

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Rome Board of Education
November 23, 2021

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

Members Absent: Ms. Megerell, Miss Iacovissi

Note: Mr. Nash attended virtually

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 attended virtually

Note:

5:30 P.M. The Board met with legal counsel.

6:34 P.M. Regular meeting started.

PRESIDENT CALLS MEETING TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

On the motion of Mr. Mellace, seconded by Mr. Hagerty, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 10, 2021 were ordered approved as distributed.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

1. Scholar Athletes
2. Strough Junior National Honor Society
3. Social Emotional Skills Inventory-survey
4. Redistricting Meeting Strough November 29th
5. Families in Need for the Holidays

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Miss Iacovissi not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

WORK STUDY SESSION

Restructuring Update – Ross Haber and Associates. (Handout given)
Attendance Update – Mr. Brewer (Handout given)

COMMENDATIONS

1. Resolution for commendation:

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

WHEREAS, the members of the Rome Free Academy Boys' Varsity Cross Country Team, coached by Ty Knamm; Girls' Cross Country Team, coached by Nicholas Jeror; Girls' Varsity Field Hockey Team, coached by Mackenzie Welker; Girls' Varsity Swimming and Diving Team, coached by Michelle Browne; and Boys' Varsity Soccer Team, coached by Chad Reese; Girls Varsity Soccer Team, coached by Melissa Downs, Girls' Varsity Gymnastics, coached by Kevin Perrone; and the Girls' Varsity Tennis Team, coached by Nick Natishak, have demonstrated a high standard of excellence receiving from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association a Scholar/Athlete Team Award by achieving a Fall marking period average of 90% or higher; AND

WHEREAS, the members of the Rome Free Academy Boys' Varsity Cross Country Team, Girls' Cross Country Team; Girls' Varsity Field Hockey Team, Girls' Varsity Swimming and Diving Team, Boys' Varsity Soccer Team; Girls' Varsity Soccer Team; Girls' Varsity Gymnastics Team; and the Girls' Varsity Tennis Team, have brought credit to themselves, their teachers, their families, their coaches, and, in turn, to the Rome City School District; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools do hereby extend their congratulations to the members of the Rome Free Academy Boys' Varsity Cross Country Team, Girls' Cross Country Team; Girls' Varsity Field Hockey Team, Girls' Varsity Swimming and Diving Team, Boys' Varsity Soccer Team; Girls' Varsity Soccer Team; Girls' Varsity Gymnastics Team; and the Girls' Varsity Tennis Team for such outstanding academic achievement; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Board of Education be, and hereby is, directed to spread this resolution on the minutes of tonight's meeting.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution to accept Consent Agenda:

Resolution by Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Reddick:

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. Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jerilyn Pugh (Monitor/Denti)	Resignation (other employment in District)	11/28/2021
Shelby Schreiner (Sr. Acct. Clerk/Facilities)	Resignation	11/30/2021
Marc Ritter (RN/Bellamy)	Resignation	11/27/2021
Sabrina Amato (Teacher Asst./Joy)	Resignation	11/30/2021
Chad Yoxall (Motor Vehicle Op/ Facilities)	Resignation	01/03/2022
Adele Groff (Monitor/Rdige)	Resignation	01/03/2022

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Consent Agenda Action Items

2. Appoint instructional/non-instructional substitutes:

A. Instructional/Non-Instructional

Fingerprint Clearance Date

Mary-Kay Maitland

12/14/2004

James Goodman

11/22/2021

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

November 23, 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	11	
Deaf		
Deaf-Blindness		
Emotionally Disturbed	2	
Hearing Impaired	1	
Intellectual Disability	9	
Learning Disabled	36	
Multiply Disabled	5	
Orthopedically Impaired	2	
Other Health Impaired	26	
Speech Impaired	26	
Transfer Review		
Traumatic Brain Injury		
Visually Impaired		
Pre-School with disability		4
Non-Disabled	1	
Declassified		
Section 504	2	
Tabled		

FINANCE

Consent Agenda Action Items

1. Resolution to declare equipment obsolete or for sale per District policy #4520:

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
		List in Business Office			1	✓	
IT Dept.		List in Business Office			1	✓	
Stokes	Micro Fridge				1	✓	

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

8:16 P.M. Mr. Ferretti stepped out.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

FINANCE

Action Items

1. Resolution authorizing extension of listing agreement:

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

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2019, the Board of Education approved the agreement with Pyramid Brokerage Company for the listing of the former Fort Stanwix property; and

WHEREAS, the November 14, 2019 listing agreement was extended to November 30, 2021 by Exclusive Authorization Renewal dates November 13, 2020: and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to extend the Exclusive Authorization Renewal dated November 13, 2020 through June 30, 2022 upon the same terms and conditions. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Rome City School District as follows:

1. The Board of Education approves the extension of the existing listing agreement with Pyramid Brokerage Company, Inc. through June 30, 2022.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

8:18 P.M. Mr. Ferretti returned.

2. Resolution to approve M.A. Polce Consulting agreement:

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

Motion by Dr. Fontana, seconded by Ms. Davis to table:

Voice vote.

3 Yes

5 No

Motion failed.

Resolution to approve M.A. Polce Consulting agreement:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement between the Rome City School District and M.A. Polce Consulting through June 30, 2022.

Voice vote.

By acclamation. (Three no-Davis, Fontana, Reddick)

Dr. Fontana inquired about other quotes. Discussion held concerning the policy.

FINANCE (Continued)

Action Items

3. Resolution to approve ACCESS Global Groups, LLC agreement:

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

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement between the Rome City School District and The ACCESS Global Groups, LLC to build out the Rome City School District (RCSD) 2021-22 Equity Task Force (ETF) Programming, through June 30, 2022.

Voice vote.

4 Yes-Ferretti, Hagerty, Herbowy, Mellace

3 No-Davis, Fontana, Nash

1 Abstain-Reddick

Motion Failed.

4. Resolution to approve YMCA agreement:

Resolution by Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Reddick:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement between the Rome City School District and the YMCA of the Greater Tri-Valley, through June 30, 2022.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

5. Resolution to approve Apptegy agreement:

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

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement between the Rome City School District and Apptegy, through June 30, 2022.

Voice vote.

By acclamation. (One no-Davis)

Committee Reports

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

FACILITIES

Action Items

No agenda items

Committee Reports

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, December 14th at 4:30 P.M.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Action Items

No agenda items

Committee Reports

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, December 6th at 4:30 P.M.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS

Action Items

1. Resolution to appoint teacher mentors for 2021-2022 school year:

Resolution Mr. Mellace, seconded by Mrs. Herbowy:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following teacher mentors for the 2021-2022 school year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade Level/Subject</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kristen Meiss	Speech	\$1,500 (pro-rated)	11/11/2021-06/30/2022
Leigh Levatino	Special Education	\$1,500 (pro-rated)	11/11/2021-06/30/2022
Erin Palombo	Special Education	\$1,500 (pro-rated)	11/11/2021-06/30/2022
Sarah Wilk	Reading	\$1,500 (pro-rated)	11/11/2021-06/30/2022
Erin Mauer	School Counselor	\$1,500 (pro-rated)	11/11/2021-06/30/2022
Bethann Edwards	Social Studies	\$1,500 (pro-rated)	11/11/2021-06/30/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

2. Resolution to appoint coordinator substitute for the Afterschool Program for 2021-2022 school year:

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

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoint coordinator substitute for the Afterschool Program for 2021-2022 school year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Cynthia Arthur	RFA	\$40/hr.	09/15/2021-06/30/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

3. Resolution to grant tenure:

Resolution Mr. Mellace, seconded by Mrs. Herbowy:

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

Robert Duffy Special Education Teacher Effective Date 11/05/2021

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Mr. Morton-offered congratulations, dynamite addition to the high school.

4. Resolution to appoint instructional personnel (probationary):

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Scott Jones (RFA)	Teacher Assistant	\$18,604 (pro-rated/degree)	12/06/2021-12/05/2025
Brittinie Marshall (Strough)	Teacher Assistant	\$17,604 (pro-rated)	11/29/2021-11/28/2025

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

5. Resolution to appoint extracurricular personnel:

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jeffrey White	Strough	Co-Advisor	Stem	\$1,200 (pro-rated)	12/01/2021-06/30/2022
William Willson	Strough	Co-Advisor	Stem	\$1,200 (pro-rated)	12/01/2021-06/30/2022
Anne Gannon	Strough	Advisor	Pep Band	\$2,500 (pro-rated)	12/01/2021-06/30/2022
Nikiya Pomponi	RFA	Advisor	Biliteracy Seal	\$1,800	09/01/2021-06/30/2022
Stacey Tiller	RFA	Advisor	Retro	\$700	09/01/2021-06/30/2022
Shelby Yerrick	RFA	Advisor	Jazz Band	\$1,200	09/01/2021-06/30/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

6. Resolution to appoint competitive marching band staff:

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 competitive marching band staff:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Date</u>
Melissa Rashford	Assistant Director	\$1,500	09/01/2021-06/30/2022
Aaron Decker	Percussion Caption Head	\$1,200	09/01/2021-06/30/2022
Colin Gilmore	Percussion Instructor	\$900	09/01/2021-06/30/2022
Lindsay Mogle	Color Guard Caption Head	\$1,200	09/01/2021-06/30/2022
Jamie Mazur	Color Guard Instructor	\$900	09/01/2021-06/30/2022
Holly McCoy	Brass Caption Head	\$1,200	09/01/2021-06/30/2022
Ashley Calhoun	Woodwind Caption Head	\$1,200	09/01/2021-06/30/2022
Nick Johnson	Visual Caption Head	\$1,200	09/01/2021-06/30/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Committee Reports – Ms. Davis inquired about exit interviews. Mr. Morton already working on it.

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 4:30 P.M.

POLICY

Action Items

1. Resolution to accept the **first reading** of policy # 0110.1 – Sexual Harassment of Students:

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

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the **first reading** of policy # 0110.1 – Sexual Harassment of Students, be accepted by the Board of Education.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

2. Resolution to accept the **first reading** of policy # 0110.2 – Sexual Harassment of Employees:

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

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the **first reading** of policy # 0110.2 – Sexual Harassment of Employees, be accepted by the Board of Education.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

3. Resolution to accept the **first reading** of regulation # 0110R – Sexual Harassment:

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

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the **first reading** of regulation # 0110 – Sexual Harassment, be accepted by the Board of Education.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Ms. Davis thanked Mr. Blake for his work on this. She also explained this is a recommendation of NYSSBA and the regulation is consolidated for both policies.

Committee Reports – Code of Conduct for January, have not had an update about Board Docs.

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, December 13th at 4:30 P.M.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Resolution for the closure of Staley Elementary School and reassignment of students to Bellamy Elementary, Denti Elementary, Gansevoort Elementary, Joy Elementary, Ridge Mills Elementary, Stokes Elementary and Clough Early Childhood Program:

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

WHEREAS: the Board of Education of the Rome City School District declares that an emergency exists because of flash flooding causing major damage to the school building on August 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS: the damage affects the safety and property of the District, its employees and students, and requires immediate action, which cannot await a traditional reorganization process; and

WHEREAS: the Board of Education has determined a need to consolidate its elementary school program into fewer buildings to reserve resources and educational opportunities for students; and

WHEREAS: the District and the Board of Education have received additional input and guidance from the New York State Education Department regarding development of a plan for permanent reassignment of students and use of District facilities, NOW THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED: the Board of Education determines that Staley Elementary School, located at 620 E. Bloomfield Street in Rome, New York will be closed effective August 30, 2021.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Mr. Blake clarified that this was a requirement from SED to move forward.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Ms. Davis, to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:49 P.M. for the purpose of discussing a homeschool appeal.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Motion by Ms. Davis seconded by Ms. Reddick, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:02 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Reddick, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 P.M. to the call of the President.