

RUTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
June 23, 2015

School Board Members Present:

Dick Courcelle
Rob Kurchena
Daniel Alcorn
Hurley Cavacas, Jr.
Peter Fagan
Alison Notte
Joanne Pencak
Erin Shimp
Kate Thomas
Christian Wideawake
Lydia Gulick

Members Absent:

Matthew Olewnik

Also Present:

Assistant Superintendent Rob Bliss
Peter Amons

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Courcelle noted the absence of Commissioner Olewnik.

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL

Motion by Shimp/Cavacas to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2015 regular school board meeting as written. Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

MOTION:
MINUTES 6/9/15

Written Communications – Commissioner Kurchena read a thank you note from Janet Mondlack, School Board Recording Secretary, Retired.

COMMUNICA-
TIONS - ORAL
AND WRITTEN

Oral Communications - None

Performance Excellence Initiative/Progress - None

PEI PROGRESS

School Program Update - None

SCHOOL
PROGRAM
UPDATE

Central Office Report – None

CENTRAL
OFFICE REPORTS

School Food Service Bid – Peter Amons reviewed the Food Service Committee's recommendation to select Café Services Inc. Fresh Picks Division to operate the Rutland Public Schools Food Service Program. The National School Lunch Program and USDA regulations require the food service program to be rebid every 5 years. Three responses were received: Café Services Inc. Fresh Picks Division, Sodexo and Abbey Group. Mr. Amons invited Commissioners Thomas and Pencak, who both served on the Food Service Committee, to comment. Commissioner Thomas noted that the committee attended three presentations, each being 45 minutes long. The choice was clear. Café Services is committed to being entrenched in the community and are responsive and willing to work with the Rutland Area Food and Farm Link. Commissioner Pencak thanked Mr. Amons for his leadership during the process and recognized Elaine Beal and Kristin Hubert for the roles they played. She noted that she liked that parents and teachers served on the committee. She said the process was thorough. Café Services has agreed to hire all current employees, including Marty Irion as the Food Service Manager. Employees will receive an above market rate adjustment effective July 1, 2015. A surplus of \$75,000 is guaranteed which will need to be reinvested in the Food Service Program.

SCHOOL FOOD
SERVICE BID

Motion by Shimp/Fagan That Rutland City Public Schools authorize the Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer to negotiate a new contract for food service for FY16 with Café Services, Inc. Fresh Picks Division and for the Superintendent to sign such contract. Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

MOTION:

Chair Courcelle asked if there were any questions regarding the Food Service Selection Process.

- Commissioner Shimp - *What were the points rankings?* 83 for Cafe Services, 73 for Sodexo and 52 for Abbey Group.
- Commissioner Shimp - *Does Marty Irion work for Sodexo?* Yes, but he will work for Cafe Services beginning July 1, 2015.
- Commissioner Fagan noted that he was pleased to hear about employees and asked: *What is their next closest client?* – Fair Haven Union High School, Springfield and Brattleboro. They operate programs in 50 school districts throughout New England.
- Chair Courcelle - *The program includes Christ the King, Mount St. Joseph and the Rutland Area Christian School?* Yes.

Rutland Public Schools Foundation Planning Update – Next steps include consolidating into the School System. Mr. Amons will be meeting with Jim Reynolds of our auditing group, Bill Meub and Commissioner Pencak, as she has experience in this area. There will be follow up in August.

RPS SCHOOL
FOUNDATION
PLANNING
UPDATE

Motion by Fagan/Cavacas to approve the Licensed and Non-licensed sections of the Personnel Memorandum No. 520 dated, June 19, 2015 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

PERSONNEL
MOTION
PERSONNEL
MEMO #520

Assistant Superintendent Bliss reviewed Personnel Memorandum No. 520 and noted that we are just about set. Summer hiring protocol was approved at the June 9, 2015 meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

New - None

NEW BUSINESS

Old - None

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Courcelle noted that the next meeting will be August 11, 2015, Administrative Retreat, at the Leahy Center at Rutland Regional Medical Center. Plan on 5:30 - 8:00 time frame. Peter Mello has been invited to attend in an advisory capacity. Performance Excellence Initiative will be the topic. The next regular meeting of the Board will be August 25, 2015. School starts August 26, 2015.

Motion Thomas/Cavacas to adjourn at 6:48 pm. Passed.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted
Betty Kapitan, Recording Secretary

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Mary E. Moran, Superintendent
DATE: June 19, 2015
RE: Personnel Memorandum – Licensed and Non-Licensed

RESOLVE: That the LICENSED and NON-LICENSED SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 520 dated **June 19, 2015**, be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

A. LICENSED SECTION

1. Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Joseph Doherty	Physical Education/RHS	\$33,164.00	8/21/15
Guillermo Sarriera	Science Teacher/RMS	\$36,480.00	8/21/15

2. Transfer

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Bianca McKeen	From: Science/RMS To: Science/RHS	7/1/15

B. NON-LICENSED SECTION

1. Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Mark Holmes	Computer Technician/District	10/31/15
Kelly Roberts	Paraeducator/RHS	6/30/15
Amanda Stockwell	Paraeducator/NW	6/30/15