

RUTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

April 26, 2016

School Board Members Present:

Dick Courcelle
Rob Kurchena
Daniel Alcorn
Peter Fagan
Alison Notte
Matthew Olewnik
Joanne Pencak (6:31 PM)
Erin Shimp (6:45 PM)
Kate Thomas
Christian Widewake
Student Representative Lydia Gulick
Student Representative Nova Wang

Also Present:

Superintendent Mary Moran
Assistant Superintendent Rob Bliss
Nicole Carter
Kerry Coarse
Michael Derevjanik
Cathy Farman
Ellie McGarry
Bill Olsen
Glenn Olson
Pam Reed
Steve Sampson
Greg Schillinger

Members Absent:

Hurley Cavacas, Jr.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Fagan/Thomas to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2016 regular school board meeting as written. Minutes stand.

MOTION: MINUTES 4/12/16

Communications - Recognitions: Rutland High School Cheerleading Squad - Clerk Kurchena read and presented House Resolution 286 recognizing the 2016 Rutland High School Cheerleading Team, Division I State Champions. Head Coach Cara Gauvin and Team Captains: Julia Miglorie, Maddie Fishwick, Maggie Reilly and McKenzie Swane were in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS - RECOGNITIONS

Commissioner Fagan read the House Concurrent Resolution congratulating Chloe Levins on her triumphs on the golf and biathlon courses. Chloe spoke briefly regarding her successes, thanked Rutland Public Schools for their support and stated that she was "proud to come from Rutland, Vermont." Chloe's mom, Mary Anne Levins, thanked Rutland Public Schools and stated that Rutland High School provided a most wonderful experience for all four of their children. Chloe's dad, James Levins, concurred.

Performance Excellence Initiative/Progress – The team has had meetings and will be reporting out in the future.

PEI UPDATE

School Program Update:

SCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE

Student Representatives' Report – Northeast Primary School will be celebrating Arbor Day on Friday at 12:00 PM with a tree planting and clean-up day. Kindergarten Screening and Teacher Appreciation Week will take place next week at Northwest Primary School. Wednesday is National Walk at Lunch Day. Rutland Intermediate School held a successful "Show Your Work Night." At Rutland High School: SBAC's started this morning and AP Exams are coming up. The GIN Conference was a great success. This morning about twenty RHS students were present at City Hall for the Mayor's announcement that Rutland City has been selected for the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program to serve as its new resettlement area. Student Representative Wang noted that it was an "amazing" experience. Discussion revolved around the themes shared by speakers. There will be a formal presentation at a subsequent meeting. Commissioner Thomas expressed her appreciation for the students' and all those in attendance support and thanked the Administration for making it happen.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Allen Street Campus Report - Nicole Carter, Director, reported on Allen Street Campus. She reviewed statistical information for Allen Street Campus, curriculum information, and day-to-day activities. Discussion revolved around where students attending Allen Street come from and how they are doing, a typical day, mainstreaming and parent/family contact.

**ALLEN
STREET
CAMPUS
REPORT**

Central Office Reports – Superintendent – reporting was done in conjunction with Student Representatives Report.

**CENTRAL
OFFICE
REPORT**

Legislative – Commissioner Fagan noted that the session is winding down and will finish by next Saturday. Reports have been sent to Board Members on a regular basis. Appreciation for our citizen representatives was expressed. Discussion revolved around the Marijuana Bill, Technical Education Bill and SLP Licensure Bill.

**LEGISLA-
TIVE**

Facilities and Finance – Peter Amons and Michael Derevjanik reviewed bids for the removal and replacement of the oil tank at Pierpoint Learning Center. Four bids were received. Only two bids meet our needs.

**FACILITIES &
FINANCE**

Motion by Fagan/Shimp that the Board of School Commissioners approve the bid of \$22,516 to Star Construction of Castleton, Vermont for the removal and replacement of the oil tank at Pierpoint Learning Center.

**MOTION:
OIL TANK AT
PPLC**

This is the last tank to replace.

Motion passed with one recusal (Kurchena.)

Personnel - Motion by Fagan/Thomas to approve the Licensed and Non-licensed section of the Personnel Memorandum No. 536 dated April 19, 2016, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

**MOTION:
PERSONNEL
MEMO #536**

Personnel Memorandum No. 536 was reviewed by Superintendent Moran.

Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

Superintendent Moran noted that there is still more hiring to do and complimented the school based teams for their work. More details regarding hiring will be presented at a subsequent meeting.

Committee Reports - None

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

New Business – None

**NEW
BUSINESS**

Old Business – The District Management Council Report will be presented at the next regular meeting.

**OLD
BUSINESS**

Motion by Thomas/Fagan at 7:08 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 7:45 pm.

**OUT OF
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Motion by Thomas/Wideawake to adjourn at 7:46 pm.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted
Betty Kapitan, Recording Secretary

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

RESOLVE: That the LICENSED and NON-LICENSED SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 536 dated April 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>
Jennifer Pros	Guidance Counselor/RHS	6/30/16
Deborah Robinson	Special Educator/RHS	6/30/16
Guillermo Sarriera	Science Teacher/RMS	6/30/16

2. Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Claire Groby	Social Studies/RHS	\$43,651.00	8/26/16
Rachel Pusateri	Library/Media Specialist/RHS	\$55,404.00	8/26/16

B. NON-LICENSED SECTION~ None