

The Regular Meeting of the Roxbury Central School District was held on January 12, 2022 in the Cafetorium and via Zoom at 7:00 PM

Present: Ed Fersch, Denise Johnston, Ed Dalski, Tracy Sanford and Kelli Winnie
Superintendent: Jeff Bennett
Principal: Jill Ten Eyck
Treasurer: Wendy Sprague
Secretary: Marianne Schor

Mike Marino, from NYLAF, discussed options for investing school funds to get a higher return yield. He discussed U.S. Treasuries, length of investments, and interest rates. Mr. Dalski had comments regarding investing our reserve funds, getting a maximum yield, and cited Policy 5220 regarding district investments. A discussion followed.

M. Marino – NYLAF

Additions to agenda:

- Executive session before personnel to discuss an employee history.
- Executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss an employee history and the Superintendent's evaluation.

Additions to the Agenda

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to approve the treasurer's report for December, 2021. Motion approved unanimously.

Treas. Report

The following policies were reviewed:

Review Policies

- 5110 – Budget Planning and Development
- 5120 – School District Budget Hearing
- 5130 – Budget Adoption
- 5140 – Administration of the Budget
- 5150 - Contingency Budget
- 5220 – District Investments
- 5410 – Purchasing

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Tracy Sanford, to approve the budget transfers dated 11-10-21 in the amount of \$146,831. Motion approved unanimously.

Budget Transfers

The bills and the Claims Auditor's Report for December were reviewed.

Bills & Claims

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to approve the extra-classroom activity fund report for December, 2021. Motion approved unanimously.

Extra-Curricular Activity Fund

Minutes

Denise Johnston moved, seconded by Ed Dalski to approve the minutes from the regular December 8, 2021 meeting as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

President's Report:

1. Mr. Fersch reviewed the board goals for this. He stated that the Policy Committee has not met this year to work on the new policy manual, which is goal #1, and he will be working on getting that underway. There was a discussion regarding what Social Emotional Learning programs were being used at RCS for goal #2, and goal # 3, communication, was being met with the addition of Mike Martin from the Mountain Eagle attending board meetings.
2. Mr. Fersch asked the Budget Committee to set up a time to meet to start on next year's budget.
3. Mr. Fersch stated that February did not work out for scheduling a Board Retreat. After a discussion, the retreat will be scheduled for March 12, 2022.

Review Board Goals

Set Up Budget Comm. Meeting

Board Retreat

Superintendent's Report:

1. Mr. Bennett stated that we had thought the ventilator project had been approved but some more paperwork had to be submitted. He stated that he has talked to Bill Taylor, our architect, about doing a capital project using funding from the Infrastructure Bill to do things from our Building Condition Survey like the parking lot, fuel tank, asbestos abatement. Mr. Taylor suggested using a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement to do the project. Mr. Bennett is looking into it. He added that any capital project would use only reserve funds and no taxpayer money.
2. Mr. Bennett had the following public comments updates:
 - There was a question about the 2-hour delay on 1/3/22 for us to be able to test staff after break, regarding the number of vaccinated staff members. Mr. Bennett stated that 77% of the staff is vaccinated.
 - There are cameras inside and outside the building, but Mr. Bennett can not elaborate as they are a part of our safety plan.
 - Staff dress code is a work in progress.
 - We have not heard whether the grant for new radios and

Building Projects Update

Public Comments Response

- cameras in the busses has been approved.
 - There is PD training being scheduled for LTA's/TA's
 - The honor roll lists are sent to the Mountain Eagle and The Daily Star. They are not sent to the Walton Reporter.
 - Mr. Bennett gave a breakdown of how many study halls each senior has.
 - A letter has been sent home to parent and guardians of students in Living Environment, explaining the rationale of having 8th graders take it this year, and apologizing for not making it more clear at the beginning of the year. Mr. Bennett has not had any feedback from the letter, and the students are starting to do better.
 - We are advertising for a number of teacher and staff openings in the district, and are not getting any qualified candidates for these positions.
 - Ms. Ten Eyck and Heather Slauson have made new signs and markings to reiterate to students the need to have four to a table in the cafetorium.
3. Mr. Bennett stated that there will be a presentation on January 19th on the Bassett School-Based Health Clinic. The presentation will be held at the Grand Gorge Civic Center, and we will be serving dessert. This is the next step in getting a clinic in our building.
4. Mr. Bennett stated that there is one more training to go before launching the new website. We had hoped to do this before the holidays but it was impossible to schedule with lack of personnel and other considerations. The next meeting is scheduled for next week.
5. Mr. Bennett stated that he has looked into Board Docs and we're waiting for some clarification from BOCES as to the next step.

School-Based Clinic

RCS Website

Board Docs

Principal's Report:

1. Ms. Ten Eyck gave a presentation on December's attendance and discipline. She stated that some students were doing the STAR assessments remotely, while other teachers were waiting until we came back to in-person learning to give the assessments. Either way we will be done by the end of January. Ms. Ten Eyck stated that mid-terms would be given between January 18th and 28th, and will be either an exam or a project. She stated that the Honors coffee house will be rescheduled due to remote learning this week, but the Superintendent's Luncheon was a success. The marking period ends January 28th.

Attendance, Discipline and Academics

Board Committee Reports: None

Board Comments and Questions:

Mr. Dalski asked if the senior presentations will still be held on Tuesday, January 18th? Mr. Bennett stated that they would.

Mr. Dalski asked about the meeting Mr. Bennett had regarding bus leasing. Mr. Bennett stated that it would not be cost effective for the district, and that the company needed a large amount of money up front. We are getting a smaller bus with money that was put in the budget for that purpose, to be approved later in the meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Denise Johnston moved, seconded by Tracy Sanford to approve the transportation agreement with Gilboa-Conesville Central School retroactive to September 8, 2021. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Ed Dalski moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie to approve purchase of a fourteen passenger school bus from Matthews Buses, Inc. at a cost of \$49,989.29. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Tracy Sanford moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie to create a temporary full-time aide position for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Motion approved unanimously.

**Gilboa Trans.
Agreement**

Bus Purchase

**Temp. FT Aide
21-22 School Year**

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to go into executive session to discuss an employee history. Motion approved unanimously.

Into Exec. Session

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Tracy Sanford to come out of executive session. Motion approved unanimously.

Out of Exec. Session

Item #4 was removed from the agenda.

B. PERSONNEL:

1. Denise Johnston moved, seconded by Tracy Sanford to accept the resignation of Anya Schmiedel as School

Schmiedel Resignation

Psychologist effective January 14, 2022. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Denise Johnston moved, seconded by Ed Dalski to approve Kendal Sprague as a substitute teacher K-12. Fingerprint clearance has been received. Motion approved unanimously
3. Denise Johnston moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie to accept the letter of intent to retire from Susan Hall effective June 30, 2022 with thanks for her years of service. Motion approved unanimously.

K. Sprague Sub K-12

Hall Letter of Intent to Retire

C. OTHER:

1. Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Tracy Sanford to approve the following CSE recommendations:

CSE Recs

#’s 4262, 4048, 4429, 4400, and 4430
Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Denise Johnston moved, seconded by Tracy Sanford to go into executive at 8:16 to discuss an employee history and the Superintendent’s evaluation. Motion approved unanimously.

Into Exec. Session

Tracy Sanford moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie to come out of executive session at 8:40. Motion approved unanimously.

Out of Exec. Session

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Tracy Sanford to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Adjourn

Jeffrey J. Bennett, Superintendent

Ed Fersch, BOE President

Marianne Schor, Board Clerk