

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Rome Board of Education
January 13, 2022

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

Members Absent: Ms. Iacovissi

Note: Dr. Fontana 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

Staff Excused: Mr. Morton, Director of People Operations

Motion by Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Mellace, to adjourn to executive session at 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussing legal matters and to discuss the employment of particular individual (s).

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Motion by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Mellace, at 5:58 P.M. to adjourn executive session.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

6:03 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 December 22, 2021 were ordered approved as distributed.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

1. Covid Update-guidelines, test-kits, test to stay program
2. Vaccination Clinic
3. Budget Development Retreats
4. Redistricting Update
5. Thought Exchange-Peer Interactions
6. MLK Jr. Day-virtual event a Zion Esp. Church
7. Athletics Update

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Robert Angelicola-AGG
2. Sarita Ruiz-many things
3. Jacqueline Nelson-AGG-DEI

WORK STUDY SESSION

Building Presentation
RFA – Mr. LeBaron

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. Leave of absences:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Christine Freeman (Nurse/Denti)	FMLA (intermittent)	12/01/2021 (up to 12 weeks)
Jodi Marchione (Teacher/Stokes)	unpaid LOA (other employment in District)	01/03/2022-06/30/2022

B. Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Tracey Durr (RN/Denti)	Resignation	01/05/2022
Deanna Nason (Sr. Acct. Clerk/ Business Office)	Resignation	01/28/2022
<i>Sandra Pineiro (Substitute/DW)</i>	<i>Termination</i>	<i>12/10/2021</i>

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

January 13, 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	7	
Deaf		
Deaf-Blindness		
Emotionally Disturbed	2	
Hearing Impaired		
Intellectual Disability	20	
Learning Disabled	42	
Multiply Disabled	3	
Orthopedically Impaired		
Other Health Impaired	15	
Speech Impaired	14	
Transfer Review		
Traumatic Brain Injury		
Visually Impaired		
Pre-School with disability		6
Non-Disabled	1	1
Declassified	1	
Section 504	3	
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
A1670-490-00-0000	BOCES SERVICES	A2110-480-00-0000	TEXTBOOK:DISTRICT	\$63,534.64

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
Ft. Stanwix-Staley		Convection Oven				✓	

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

FINANCE

Action Items

1. Resolution to Transfer Moneys to Capital Reserve Plan:

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

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2019, Rome City School District (the “School District”) voters passed a proposition to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law (the “2019 Capital Reserve Fund”); and

WHEREAS, Education Law Section 3653 requires that no monies may be paid or transferred into any reserve fund established by a school district unless expressly authorized by a resolution of its board of education; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Board of Education of the School District that up to \$5,000,000 held in budgetary appropriation are surplus funds, and that it is in the School District’s best interest to transfer moneys to the School District’s 2019 Capital Reserve Fund. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED; that the Board of Education of the School District does hereby approve the transfer of up to \$5,000,000 from budgetary appropriation or such revenues as are not required by law to be paid into any other fund or account to the 2019 Capital Reserve Fund created in accordance with Section 3651 of the Education Law. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

2. Resolution to accept the Comptroller’s Audit Corrective Action Plan:

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

RESOLVED: That upon review of the District Audit Committee and the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approve the corrective action plan in response to the Comptroller’s audit # 2021M-144.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Mr. Nash stated that both of the committees have looked at this and approve.

FINANCE (Continued)

Action Items

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

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

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:

CE-033 (PCO-031) – Pool Painting - \$29,800.00, 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.

Discussion held at Finance concerning the approval for this. Panels for sound proofing painting instead of replacing them, require special paint, scaffolding already in place.

Committee Reports

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 8th at 10:00 A.M. (Audit and Finance)

FACILITIES

Action Items

No agenda items

Committee Reports

Next Committee Meeting: TBD

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Action Items

No agenda items

Committee Reports

Next Committee Meeting: TBD

PEOPLE OPERATIONS

Action Items

1. Resolution to appoint instructional personnel (long term substitute):

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 instructional personnel-long term substitute:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Lisa DiMaggio (Bellamy/Gans.)	Special Education Teacher	BS90Step4+ 75+MS	\$62,254 (pro-rated)	01/17/2022-06/30/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

2. Resolution to appoint instructional personnel (probationary):

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 instructional personnel (probationary):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Julia Panzone (Joy/Denti)	Occupational Therapist	\$56,910 (pro-rated)	02/28/2022-10/27/2022
Jessica Terry (Joy)	Teacher Assistant	\$17,604 (pro-rated)	12/20/2021-12/19/2025

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

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

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 non-instructional personnel (probationary):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
James Goodman (DWF)	Custodial Worker (2 nd Tues-Fri/1 st Sat Homebase: RFA)	\$16.03/hr.	01/25/2022-07/24/2022
Ethan Williams (ECP)	Teacher Aide 1:1	\$16,694 (pro-rated)	01/11/2022-09/10/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

4. Resolution to transfer staff:

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

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following staff transfer:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Tamara Aylesworth	Food Service Helper (3.75 hrs./day)	John Joy	Bellamy	01/14/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

5. Resolution to appoint interim administrative 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 interim administrative personnel:

Cristin Checchia Interim Director of Supported Learning Effective Date 01/03/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Working with the RAA for salary, will provide as soon as possible.

6. Resolution to appoint tutor for the Afterschool Program for the 2021-2022 school year:

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 tutor for the Afterschool Program for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
David Roberts	RFA	\$26/hr.	01/24/2022-06/30/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

7. Resolution to increase hours:

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

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby increases the following employees hours:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Elinor Cook	Food Service Helper	5.5 hrs./day	6 hrs./day	01/14/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Committee Reports – Mr. Morton will present the Board Clerk aspects and job description at the next committee meeting. He is continuing to search for instructional and non-instructional personnel.

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, January 25th at 4:30 P.M.

POLICY

Action Items

1. Resolution to accept the **second reading and adoption** of policy # 1400 – Public Complaints:

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

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the **second reading and adoption** of policy # 1400 – Public Complaints, be accepted by the Board of Education.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

2. Resolution to accept the **second reading and adoption** of exhibit # 1400 -E– Public Complaints:

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

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the **second reading and adoption** of exhibit # 1400-E – Public Complaints, 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 policy # 1741 – Home Schooled 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 # 1741 – Home Schooled Students, be accepted by the Board of Education.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Committee Reports

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 2nd at 4:00 P.M.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Resolution to approve sale of District property:

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

WHEREAS, the Rome City School District (the "School District") is the owner of real property located at 110-112 West Linden Street in the City of Rome, County of Oneida, State of New York, identified as Tax Map No. 223.020-6-22 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the voters of the District, on May 19, 2020, authorized the sale of the Property at the price of Five Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$525,000) in accordance with Education Law §2511(i) and §2512(5); and

WHEREAS, Board has considered an Agreement of Purchase and Sale proposed by Bowers Development LLC and seeks to approve the same.

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

1. The Board approves the Agreement of Purchase and Sale proposed by Bowers Development to purchase property at the price of Five Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$525,000) upon the terms and conditions set forth in the purchase contract.
2. The Superintendent or his designee are authorized and directed to take all steps necessary or appropriate to complete the transaction contemplated herein.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Hagerty, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 P.M. to the call of the President.