

RUTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

January 10, 2017

School Board Members Present:

Dick Courcelle
Rob Kurchena
Hurley Cavacas, Jr.
Peter Fagan
Alison Notte
Matthew Olewnik
Erin Shimp
Christian Widewake
Student Representative Connor Solimano

Members Absent:

Joanne Pencak
Student Representative Nova Wang

Also Present:

Superintendent Mary Moran
Assistant Superintendent Rob Bliss
Peter Amons
Patricia Aigner
Fieh Chan
Michael Derevjanik
Susanne Engels
Cathy Farman
Kristin Hubert
Ellie McGarry
Mike Norman
Bill Olsen
Glenn Olson
Steve Sampson
Greg Schillinger

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

**MOTION:
MINUTES
12/13/2016**

Communications - Written – None.

**COMMUNICA
-TIONS**

Oral – None.

Performance Excellence Initiative – No report. Assistant Superintendent Bliss will report at the January 24, 2017 meeting.

PEI UPDATE

School Program Update: Student Representatives' Report – Tomorrow – Friday mid-terms and finals will take place at RHS. This last grade is weighted the most with the new standards based grading system. School are not in session on Martin Luther King Day (January 16, 2017.) Representative Solimano announced and congratulated Molly Engels for her nomination as a Presidential Scholar. The faculty won the annual Student/Faculty Basketball Game (by 2 points) at RMS. The RMS December/January Newsletter was mailed home today. The annual MLK Award Ceremony for positive attributes will take place at RIS on Friday, January 27, 2017.

**SCHOOL
PROGRAM
UPDATE**

Activities and Athletic Report – Traditionally this report is presented in the fall of the year, but was rescheduled to provide for time for budget preparation. Activities/Athletic Director, Mike Norman invited the Board to ask questions or comment on the Activities and Athletics Report included in the Board Packet. Chair Courcelle commented that the number of opportunities for students and participation numbers are a real testament to the school and the program. Discussion revolved around: the process for developing a new club, activity or athletic program, the Wrestling Club and the potential for it to develop into an athletic program, AAU effect on the program and trends.

**ACTIVITIES
&
ATHLETICS
UPDATE**

School Choice Report – The annual School Choice Report was reviewed by Superintendent Moran. The primary driver for School Choice participation is typically parent convenience. Other drivers include program offerings, school size, fresh start and various other reasons. The Board received confidential school by school information which should be shredded after

**SCHOOL
CHOICE
REPORT**

reviewed by Board Members. Discussion revolved around the funding for the School Choice program. Commissioner Fagan will provide updates on bills in the House and Senate.

**SCHOOL
CHOICE
REPORT**

Motion: Wideawake/Cavacas to continue allowing the maximum number (40) of inbound school choice students.

**MOTION:
INBOUND
STUDENTS**

A request was made (Fagan) to table the action until information from the Education Committee was available.

Discussion took place regarding the timing of a resolution.

Motion carried with one opposing (Fagan.)

Commissioner Fagan will continue to provide updates on legislation.

Central Office Reports: Superintendent – Superintendent Moran noted that Legislative Updates will be put back on agendas as a regular item. She advised that she has been encouraging the delegation to pay careful attention to any changes in technical education governance. She shared progress made at Stafford Technical Center regarding the coil freeze in the heating system/water damage affecting the spaces for the Video Technology, Health and Public Safety and Cosmetology Programs. She advised the Board that 95% of the damage will be covered by insurance and praised staff and others for their attention to this issue. STC will be up and running tomorrow. Discussion revolved around related expenses being covered by RCPS. All STC expenses are prorated and are born by all sending schools. Superintendent Moran announced that the search for the RMS Principal has been launched. Assistant Superintendent Bliss will chair the Screening Committee. The Committee will consist of 2 teachers, 2 paraeducators, 2 parents and 2 Board Members. Two RMS students will be involved toward the end of the process. Greg Schillinger and Kristin Hubert will serve on the committee. Commissioners Cavacas and Shimp both expressed interest in serving. Superintendent Moran noted that it is her statutory duty to recommend a candidate to the Board and the importance of screening committee members attending every meeting during the process.

**CENTRAL
OFFICE
REPORTS –
SUPER-
INTENDENT**

Facilities and Finance – Final FY 18 Budget Ratification

**FACILITIES
& FINANCE**

Peter Amons presented the FY 18 Budget and reviewed Equalized Cost per Pupil, Property Tax Yield, CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) and estimated income sensitivity. Discussion revolved around challenges of informing the public and ballot language.

Motion: Cavacas/Fagan to ratify the FY 18 operations budget for Rutland City Public Schools in the amount of \$51,638,855.

**MOTION:
FY18
BUDGET
RATIFICA-
TION**

Motion passed unanimously by all in attendance.

Community Outreach Planning – Everything that has been done in prior years will be done again (Budget Buddies, flyers, signs, website, email, social media, and radio.) Superintendent Moran asked the Board to *tell us what you think we should do*. As of right now, taxes will go down for the FY 18 budget year.

**COMMUNITY
OUTREACH**

Tuition Rates – By law, tuition rates must be published annually, by January 15th. Peter Amons explained the process for establishing tuition rates and reviewed the comparative analysis of other schools. We have the lowest tuition rate.

**TUITION
RATES**

Motion: Cavacas/Fagan to approve FY 18 Tuition Rates as recommended (Secondary-\$14,600, Elementary-\$10,000 and Special Education-\$40,000.)

**MOTION:
TUITION
RATES**

Question was asked: Does the special education tuition cover our costs? Yes, it does.

**TUITION
RATES
CONT.**

Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

Personnel - Motion by Cavacas/Fagan to approve the Licensed and Non-licensed section of the Personnel Memorandum No. 548 dated January 6, 2017, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

**MOTION:
PERSONNEL
MEMO #548**

Personnel Memorandum No. 548 was reviewed by Superintendent Moran and is attached.

Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

Committee Reports – Staff Relations Committee Report – Commissioner Kurchena noted that the committee will meet with the REA this Thursday and with AFSCME on February 16, 2017. Updates will follow.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS –
STAFF
RELATIONS**

New Business – Howe Center Graduation will be held on Friday, January 13, 2017 at Howe Center Campus. Board Members are encouraged to attend.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

Old Business – None.

**OLD
BUSINESS**

Motion Fagan/Notte to adjourn at 7:18 pm.

**MOTION:
ADJOURN**

Respectfully submitted

Betty Kapitan, Recording Secretary

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Mary E. Moran, Superintendent

DATE: January 6, 2017

RE: Personnel Memorandum – Licensed and Non-Licensed

RESOLVE: That the LICENSED and NON-LICENSED SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 548 dated **January 6, 2017**, be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

A. LICENSED SECTION

1. Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Sally Short	Physical Therapist/District	1/18/17

2. Family Medical Leave

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Kristin Butler	Special Educator/RIS	4/14/17-8/25/17

B. NON-LICENSED SECTION

1. Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Barbara MacLeod	Custodian/RMS	1/2/17
April Sloan	Paraeducator/NE	12/21/16

2. Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Raymond Dean	Bus Driver/District	\$20.93/hr.	1/23/17
Chris Horvath	Facilities Worker I/RMS & RIS	\$20.93/hr.	
Charles Olney	Facilities Worker I/RMS	\$20.93/hr.	