

**RUTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS**

December 8, 2015

School Board Members Present:

Dick Courcelle
Rob Kurchena
Daniel Alcorn
Hurley Cavacas
Peter Fagan
Alison Notte
Matthew Olewnik
Joanne Pencak
Erin Shimp
Kate Thomas (6:37 pm)
Christian Wideawake
Lydia Gulick
Nova Wang

Also Present:

Superintendent Mary Moran
Assistant Superintendent Rob Bliss
Patricia Aigner
Peter Amons
Michael Derevjanik
Cathy Farman
Kristin Hubert
Ellie McGarry
Peter Miller
Sharon Napolitano
Bill Olsen
Glenn Olson
Steve Sampson
Greg Schillinger

Members Absent:

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

CALL TO
ORDER
ROLL CALL

Motion by Fagan/Shimp to accept the minutes of the November 24, 2015 regular school board meeting as written. Minutes Stand.

MOTION:
MINUTES
11/24/15

Written Communications – None

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CATIONS

Oral Communications – None

Performance Excellence Initiative/Progress – Reminder: the final meeting prior to the January Retreat (January 26, 2015) will be on December 15, 2015, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm in the RHS Learning Studio/back of the Cafeteria.

PEI UPDATE

School Program Update: Student Representatives' Report – Student Representative Gulick noted that there was a blood drive last Friday at RHS. Ninety-nine pints of blood were collected. A 5K/Holiday Hustle will be held at 10:00 am at RHS to benefit the Senior Class. The cost is \$15. There is a basketball at RHS tonight and a hockey game in Middlebury. There has been a change to the delivery of Morning Announcements which are now streaming live on YouTube. It is more interactive. Student Representative Wang noted that Chamber Singers held a special performance at the Holiday Inn for hospital volunteers. There will be a Band concert next Tuesday. There will be an Open House at RHS on January 16, 2016, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for the incoming Freshman Class. The first meeting for preparing for the next GIN Conference was held today.

SCHOOL
PROGRAM
UPDATE

RHS Program of Studies – Principal Bill Olsen and Associate Principal Greg Schillinger were introduced to address any questions from Board regarding the Program of Studies. There were no questions.

RHS
PROGRAM
OF STUDIES

Central Office Report: Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Moran reported that athletics are in full swing and encouraged community members to attend events. Schedules are available on the District website. The RHS Winter Concert was spectacular and is available to view on YouTube. Special thanks to Cristina Kumka and the STC Video Media Students who were

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responsible for streaming the concert live and having it on-line before students reached their homes after the concert. We continue to receive positive comments from visitors from outside the District. Have a happy and safe holiday season.

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CONT.

Legislative Report – The Legislative Breakfast was held November 30, 2015. There were good conversations with our Legislators, many who have been making a good number of trips back and forth to Montpelier. Be sure to thank our Citizen Legislators for their service if you see them. A press release today announced the Senate Government Operation Committee is working on the marijuana bill. Commissioner Fagan will keep us posted.

LEGISLATIVE
REPORT

Facilities and Finance: STC Budget Ratification - Superintendent Moran noted that the Regional Advisory Board approved the Stafford Technical Center Budget unanimously.

FACILITIES &
FINANCE

Motion by Cavacas/Thomas to ratify the Stafford Technical Center Budget for FY 17 in the amount of \$4,532,102. Passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

MOTION:
STC BUDGET

Budget: - Final FY17 Budget Presentation and Deliberation – The intention is that the FY 17 Budget will be ratified at the January 12, 2016 Board Meeting. Peter Amons reviewed the change in the language/text for the ballot and explained that the State is introducing the concept of equalized cost per pupil in the new language. He reviewed the changes to equalized cost per pupil based on new estimates from Monday. Even a change of 15 children makes a difference. We are still below the cap. He expects the new budget language will make it harder to pass school budgets Statewide.

FY 17 BUDGET

Commissioner Fagan commented on the per pupil count and noted that it is a long way from knowing our actual enrollment.

Our enrollment projections have been on target, but even 15-20 students can significantly impact the equalized cost per pupil which is not the same as enrollment. Equalized cost per pupil is based on a two year average of weighted attendance for the first 20 days in October.

Commissioner Cavacas asked: Are we starting to grow again?

Maybe a wee bit. It doesn't look like our enrollment will decrease, but you never know. On the average we have pretty much stabilized.

Commissioner Olewnik asked: How do the PreK numbers affect us going forward?

The numbers help us.

Commissioner Thomas asked: Is there a limit to what we can include in the ballot language? Would it be more beneficial to put more information in the text for voters?

This question was asked when the School Budget was first voted on. We are not allowed to include any other language than what is prescribed. We will need to provide explanations in other materials.

Chair Courcelle encouraged anyone with questions or interested in delving deeper into the budget to make an appointment with Peter or Mary. The Board will not meet again prior to January 12, 2016, when the intention is for the Board to ratify the FY 17 Budget.

Purchase Request: Approval of Wood-Mizer portable saw mill for Stafford Technical Center.

PURCHASE
REQUEST

Motion by Cavacas/Fagan that the Board of School Commissioners accept the price quotation of \$16,472 from Wood-Mizer LLC for the purchase of a Wood-Mizer portable sawmill and accessories.

**MOTION:
PURCHASE
REQUEST**

Commissioner Shimp inquired about the discount included on the quotation.

The discount is a general discount and is not associated with a trade in.

Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

Motion by Fagan/Notte to approve the Licensed and Non-licensed sections of the Personnel Memorandum No. 528 dated, December 4, 2015 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

**MOTION:
PERSONNEL
MEMO. #528**

Superintendent Moran reviewed Personnel Memorandum No. 528.

Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

Commissioner Olewnik asked: Will Miss Harrington be replaced?

Momentarily. Her request for release from her contract is due to unexpected circumstances and there is an addendum to the Personnel Memorandum.

Motion by Cavacas/Thomas to approve the addendum dated December 8, 2015 to the Licensed and Non-licensed sections of the Personnel Memorandum No. 526 dated, December 4, 2015 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

**MOTION:
ADDENDUM
PERSONNEL
MEMO #528**

Superintendent Moran reviewed the Addendum to Personnel Memorandum No. 528.

Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

Committee Reports: Staff Relations – Clerk Kurchena noted that the Staff Relations Committee has met with all three groups and are meeting with AFSCME tomorrow, and with the REA on Thursday.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

New Business – None

**NEW
BUSINESS**

Old Business – None

**OLD
BUSINESS**

Chair Courcelle noted that there is no meeting on December 22, 2015. The next regular Board Meeting will be January 12, 2016. The Board Retreat will be January 26, 2016 at the Leahy Center at Rutland Regional Medical Center.

Motion by Shimp/Fagan at 6:59 pm for the board to convene to executive session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters, the premature release of information regarding those subjects which would place the Board at a substantial disadvantage. Passed unanimously.

**MOTION:
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

The Board came out of executive session at 7:39 pm.

Motion by Fagan/Shimp to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Passed.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted
Betty Kapitan, Recording Secretary

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Mary E. Moran, Superintendent
DATE: December 4, 2015
RE: Personnel Memorandum – Licensed and Non-Licensed

RESOLVE: That the LICENSED and NON-LICENSED SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 528 dated **December 4, 2015**, be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

A. LICENSED SECTION

1. Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Peter Miller	Director of Fine Arts/District	6/30/16

2. Request for Release from Contract

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Samantha Harrington	Special Educator/ASC	12/11/15

B. NON-LICENSED SECTION

1. Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jeffrey Sawyer	Paraeducator/RHS	1/19/16

ADDENDUM

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Mary E. Moran, Superintendent
DATE: December 8, 2015
RE: Personnel Memorandum – Licensed and Non-Licensed

RESOLVE: That the LICENSED and NON-LICENSED SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 528 – ADDENDUM dated **December 8, 2015**, be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

A. LICENSED SECTION

1. Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Pro-Rated Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jonathan Place	LTS Special Educator/ASC	\$30,564.54	12/11/15

B. NON-LICENSED SECTION - None