

RUTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

February 23, 2016

School Board Members Present:

Dick Courcelle
Daniel Alcorn
Hurley Cavacas, Jr.
Peter Fagan
Alison Notte
Matthew Olewnik
Joanne Pencak
Kate Thomas (6:35 pm)
Christian Wideawake
Student Representative Lydia Gulik
Student Representative Nova Wang

Members Absent:

Rob Kurchena
Erin Shimp

Also Present:

Superintendent Mary Moran
Assistant Superintendent Rob Bliss
Patrica Aigner
Peter Amons
Marsha Cassel
Michael Derevjanik
Susanne Engels
Cathy Farman
Jessica Henderson
Kristin Holsman-Francoeur
Ellie McGarry
Loren Pepe
Bill Olsen
Glenn Olson
Pam Reed
Steve Sampson

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Courcelle noted the absence of Commissioners Kurchena and Shimp.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Fagan/Alcorn to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2016 regular school board meeting as written.

**MOTION: MINUTES
2/9/16**

Correction to February 9, 2016 regular school board meeting: Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm and not 6:00 pm. Passed.

Communications - No oral communications.

COMMUNICATIONS

Written Communications - A letter addressed to the Board from Bryn Williams, PEGTV Channel 20 Coordinator, clarifying that the *Academic Showdown* reported at the February 9, 2016 regular school board meeting was not a qualifying round, but a “dry run” for the purpose of meeting the host, seeing the set, understanding how the competition would work and technical preparation for Channel 10, was read by Commissioner Cavacas.

Performance Excellence Initiative/Progress – A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow to address next steps. An update will be provided at the next regular school board meeting.

PEI UPDATE

Student Representatives Report – RHS Cheerleaders brought home the Division State Championship. Boys’ basketball is moving on to the semi-finals. Girls’ Hockey has a playoff game tomorrow. Student voter registration has taken place at RHS. Planning for the STEM Fair and GIN Conference is underway. The Girls’ Varsity Basketball Team is playing in Newport tonight.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORT

Global Studies – Marsha Cassel and three sophomore students: Krisha Sachdev, Victoria Quint and Austin Pearo presented information on the Global Studies Program and the new Global Citizenship class at RHS. The vision statement and global competencies were reported. Highlights from the Roland Conference, GIN Committee and skills learned were presented. This is a leadership course that brings activities and events to the center of learning and matches well with Education Quality Standards. The Roland Foundation, a private foundation working for school transformation, has provided a number of fellowships to RCPS to help teachers move

GLOBAL STUDIES

projects forward. Discussion revolved around what drew students to Global Studies, why they are pursuing this course of studies, service learning component and how it is changing Rutland High School.

GLOBAL STUDIES (CONT.)

Project Search – Pam Reed, Jessica Henderson and student interns: Charles LaPlante and Eric Killary presented an overview of Project Search: what it is, history, curriculum, skills learned, a typical day in the program and opportunities available. Charles and Eric shared their personal experiences with the program. Discussion regarding the number of interns currently in the program, the capacity for next year, employment goals and Charles’ and Eric’s favorite things and biggest challenges about the program.

PROJECT SEARCH

Central Office Reports/Legislative – A comprehensive report will be presented at the next regular school board meeting.

CENTRAL OFFICE REPORTS

Motion by Wideawake/Fagan to accept the FY 17 School Board Choice numbers (40 inbound – outbound as law allows.)

MOTION: SCHOOL CHOICE LIMITS

Motion passed unanimously by all in attendance.

Facilities and Finance – Voting has begun. Media coverage on budget has taken place with Superintendent Moran, Commissioner Kurchena and Peter Amons appearing on PEGTV. Assistant Superintendent Bliss and Bill Olsen were on the radio with Ken Hayes. There are signs on buses and lawns. Legal posting requirement have been arranged. Budget information will be mailed to voters. There will be a telethon on Thursday and Monday.

FACILITIES AND FINANCE

Motion: Cavacas/Thomas to approve the Licensed and Non-licensed section of the Personnel Memorandum #532 dated February 19, 2016, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

PERSONNEL MEMO #532

Superintendent Moran reviewed Personnel Memorandum #532. Discussion followed regarding filling vacated position (Science.) An additional person will not need to be RIFed.

Motion passed unanimously by all in attendance.

Policy Committee Report – Assistant Superintendent Bliss reviewed new and revised policies.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Motion by Cavacas/Fagan to adopt

- 7400 - Policy on the Prevention of Harassment, Hazing and Bullying of Students (replaces 7400, 7401 and 7493)
- 7411 - Use of Video Surveillance Cameras (New)

for first reading as presented.

MOTION: 7400, 7411 FIRST READING

Discussion followed regarding potential referrals to law enforcement and member to member agreement relative to policies.

Motion passed unanimously by all in attendance.

Second reading of these policies will take place at the next regular school board meeting.

New Business – None

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Old Business – None

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Fagan/Thomas at 7:38 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.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

The Board came out of executive session at 8:35 pm.

Motion by Wideawake/Fagan to adjourn at 8:36 pm. Unanimous.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted
Betty Kapitan, Recording Secretary

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Mary E. Moran, Superintendent
DATE: February 19, 2016
RE: Personnel Memorandum – Licensed and Non-Licensed

RESOLVE: That the LICENSED and NON-LICENSED SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 532 dated February 19, 2016, be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

A. LICENSED SECTION

1. Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Vanessa Aprilliano	RN/RIS & RMS	6/30/16
Sarah Coon	Science/RMS	6/30/16

2. Professional Leave

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Fred Lower	Art/RHS	8/26/2016-1/11/2017