

RUTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

September 27, 2016

School Board Members Present:

Dick Courcelle
Rob Kurchena
Daniel Alcorn
Hurley Cavacas, Jr. (6:37 pm)
Peter Fagan
Alison Notte
Matthew Olewnik
Joanne Pencak
Erin Shimp
Kate Thomas
Christian Widewake
Student Representative Nova Wang
Student Representative Connor Solimano

Also Present:

Superintendent Mary Moran
Assistant Superintendent Rob Bliss
Peter Amons
Patricia Aigner
Fieh Chan
Michael Derevjanik
Susanne Engels
Cathy Farman
Bill Olsen
Glenn Olson
Dan Roswell
Steve Sampson

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Courcelle noted the absence of Commissioner Cavacas. Commissioner Cavacas is expected to join us shortly.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Fagan/Shimp to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2016 regular school board meeting as written. Minutes stand.

MINUTES:
9/13/16

Communications - Written – Clerk Kurchena read Commissioner Thomas’ resignation into the minutes. Chair Courcelle thanked Commissioner Thomas for her service. Commissioner Thomas expressed her appreciation to the Board.

COMMUNICA-
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Oral – None.

Chair Courcelle noted that there will be a PEI Report Presentation in a couple of weeks and that a meeting to discuss Phase 3 will be scheduled.

PEI UPDATE

School Program Update: An evacuation drill is planned for October 7, 2016 at RHS, as well as PSAT testing on October 19, 2016. We are in the middle of the sports season, not near playoffs. Thirty-seven students and adults will be visiting from Japan as part of the Rutland Ishidoriya Student Exchange. It is the 30th anniversary of this program. Congratulations to RIS Teacher Sue Tanen who has been named UVM Teacher of the Year. RIS had a successful and well attended Open House. RIS and RMS evacuation drills took place last week and went very well. The EPIC Program is off to a great start. RMS will be holding Student Council elections and will be meeting with Student Government Representatives from RHS to learn about opportunities in Student Government at the high school level.

SCHOOL
PROGRAM
UPDATE

Act 166 Update – Assistant Superintendent Rob Bliss provided a preliminary review of the impact of Act 166 on RCPS. He noted that: of the estimated 264 students eligible, about half are being served (likely more due to enrollment in high quality preschools that are not approved providers partnering with RCPS – i.e.: CTK, Grace, Vermonsters...) Rutland City preschoolers compete with preschoolers from other communities for seats available at approved provider centers in the city. RCPS has met with staff members from preapproved providers. This has been helpful and providers are appreciative that we are working to establish good working relationships. Assistant Superintendent Bliss “publicly” thanked Sarah Crossmon for her outstanding work on this program. Discussion revolved around: number of students who would have been eligible last year (we don’t have that data,) break-even point (100 students,)

ACT 166
UPDATE

status of Little Lambs (approved due to error by the State and taken off our approved provider list,) and articles in the media (confusion about what schools should do.) To clarify: Our providers have all had back ground checks and are all set.

**ACT 166
UPDATE
(CONT.)**

School Improvement Plan – Each year Plans of Improvement, targeting improving instruction and learning are presented. Some goals are geared toward Consolidated Federal Programs. Assistant Superintendent Bliss reviewed the District’s Big Six Initiatives and how they tie in to related tasks and PEI Goals. Schools will be presenting action plans over the next few meetings. Discussion revolved around what grade levels Infinite Campus is being utilized (PreK-12, but parents don’t access until Grade 7) and non-negotiables within the scope. Chair Courcelle commended Mr. Bliss and expressed appreciation for tying the plan to PEI Goals.

**SCHOOL
IMPROVEMENT
PLAN**

Instructional Technology Report - Director of Instructional Technology, Patricia Aigner and Network Administrator, Dan Roswell reviewed technology innovations, support and goals including: access, tools, how the Big 6 Goals are supported by the IT Department, International Society for Technology in Education Standards, connecting staff to innovation and user support. Also noted was the approach to prioritizing related to security, disaster recovery and infrastructure improvement. Discussion revolved around Google Classroom management and monitoring (9-12 graders have mail – younger students have a log-in for Google Products.)

**INSTRUCT-
IONAL
TECHNOLOGY
REPORT**

Central Office Reports: Superintendent – Superintendent Moran thanked everyone who helped with the Annual Raider Open in memory of Bob Fingon and noted that Collin Fingon has been named one of Vermont’s Under 40 Rising Stars. Proceeds from the Raider Open benefit two sports programs.

**CENTRAL
OFFICE REPORT**

Facilities and Finance – None

**FACILITIES &
FINANCE**

Personnel - Motion by Thomas/Fagan to approve the Licensed and Non-licensed section of the Personnel Memorandum No. 542 dated September 23, 2016, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

**PERSONNEL
MEMO #542**

Personnel Memorandum No. 542 was reviewed by Superintendent Moran.

Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

Personnel - Motion by Cavacas/Fagan to approve the addendum to the Licensed section of the Personnel Memorandum No. 542 dated September 23, 2016, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

**ADDENDUM
TO PERSONNEL
MEMO #542**

The addendum to Personnel Memorandum No. 542 was reviewed by Superintendent Moran.

Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

Committee Reports – Policy Committee

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS –
POLICY
COMMITTEE**

Motion by Shimp/Cavacas to accept for Second Reading:

- Policy 5420: Bids and Quotations
- Policy 5771: Investment and Borrowing Policy

Commissioner Shimp reviewed the simplified language for Policies 5420 and 5771.

Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

New Business – None

NEW BUSINESS

Old Business – None

Motion by Thomas/Fagan at 7:32 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 7:50 pm.

**OUT OF
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Motion by Wideawake/Olewnik to adjourn at 7:51 pm.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted
Betty Kapitan, Recording Secretary

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Mary E. Moran, Superintendent
DATE: September 23, 2016
RE: Personnel Memorandum – Licensed and Non-Licensed

RESOLVE: That the LICENSED and NON-LICENSED SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 542 dated September 23, 2016, be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

A. LICENSED SECTION

1. Family/Medical Leave

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Adrienne Weld	PE/RHS	1/17/17-5/31/17

B. NON-LICENSED SECTION

1. Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Robert Brewer	Facilities Worker I/ASC & PPLC	\$20.93/hr	9/28/16

ADDENDUM

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Mary E. Moran, Superintendent
DATE: September 27, 2016
RE: Personnel Memorandum – Licensed

RESOLVE: That the LICENSED and NON-LICENSED SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 542 ADDENDUM dated September 27, 2016, 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>
Sara A. Barnes	Registered Nurse/RIS/RMS	\$29,766.44	9/27/16