

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Rome Board of Education
December 9, 2021

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

Members Absent: Mrs. Herbowy

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

Staff Excused: Mr. Morton, Director of People Operations

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

6:00 P.M. Anticipated regular meeting start time.

PRESIDENT CALLS MEETING TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

On the motion of Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Mellace, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 23, 2021 were ordered approved as distributed.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

1. Delete-People Operations, Regular Agenda #6 Extracurricular Personnel

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

1. Modular Classrooms
2. Picente – COVID requirement updates
3. Meeting with Health Department-Test to Stay Program
4. Rotary
5. Student Athlete-National Cross Country
6. Mr. Nash-Boys Volleyball

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

1. Food Drive very successful-food pantry
2. Holiday cards for nursing homes-LEO, STASS, and GSA
3. Heat of Fusion-lunch activities
4. Open Mic-postponed
5. STASS and Art Club-Window Painting

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Jackie Nelson-NAACP: ACCESS Global Group and Equity Task Force
2. Sereta Ruiz: Diversity
3. Felicia Williams:Diversity
4. Anthony (AO): Audio Visual Business

WORK STUDY SESSION

DCIP Updates – Mr. Brewer

1. Online under academics
2. Walkthrough in elementaries
3. Freckle Program
4. Survey-social and emotional
5. Book studies on DEI
6. Diverse books for classrooms

Facilities Update – Mr. Rodriguez

1. EPC-phase II lighting upgrades
2. Retro commissioning
3. Boiler work at District Office complete
4. Piping walk through
5. Staley walkthrough –IT walk through, red tagged by Nat. Grid, Block off parking
6. Stadium –mold removal
7. Portable spaces options

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution to accept Consent Agenda:

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

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>
Samantha Streiff (Teacher/Strough)	Resignation	01/02/2022
Catherine Mucurio (Asst. Director/SL)	Resignation	12/26/2021

B. Leave of absences:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Angela Hawkins (TA/Joy)	FMLA (intermittent)	12/01/2021 (up to 12 weeks)
Curtis Smith (CW/DWF)	FMLA (intermittent)	12/01/2021 (up to 12 weeks)
Lindsay Anile (Tchr/Strough)	unpaid LOA (childcare)	02/01/2022-06/30/2022

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Consent Agenda Action Items

2. Appoint instructional/non-instructional substitutes:

A. Instructional/Non-Instructional

Fingerprint Clearance Date

James Goodman

11/22/2021

Tammy Packard

01/21/2016

Emily Strohl

12/06/2021

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

December 9, 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	21	
Deaf		
Deaf-Blindness		
Emotionally Disturbed	2	
Hearing Impaired		
Intellectual Disability	4	
Learning Disabled	95	
Multiply Disabled	9	
Orthopedically Impaired	5	
Other Health Impaired	30	
Speech Impaired	99	
Transfer Review		
Traumatic Brain Injury		
Visually Impaired	3	
Pre-School with disability		16
Non-Disabled		1
Declassified		
Section 504		
Tabled		

FINANCE

Consent Agenda Action Items

1. Resolution to transfer funds within the General Fund:

RESOLVED: That the following transfers for 2021-22 be made within the funds of the Board of Education:

From: Budget Code #/Code Line Discussion		To: Budget Code #/Code Line Discussion		Amount
A2250-154-00-0000	TEACHER ASSISTANT SALARY	A2250-160-00-0000	1 TO 1 AIDES	\$57,161.82
A2110-130-22-0000	TEACHER'S SALARIES 7-12	A2825-130-22-0000	SOCIAL WORKERS	\$54,512.25
A2110-130-23-0000	TEACHER'S SALARIES 7-12	A2825-130-23-0000	SOCIAL WORKERS	\$30,455.00

2. 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
Denti	Metal Cabinet		QC021427		1	✓	
	Panasonic Boom Box				1	✓	
	Hand Drum				1	✓	
RFA	File Cabinet's		QC008288 & 003777		2	✓	
	Science Cabinet		QC009693		1	✓	
	Student Chair's		QC01801, QC015763, QC012071, QC015774, QC023100 & QC012776		7	✓	
	Cafeteria Chair's		QC0097477 & QC014996		4	✓	
Ridge Mills	Library Books	List In Business Office				✓	

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

FINANCE

Action Items

No agenda items

Committee Reports *Wednesday to start Budget Prep*

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, January 11th at 10:00 A.M.

FACILITIES

Action Items

No agenda items

Committee Reports *Architect Capital Improvement Plan milestone early January*

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

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Action Items

No agenda items

Committee Reports

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, January 10th at 4:30 P.M.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS

Action Items

1. Resolution to appoint instructional 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 instructional personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Joanne Wolcott	School Social Worker	School Social Worker	BS60Step7+ MS	\$56,910 (pro-rated)	12/06/2021-12/05/2025

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

2. Resolution to appoint home tutor:

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Dorothy Ervin	Home Tutor	\$26/hr.	11/29/2021-06/30/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

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

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 non-instructional personnel (provisional):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Dylan Mazur (DWF/HB:RFA/ Strough	Computer Specialist Training	\$31,000 (pro-rated/degree)	11/29/2021

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

4. Resolution to appoint non-instructional personnel (probationary):

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

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>
Ivy Naughton (Joy)	Teacher Aide 1:1	\$15,695 (pro-rated)	12/13/2021-06/12/2022
Anthony Romano (RFA)	Teacher Aide 1:1	\$16,695 (pro-rated/degree)	12/02/2021-06/01/2022
Mary Fields (Denti)	Food Service Helper 6.5 hrs/day	\$14.06/Hr.	10/29/2021-05/28/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

5. Resolution to appoint winter sports personnel:

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kevin Taylor	Clock Operator	\$35/event	11/15/2021-03/01/2022
Brandon McCaskill	Clock Operator	\$35/event	11/15/2021-03/01/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

Resolution #6 Removed from the agenda.

6. Resolution to appoint extracurricular personnel:

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>
Reanna Zappavigna	RFA	Advisor	Ski	\$700	11/30/21-06/30/22
Dellouise Pray	RFA	Advisor	Production Crew Asst.	\$1,000	09/01/21-06/30/22
Stephen Russell	RFA	Advisor	Jazz Band	\$1,200	09/01/21-06/30/22
Maria Richie	RFA	Advisor	National Honor Society	\$900	09/01/21-06/30/22
Judith Sigg	RFA	Advisor	National Honor Society	\$900	09/01/21-06/30/22

7. Resolution to appoint extracurricular musical 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 extracurricular musical personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jacob Meiss	Musical Choreographer	\$1,800	12/01/2021-06/30/2022
Jacob Meiss	Musical Pit Conductor	\$700	12/01/2021-06/30/2022
Jacob Meiss	Musical Director	\$2,500	12/01/2021-06/30/2022
Leanna Guerrieri	Vocal Director	\$1,800	12/01/2021-06/30/2022
Leanna Guerrieri	Accompanist	\$700	12/01/2021-06/30/2022
Kerri Winkler	Musical Club Co-Advisor	\$900	12/01/2021-06/30/2022
Lori DiBari	Musical Club Co-Advisor	\$900	12/01/2021-06/30/2022
Kristen Meiss	Musical Producer	\$700	12/01/2021-06/30/2022
Melissa Swistak	Co-Set Builder	\$500	12/01/2021-06/30/2022
Jamey Swistak	Co-Set Builder	\$500	12/01/2021-06/30/2022
Allison Young	Stage Manager and Props	\$500	12/01/2021-06/30/2022
Gail Tucker	Costumes	\$700	12/01/2021-06/30/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

8. Resolution to involuntary transfer of administrative 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 involuntary transfer of the following administrative personnel:

Danielle Hess Assistant Principal Staley to Assistant Principal Gansevoort

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

9. Resolution to appoint instructional personnel(probationary):

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

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>
Mariah Mays (Strough)	Teacher Assistant	\$17,604 (pro-rated)	12/02/21-12/01/25

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

10. Resolution to create positions:

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 creation of the following positions:

Boys Modified Assistant Basketball Coach
Food Service Helper-3.75 hrs/day
Food Service Helper-5 hrs/day

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

11. Resolution to appoint winter sports coaches:

Resolution Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Hagerty:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following winter sport coaches:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Tiana Scales-Pugh	Assistant Girls Varsity Basketball	\$2,695	12/01/2021-03/15/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Committee Reports

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, December 20th at 4:30 P.M. (tentative)

POLICY

Action Items

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

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

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

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

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

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

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

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

POLICY (Continued)

Action Items

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

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

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

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Committee Reports *Agreement sent on Board Docs waiting for response.*

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Resolution Determining the Appeal of a finding that a student's IHIP is not in compliance

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rome City School District (the "Board") received a written appeal from a determination by the Superintendent of Schools that a student's IHIP is not in compliance with Section 100.10 (c)(5); and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the matter in executive session, to protect the privacy of a student's education records and personally identifiable information under federal and State law, pursuant to a motion made and approved under Public Officers Law § 108(3) during the regular business meeting of the Board on November 10, 2021; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that having heard the appeal presented by a parent/guardian/person in parental relationship of a student, and the response of the administration and due deliberation having been had, the appeal is denied, and the decisions of the Superintendent of Schools is affirmed; AND IT IS FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education, or the District Clerk as designee of the President, is hereby authorized to prepare a letter consistent with this Resolution and with the deliberations in Executive Session to be prepared, signed and mailed to the appellant; and to include in that letter language appropriate to inform the appellant of the time and manner in which an aggrieved party may file an appeal of this decision with the New York State Commissioner of Education; AND IT IS FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Voice vote.

By acclamation. (Two no's- Davis, Fontana)

OLD BUSINESS

None

Motion by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Ferretti, to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:03 P.M. for the purpose of discussing a legal matters as they pertain to an individual employee.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Motion by Ms. Davis seconded by Mr. Mellace, to adjourn Executive Session at 8:34 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Mellace, seconded by Mr. Ferretti, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M. to the call of the President.