

RUTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 28, 2017

School Board Members Present:

Dick Courcelle
Rob Kurchena
Hurley Cavacas, Jr.
Peter Fagan
Matthew Olewnick
Joanne Pencak
Erin Shimp
Christian Wideawake
Student Representative Nova Wang
Student Representative Connor Solimano

Members Absent:

Alison Notte

Also Present:

Superintendent Mary Moran
Assistant Superintendent Rob Bliss
Peter Amons
Patricia Aigner
Marsha Cassel
Michael Derevjanik
Cathy Farman
Ann Marie Mahar
Meaghan Marsh
Ellie McGarry
Kelton Myers
Glenn Olson
Pam Reed
Greg Schillinger
Erica Wallstrom

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

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Fagan/Shimp to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2017 regular school board meeting as written. Minutes stand.

MOTION: MINUTES 2/14/2017

Communications - Written – None

COMMUNICATIONS

Oral – Happy Birthday to Meghan Marsh who will be presenting later tonight.

Performance Excellence Initiative – No report.

SCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE

School Program Update: Student Representatives' Report – The RHS New Neighbors Club hosted a traditional Syrian dinner/fundraiser. This was a great community event. The RMS Student Council will be holding a Spring Fling Activities Night on March 10, 2017, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. RIS Parent Teacher Conference information will be sent home tomorrow and will be celebrating Dr. Seuss Day. Twenty-two RHS students were accepted for the All State Music Festival. The Global Studies/STEM Fair will take place on March 8, 2017. Wrestler Dakota Peters finished second in the State Wrestling Championship Meet. The Cheerleading Team won a National Championship at the *Reach the Beach* event on February 22, 2017 in Ocean City, Maryland.

Global Studies Report – Greg Schillinger introduced Marsha Cassel and Kelton Myers to present the Global Studies Report. The Global Studies Concentration Check List included in the School Board packets was noted. The program was developed in response to a school improvement project, aligns with the vision statement, the Vermont Transferable Skills and the Asia Society's Global Competencies. Eight faculty members have been trained in the Harvard Think Tank philosophy of Global Education and six more teachers will be training in May. Essex has been looking at the RHS Program and we are excited to collaborate with them. Next steps include looking at ways to grow and enhance the program. Discussion revolved around participation numbers, program capacity and growth, and how colleges are receiving the program. Meaghan Marsh and students: Isabella Gides and Angelina Tommola spoke about their experiences with the Global Studies Program and the partnership with Gymnasium Grafing in Bavaria, Germany. The long term goal is to develop more sister city relationships.

GLOBAL STUDIES REPORT

Capstone Project Report – Greg Schillinger introduced Ann Marie Mahar, Erica Wallstrom and Seniors: Lauren Cozzens and Jack Ligon to present the Capstone Project Report. Requirements and process were reviewed. Both Jack and Lauren spoke to their personalized learning experiences, how they chose their paths and plans for completion of their projects. Discussion revolved around how and when they chose their projects and how the culture of Rutland High School has changed due to the Capstone Program.

**CAPSTONE
PROJECT
REPORT**

Central Office Reports: Superintendent - Last night's dinner was a spectacular event. Credits and thanks were given to Jennie Gartner, the Stafford Technical Center Culinary Program, Don Billings, Brad Barker and David Engels. The New Neighbors Club was started by Lilly Schillinger and Abby Hogenkamp. Soup Bowls for Hunger information was distributed. The March 6, 2017 (6:30 pm) Budget Warning Meeting was announced. Sample ballots were distributed. Voters may vote early by going to City Hall.

**CENTRAL
OFFICE
REPORT**

Legislative Report - Currently there is not a whole lot regarding education reform on the Floor. What is in Committee is not known. Superintendent Moran met with Senator Mullin this week.

**LEGISLATIVE
REPORT**

Facilities and Finance –None.

**FACILITIES &
FINANCE**

Personnel - Motion by Fagan/Cavacas to approve the Licensed and Non-licensed section of the Personnel Memorandum No. 551 dated February 14, 2017, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

**PERSONNEL
MEMO #551**

Personnel Memorandum No. 551 was reviewed by Superintendent Moran and is attached.

Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

Committee Reports – None.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

New Business – None.

**NEW/OLD
BUSINESS**

Old Business – None.

ADJOURN

Motion by Fagan/Cavacas to adjourn at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Betty Kapitan, Recording Secretary

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Mary E. Moran, Superintendent
DATE: February 14, 2017
RE: Personnel Memorandum – Licensed and Non-Licensed

RESOLVE: That the LICENSED and NON-LICENSED SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 551 dated February 14, 2017, be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

A. LICENSED SECTION

1. Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Sarah E. Czarnecki	Special Educator/RHS	\$35,257.00	8/25/17

B. NON-LICENSED SECTION ~ None