms. Davis, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M. to the call of the President.