

RUTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

January 23, 2018

School Board Members Present:

Rob Kurchena
Michael Blow
Kam Johnston
Matthew Olewnik
Joanne Pencak
Erin Shimp
Student Representative Connor Solimano
Student Representative Isabella Gides

Members Absent:

Dick Courcelle
Hurley Cavacas, Jr.
Dena Goldberg
Alison Notte
Christian Wideawake

Also Present:

Superintendent Mary Moran
Assistant Superintendent Rob Bliss
Chief Financial Officer Peter Amons
Patricia Aigner
Michael Derevjanik
Susanne Engels
Deb Hathaway
Ellie McGarry
Bill Olsen
Loren Pepe
Steve Sampson
Greg Schillinger

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

**CALL TO
ORDER**

Discussion ensued regarding requirements for a quorum. It was noted that the only action to be taken at the meeting tonight would be: Minutes (January 9, 2018) and Personnel Memorandum #568.

Motion by Shimp/Blow to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2018 regular school board meeting as written.

Discussion ensued regarding Commissioner Notte's second on the "Motion by Johnston/Notte to reduce the contingency fund to \$100,000" being for the purpose of discussion. Commissioner Notte did not support the motion.

**MOTION:
MINUTES 1/9/18**

Motion by Johnston/Shimp to amend the minutes as follows:

- To indicate the second by Notte was for the purpose of discussion in regards to the motion: "Motion by Johnston/Notte to reduce the contingency fund to \$100,000."
- To indicate the results of the votes on contingency and budget numerically.

**MOTION:
AMEND
MINUTES 1/9/18**

Motion to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2018 regular school board meeting as amended carried.

**COMMUNICA-
TIONS**

Communications – none.

School Program Update: RIS will be participating in the National Geo Bee and Spelling Bee. PTO Grocery Bingo will take place on Friday. RHS has been preparing for the annual GIN Conference. The theme this year is: *Education for All*. The New Neighbors Club is hosting a pot luck dinner tomorrow night. The RHS Boys' Basketball Team is undefeated at this time. The Drama Festival and student achievements were noted.

**SCHOOL
PROGRAM
UPDATE**

Central Office Reports: Superintendent/Legislative – Superintendent Moran sent a Legislative Report to Board Members earlier this week. Concerns noted were regarding: equity, educational funding and a cap on State property taxes. Concerns about special education services is a continuing conversation. The Governor gave his budget address today. Superintendent Moran will follow up with the Board on the address.

CENTRAL
OFFICE
REPORTS
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LEGISLATIVE

The exceptional work by those who kept a *night watch* during the coldest times, to ensure all was well in our buildings, was acknowledged and complimented.

Facilities and Finance – Community Outreach Planning – Chief Financial Officer, Peter Amons reviewed the *Get Out The Vote Campaign* and legal obligations regarding informing the public about the budget. A draft brochure was distributed to the Board for review. Board Members should contact Mr. Amons with input by February 6, 2018.

FACILITIES &
FINANCE

Personnel - Motion by Olewnik/Shimp to approve the Licensed and Non-licensed sections of the Personnel Memorandum No. 568 dated January 18, 2018, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

MOTION:
PERSONNEL
MEMO #568

Personnel Memorandum No. 568 was reviewed by Superintendent Moran and is attached.

Motion carried.

Superintendent Search Update – Superintendent Moran will ask President Courcelle to advise/update the Board.

SUPERINTEN-
DENT SEARCH
UPDATE

Committee Reports – None.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

New Business – Commissioner Johnston informed the Board that he is running for the elected positions of Alderman and Treasurer. He advised that if he is elected as Alderman, he would still be interested in remaining on the School Board and would address a waiver. He will contact Commissioner Shimp and/or Assistant Superintendent Bliss regarding adding the issue of waivers on the agenda for the Policy Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Olewnik asked if the bill legalizing marijuana has any effect on District Policy. There is no effect on District Policy.

Old Business – None.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Olewnik/Shimp to adjourn at 6:57 pm.

ADJOURN

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Betty Kapitan, Recording Secretary

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Mary E. Moran, Superintendent
DATE: January 18, 2018
RE: Personnel Memorandum – Licensed and Non-Licensed

RESOLVE: That the LICENSED and NON-LICENSED SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 568 dated **January 18, 2018**, be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

A. LICENSED SECTION

1. Retirements

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Joseph (Jack) Clay	Computer Science/IT Teacher/RHS	6/30/18
Terrill (Terri) McCormack	Elementary Teacher/RIS	6/30/18
Jane B. D. Williams	Special Educator/NE Primary	6/30/18

B. NON-LICENSED SECTION

1. Resignation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Shawn Dayton	Paraeducator/RHS	1/8/18