MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Rome Board of Education May 5, 2022

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Members Present:	Ms. Davis, Dr. Fontana, Mr. Hagerty, Mrs. Herbowy , Mrs. Lubecki, Ms. Megerell, Mr. Mellace Mr. Nash, Ms. Reddick	
Members Absent:	Miss Iacovissi	
Note:	Ms. Reddick attended via zoom. Mr. Nash left at 6:01 P.M. and returned at 6:52 P.M.	
Other School District Personnel in Attendance:		
	Mr. Blake, Superintendent of Schools	
	Mr. Brewer, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction	
Staff Excused:	Mr. Mezza, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Management Mr. Morton, Director of People Operations	
Note:		

5:00 P.M. The Board of Education met with legal counsel.

6:01 P.M. Public Hearing to rename the press box of the RFA Stadium to the Raymond Tarkowski Press Box.

Official Budget Hearing

7:02 P.M. Regular Meeting called to order.

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 April 7, 2022 and April 19, 2022 were ordered approved as distributed.

Voice vote.

By acclamation. (Two abstain-Herbowy, Mellace)

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

1. Pg 7. Finance #4Change awarded to renew.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- 1. Stadium Update Open for graduation
- 2. Fiscal Stress List-not on Comptroller's list
- 3. 5/19-5/21 Matilda-Strough
- 4. What is great in NYS-Department of Mental Health
- 5. Teacher Appreciation Week

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1. Roberto Angelicola-RFP
- 2. Chris Stuerrys-Redistricting
- 3. Dennis Perfetti-Joke
- 4. Bill Guglielmo-RFP

WORK STUDY SESSION

None

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 absences:

	Name	Reason	Effective Date
	Julie Szczerba	unpaid LOA	09/01/2022-06/30/2023
B.	Resignations:		
	<u>Name</u>	Reason	Effective Date
	Cassidy King (Monitor/Denti)	Resignation	04/27/2022
	Lanee Martin (Sr. Office Spec./Bellamy)	Resignation	05/20/2022
	Joshua Mazzaferro (Teacher/Bellamy)	Resignation	06/30/2022

Consent Agenda Action Items

2. Appoint instructional/non-instructional substitutes:

A. Instructional/Non-Instructional	Finge
Kathleen D'Angelo	02/08
Heinz Naujoks	04/25

Fingerprint Clearance Date

02/08/2011 04/25/2022

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

May 5, 2022

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	3	
Deaf		
Deaf-Blindness		
Emotionally Disturbed	2	
Hearing Impaired	1	
Intellectual Disability	2	
Learning Disabled	29	
Multiply Disabled	1	
Orthopedically Impaired		
Other Health Impaired	9	
Speech Impaired	11	
Transfer Review		
Traumatic Brain Injury		
Visually Impaired	1	
Pre-School with disability		
Non-Disabled	2	
Declassified		
Section 504	1	
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.

		Number					
Location	Item	Serial	RCSD ID	RIC	Quantity	Reaso	n
						Damaged/	
			1			Disposal	Sale
RFA	Stool	KI			1	~	
	Stool	KI	QC011421		1	~	
RFA	Vacuum	No Label-Clark/Alvance			1	~	
	Vacuum	Clark/Alvance	QC032397		1	~	
	Vacuum	Clark/Alvance	QC032403		1	~	
RFA	Vacuum	Clark/Alvance	QC032401		1	~	
Denti	Piano Stands				2	~	
Denti	Electronic Harpsichord	Suzuki			1	~	
Denti	Electronic Keyboard	Roland / EP-7II			1	~	
Denti	Curricular Flip Chart	World of Music			5	~	
Denti	Wooden Whiteboard Easel				1	~	

2. Resolution to transfer funds within the General Fund:

RESOLVED: That the following transfers for 2021-2022 be made within the funds of the Board of Education:

From:		To:	То:	
Budget Code #/Code Line Discussion H		Budget Code #/Code L	Budget Code #/Code Line Discussion	
A9040-800-00-0000	Workers Compensation	A9045-800-00-0000	Life Insurance	\$ 20,028.06
A2110-114-00-0000	Teacher Assistants K-6	A2110-160-00-1000	Overtime	\$ 17,285.60
A9010-800-00-0000	Employee Retirement	A9045-800-00-0000	Life Insurance	\$ 14,028.06
A2110-490-00-0000	BOCES Services	A2630-400-00-0000	Contractual	\$ 46,024.92
A1620-450-00-CVID	Supplies & Materials	A1621-400-00-0000	Contractual-Maintenance	\$100,000.00
			Maintenance Supplies &	
A1620-450-00-CVID	Supplies & Materials	A1621-450-00-0000	Materials	\$ 80,500.00

Voice vote. By Acclamation.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

FINANCE

Action Items

1. Resolution to accept Change Orders-2019 Capital Improvement Project:

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

- WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rome City School District (the "Board of Education") previously authorized its 2019 Capital Improvement Project (the "Project"); and
- WHEREAS, during the course of the Project certain changes to the work covered by various contracts have been determined by LaBella Associates, DPC, the Project Architect, to be required; and
- WHEREAS, the Project Architect and the involved contractors will prepare, sign, and submit proposed Change Orders ("Change Order") for the following work:

Kelly Brothers – PCO-01 – C&S Change Event 066 – Material Changes to Door Hardware – 40,584.96, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interest of the School District to approve the proposed changes and accept the proposed Change Orders;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

- 1. The Board of Education approves the changes set out in this resolution.
- 2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board to sign the Change Orders on behalf of the Board of Education and take all actions necessary or convenient to proceed under the Contracts as amended by the Change Orders in connection with the Project.
- 3. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign the New York State Education Department required certification in connection with each Change Order and take all actions necessary or convenient to satisfy applicable Change Order certification and filing requirements.
- 4. Upon Board of Education approval, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Clarification of need-style of door being uses (metal instead of wood), all RFA.

FINANCE (Continued)

Action Items

2. Resolution to appointment of Election Inspectors:

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

RESOLVED: that the following individual is appointed as election inspector for the ten school election districts, which shall align with the City of Rome election wards, be appointed for the Rome City School District Board of Education election/budget/capital reserve vote to be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, or on any legally authorized date thereafter, and that they be paid for this service, with the Superintendent of Schools or his designee being authorized to fill any vacancies and make location assignments:

Gladys Lindsy

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

3. Resolution to renew contract for 2022-2023 – Fire Alarm Services:

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

RESOLVED: That the contract as indicated below, in accordance with plans and specifications duly advertised and bids received for bid #2021-06-02, be renewed for the 2022-23 term and that the President be authorized to sign said contract:

Contract for	Awarded To	Bid Amount
Fire Alarm Services	REM Fire Systems, Inc. 206 S. George St. Rome, NY 13440	See Individual Breakdown

Voice vote.

FINANCE (Continued)

Action Items

4. Resolutions to renew contract 2022-2023 – Roofing Services:

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

RESOLVED: That the contract as indicated below, in accordance with plans and specifications duly advertised and bids received for bid #2021-06-16-1, be renewed for the 2022-23 term as follows and that the President be authorized to sign said contract:

Contract for	Awarded To	Bid Amount
Roofing Services	Lawrence Rieben & Sons, Inc. 357 Oriskany Blvd. Whitesboro, NY 13492	See Individual Breakdown

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Committee Reports

- 1. Ms. Yager resigned resolution on tonight's agenda.
- 2. State Aid review
- 3. Treasurer's report received.

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

FACILITIES

Action Items

No agenda items

Committee Reports

- 1. Capital Projects Update (energy performance contracts, initial planning for capital project)
- 2. Long range facility plan
- 3. RFA pool update.

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 4:30 P.M.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Action Items

1. Resolution to approve APPR Lead Evaluators:

Resolution by Dr. Fontana, seconded by Mrs. Lubecki:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby certifies that the following individuals have completed the lead evaluator training required by Section 3012-D of the Education Law and related regulations, and is certified to serve as lead evaluator under the District's Annual Professional Performance Review Plan.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Building</u>
Dana Benzo	Director	District Wide
Kelly Bowles	Assistant Principal	RFA
Christopher Brewer	Assistant Superintendent	District Wide
Anna Burke	Assistant Principal	Bellamy
Sean Carone	Assistant Principal	RFA
Cristin Checchia	Director	District Wide
James Daino	Principal	Joy
Jennifer DePerno	Director	District Wide
Tonia Davis	Assistant Principal	Strough
Michael Flagg	Principal	Ridge Mills
Danielle Hess	Assistant Principal	Gansevoort
Wendy Hutchings	Assistant Principal	Denti
Brian LeBaron	Principal	RFA
Sherry Lubey	Principal	Denti
Karen Miller	Principal	Stokes
Daniel Murphy	Assistant Principal	RFA
Kimberly Mursch	Assistant Principal	Strough
Molly Mytych	Principal	Bellamy
Tracy O'Rourke	Principal	Strough
Jennifer Pouliot	Principal	Gansevoort
Michael Stamboly	Director	District Wide

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Committee Reports

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2022 at 4:30 P.M.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS

Action Items

1. Resolution to appoint non-instructional personnel:

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:

<u>Name</u>	Position	<u>Salary</u>	Effective Date
Gail Williamson (John Joy)	Teacher Aide 1:1	\$15,695	04/25/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

2. 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>	Position	<u>Salary</u>	Effective Date
Gregory Davis (DWF/HB:RFA)	Custodial Worker (2 nd shift Mon-Fri)	\$16.03/hr.	05/02/2022-11/01/2022
Troy Squadrito (DWF/HB:RFA)	Custodial Worker (2 nd shift Mon-Fri)	\$16.03/hr.	05/02/2022-11/01/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

3. Resolution to appoint summer school administrator:

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 summer school administrator:

Name	<u>Salary</u>	Effective Date
Kristin Frawley	\$8,200	05/06/2022

Voice vote.

Action Items

4. Resolution to approve 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 staff transfers:

Name	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	Effective Date
Tamara Aylesworth (Food Service Helper)	6 hrs./day (Bellamy)	3.75 hrs./day (Stokes)	04/25/2022
Christine VonMatt (Teacher Assistant)	Stokes	Joy	05/02/2022
Shaleen Spaeth (Food Service Helper)	3.75 hrs/day (Bellamy)	6 hrs/day (Bellamy)	05/06/2022
Austin Walker (CW/DWF)	2 nd Shift Mon-Fri-HB RFA	1 st Shift Mon-Fri- HB RFA	05/09/2022
Scott Allen (CW/DWF)	2 nd Shift Mon-Fri-HB Strough	1 st Shift Mon-Fri- HB Strough	05/09/2022
Wendy Farrell (CW/DWF)	2 nd Shift Mon-Fri-HB Bellamy	1 st Shift Mon-Fri- HB Bellamy	05/09/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Discussion held concerning selection day.

Action Items

5. Resolution to accept retirements:

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

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

Tammie Smith	Food Service Helper	Ridge Mills	Effective Date 06/27/2022
Andrew Thompson	Director of Transportation		Effective Date 07/23/2022
John Meeker Sr.	Custodial Worker	Denti	Effective Date 08/31/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Board offered congratulations and gratitude for service.

6. Resolution to appoint musical staff:

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

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

Name	Location	Position	<u>Salary</u>	Effective Date
Liska Savage	RFA	Co-Stage Manager	\$500	04/25/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Clarification given to fill position for last minute resignation.

7. Resolution to appoint CPSE Chair:

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 individual as a CPSE Chair:

Christopher Wiehl School Psychologist

Voice vote.

Action Items

8. 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 creates the following positions:

School Psychologist-District Office Orientation & Mobility Specialist-District Wide

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Clarification of position, teacher of the visually impaired.

9. Resolution to amend position hours:

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

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the following position hours:

School District Clerk From 100% to 60% Effective Date 5/6/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Committee Reports

- 1. Dr. Checchia-Director of Supported Learning-services update, direction of the department.
- 2. District Clerk position-limited interest, possible in district person interested. Will return to PO next meeting.

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, May 16, 2022 at 4:30 P.M.

POLICY

Action Items

1. Resolution to accept the **second reading and adoption** of policy # 1220 – Relations with Community Organizations:

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

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the **second reading and adoption** of policy # 1220 – Relations with Community Organizations, be accepted by the Board of Education.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

2. Resolution to accept the **first reading** of policy # 1530 – Smoking, Vaping, and Other Tobacco use on School Premises:

Resolution by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Lubecki:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the **first reading** of policy # 1530– Smoking, Vaping, and Other Tobacco use on School Premises, be accepted by the Board of Education.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

3. Resolution to accept the **first reading** of policy # 1925 – Interpreters for Hearing-Impaired Parents:

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

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the **first reading** of policy # 1925 – Interpreters for Hearing-Impaired Parents, be accepted by the Board of Education.

Voice vote.

POLICY (Continued)

Action Items

4. Resolution to accept the **first reading** of exhibit # 1925-E – Interpreters for Hearing-Impaired Parents - Exhibit:

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

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the **first reading** of exhibit # 1925-E– Interpreters for Hearing-Impaired Parents -Exhibit:, be accepted by the Board of Education.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Clarification given – application for new students, would stay on file for student family.

5. Resolution to accept the **first reading** of policy # 1500 – Public Use of School Facilities:

Resolution Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Fontana:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the **first reading** of policy # 1500– Public Use of School Facilities, be accepted by the Board of Education.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

6. Resolution to accept the **first reading** of exhibit # 1500-E.1 – Public Use of School Facilities-Exhibit:

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

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the **first reading** of exhibit # 1500-E.1– Public Use of School Facilities-Exhibit, be accepted by the Board of Education.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

7. Resolution to accept the **first reading** of exhibit # 1500-E.2 – Public Use of School Facilities Fee Schedule-Exhibit:

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

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the **first reading** of exhibit # 1500-E.2– Public Use of School Facilities Fee Schedule-Exhibit, be accepted by the Board of Education.

Voice vote.

Committee Reports

- 1. Wrapping up the 1000's
- 2. Received the 2000's and 3000's
- 3. Board Docs
- 4. Next meeting May 23^{rd} at 4:30 P.M.
- 5. Mr. Morton has 3 meetings scheduled for the Code of Conduct.

Next Committee Meeting: TBD

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Resolution to accept resignation:

Resolution Mr. Nash, seconded by Dr. Fontana:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation of Cynthia Yager as the Community Member of the 2021-2022 Rome City School District Audit Committee.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

2. Resolution to appoint committee member:

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

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby appoints Jennifer Geiger as the Community Member for the 2021-2022 Rome City School District Audit Committee.

Voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (Continued)

3. Resolution to approve settlement agreement and release:

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

- WHEREAS, the Rome City School District (the "School District") was a party to an agreement with Birnie Bus Service, Inc. (hereinafter "Birnie Bus") to provide student transportation services during the 2019-20 school year (the "Contract"); and
- WHEREAS, during the 2019-20 school year, COVID-19 resulted in State and County governments declaring a state of emergency; and
- WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the New York State Governor ordered, pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.4, the closure of schools for students statewide for a period of two weeks ending April 1, 2020; and
- WHEREAS, the New York State Governor issued additional executive orders resulting in the closure of schools through May 7, 2020; and
- WHEREAS, due to the closure of schools, Birnie Bus ceased providing student transportation services to the School District beginning March 16, 2020 through May 7, 2020, and continued to incur stand-by operational costs to be prepared to provide student transportation services in anticipation for schools reopening; and
- WHEREAS, New York State Education Law changes enacted as part of the final 2021-22 state budget expanded the eligibility of certain COVID-related transportation expenditures incurred during the 2019-20 school year for state reimbursement through transportation aid, including state reimbursement for certain payments to contractors for stand-by costs incurred between March 16, 2020 through May 7, 2020; and
- WHEREAS, Birnie Bus and the School District have negotiated terms to reimburse Birnie Bus in connection with stand-by operational costs between March 16, 2020 through May 7, 2020 to the extent such payment is reimbursable to the School District via State Aid; and
- WHEREAS, the Board of Education has considered the terms of a proposed settlement agreement and seeks to approve the same. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
- RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rome City School District as follows:
 - 1. The Board hereby approves the proposed settlement agreement between the School District and Birnie Bus in a final form to be approved by legal counsel, and authorizes the School District Superintendent, or his designee, to take all necessary actions and to execute any necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education upon the recommendation of legal counsel necessary to effectuate/finalize the same.
 - 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

None

Ms. Davis-NYSSBA Advocacy meeting discussion, appointment for next year will be at the reorg meeting. The meeting will be in person for the coming year in Syracuse.

Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee meeting will be May 26th at 6:00 P.M. Place to be determined.

On the motion of Mr. Mellace, seconded by Mrs. Herbowy, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M. to the call of the President.

ADJOURNMENT