

**RUTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS**  
**April 24, 2018**

**School Board Members Present:**

Dick Courcelle  
Michael Blow  
Hurley Cavacas  
Dena Goldberg  
Kam Johnston  
Alison Notte  
Matthew Olewnick  
Joanne Pencak (6:31 pm)  
Charlene Seward  
Erin Shimp  
Connor Solimano, Student Representative  
Isabella Gides, Student Representative

**Members Absent:**

Rob Kurchena

**Also Present:**

Superintendent Mary Moran  
Assistant Superintendent Rob Bliss  
CFO Peter Amons  
Patricia Aigner  
Nicole Carter  
Michael Derevjanik  
Susanne Engels  
Cathy Farman  
Deb Hathaway  
Ellie McGarry  
Bill Olsen  
Pam Reed  
Jennifer Wigmore

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO  
ORDER**

It was noted that all Commissioners are in attendance except for Commissioners Kurchena and Pencak (6:31 pm.)

Communications – Chair Courcelle reviewed procedures for the public to address the Board.

**COMMUNICA-  
TIONS:**

Motion by Cavacas/Shimp to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2018 regular school board meetings as written. Minutes stand.

**MOTION:  
MINUTES  
4/10/18**

Student Representative Report – Freshmen will finish up with SBAC testing on Thursday. Juniors will take the Vermont Science Assessment late May. Mr. Sampson, Ms. Wallstrom and Ms. Brodowski are attending a conference at Harvard. The Prom is on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are on sale now. The Froshmore Dance is on May 5<sup>th</sup> and the Spring Talent Show is on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Howe Center Applications for the 2018-2019 school year are still being accepted. Discussion followed regarding the cost of Prom tickets and financial assistance available to students.

**STUDENT REP.  
REPORT**

Early College – Bill Olsen and Jennifer Wigmore reviewed the Early College Program (Act 77) which allows eligible students an opportunity to attend college during senior year. The structure and program enrollment were reviewed – College credits earned go toward graduation requirements, students are unenrolled and then re-enrolled prior to graduation. There are currently 16 students in process for the 2018-2019 school year. The benefits and challenges of the program were noted – Benefits include free tuition and a jump start for students and students are still allowed to participate in sports at the high school level. Challenges include losing contributions of students on the high school campus and loss of ADM for these students. Mr. Olsen interviewed a student, Ryan McKay, who is now in this program and relayed Ryan's thoughts about his experience to the Board. Ryan was unable to be in attendance due to college obligations. Noted were the need to be focused and disciplined, college readiness and high school culture missed. Discussion followed regarding: financial implications for the District, what's best for kids, student fees, transportation, extended support, peer information, establishing readiness process,

**EARLY  
COLLEGE**

sending schools student participation (information can be given to the Board), preliminary testing (SATS & Accuplacer), parental involvement and UVM non participation.

EARLY  
COLLEGE  
CONT.

Allen Street Campus Report – A hand out was distributed to accompany a slide show presentation. Nicole Carter and Ellie McGarry reviewed the structure of the program designed for intensive social emotional supports. Noted were: program entrance requirements, goals, a typical day, flexible programming, wellness activities and staffing. Discussion followed regarding capacity, school to work, Stafford Technical Center and trauma informed care.

ALLEN  
STREET  
CAMPUS  
REPORT

Central Office/Legislative Reports – Superintendent – Superintendent Moran credited successful recruitment of staff to screening committees (including many teacher volunteers.) Noted were: school safety grants (updates will continue), safety meeting at the Fair Haven Inn on Thursday, education funding, Vermont NEA proposed Statewide Health Care Program, ratios, special education funding and regulations for private/independent schools. Discussion followed regarding clarification of ratios (teachers: students, staff: students, contracted services.) Method for calculating is unclear at this time.

CENTRAL  
OFFICE –  
SUPERINTEN-  
DENT

Facilities and Finance – Peter Amons and Patricia Aigner reviewed technology purchase proposals. All are budgeted and all are replacement items – no new expansion.

FACILITIES &  
FINANCE

Motion by Cavacas/Notte that the Board of School Commissioners accept the price quotation of \$28,811.20 from Whalley Computer Systems of Southwick Massachusetts for the purchase of 20 HP Z240 SFF Workstations and 12 HP e233 23 inch displays.

MOTION:  
TECHNOLOGY  
PURCHASE

Discussion centered on 23” display – is this the standard? This size is a good choice for this setting because of STEM software utilized.

Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

Motion by Cavacas/Johnston that the Board of School Commissioners accept the price quotation of \$21,910.80 from Whalley Computer Systems of Southwick Massachusetts for the purchase of 24 Elite Desk 800 G3 desktop computers and 24 e233 23 inch displays.

MOTION:  
TECHNOLGOY  
PURCHASE

Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

Motion by Cavacas/Notte that the Board of School Commissioners accept the price quotation of \$27,282.40 from Whalley Computer Systems of Southwick Massachusetts for the purchase of 20 HP Z240 SFF Workstations.

MOTION:  
TECHNOLOGY  
PURCHASE

Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

Motion by Cavacas/Notte that the Board of School Commissioners accept the price quotation of \$40,898.00 from Whalley Computer Systems of Southwick Massachusetts for the purchase of 89 Acer Chromebook Spin 11 computers.

MOTION:  
TECHNOLOGY  
PURCHASE

Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

Motion by Cavacas/Notte that the Board of School Commissioners accept the price quotation of \$137,804.80 from Whalley Computer Systems of Southwick Massachusetts for the purchase of 485 HP Chromebook 14 G5 Computers.

MOTION:  
TECHNOLOGY  
PURCHASE

Discussion followed motion regarding error in vendor bid (wrong product was quoted), cycle of equipment (4-5 years) and recycling of outdated units, affordability and purpose (vs desktops.)

Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

Motion by Cavacas/Johnston that the Board of School Commissioners accept the price quotation of \$18,270 from each of Ormsby Computer Store of Berlin Vermont and the Top Floor, Inc. of Middlebury Vermont for the purchase from each of the vendors 21 HP Elitebook 850 G4 laptop computers. The entire purchase is 42 computers for \$36,540.

**MOTION:  
TECHNOLOGY  
PURCHASE**

Discussion centered on warranties and repair procedures.

Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

Discussion followed on refurbishing resources, purpose and affordability, and staffing to push out machine types.

Personnel - Motion by Cavavas/Notte to approve the Licensed and Non-licensed sections of the Personnel Memorandum No. 573 dated April 19, 2018, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

**MOTION:  
PERSONNEL  
MEMO. #573**

Personnel Memo No. 573 was reviewed by Superintendent Moran and is attached.

Motion carried unanimously by all those in attendance.

Motion by Cavacas/Notte to approve the Addendum to Personnel Memorandum No. 573 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

**MOTION:  
ADDENDUM  
PERSONNEL  
MEMO. #573**

The Addendum to Personnel Memorandum No. 573 was reviewed by Superintendent Moran and is attached.

Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

Committee Reports - None

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

New Business – Motion by Cavacas/Notte to donate \$1,500 to Project Graduation 2018.

**NEW  
BUSINESS/MO-  
TION  
PROJECT  
GRAD.**

Discussion followed regarding donation amount.

Motion by Cavacas was amended to donate \$2,000 to Project Graduation 2018 (second by Shimp.)

**AMMENDED  
MOTION**

Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

Old Business – Commissioner Shimp reminded the Board of the Board Retreat scheduled on May 1<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Rutland High School and distributed a reading packet. The focus of the Board's work will be on evaluation methods, human resources and goal setting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Superintendent Moran clarified questions regarding baseball coaching assignments.

Motion by Cavacas/Notte to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

**ADJOURN**

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty A. Kapitan, Recording Secretary

TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Mary E. Moran, Superintendent  
DATE: April 19, 2018  
RE: Personnel Memorandum – Licensed and Non-Licensed

RESOLVE: That the LICENSED and NON-LICENSED SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 573 dated April 19, 2018, be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

**A. LICENSED SECTION**

1. Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Ann Rogers	Special Educator/PPLC	\$42,290.00	8/23/18
Jacob Stamey	Special Educator/ASC	\$49,339.00	8/23/18

2. Resignation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Sandra Celauro	English Teacher/RMS	6/30/18

**B. NON-LICENSED SECTION ~ None**

## ADDENDUM

TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Mary E. Moran, Superintendent  
DATE: April 24, 2018  
RE: Personnel Memorandum – Licensed and Non-Licensed

RESOLVE: That the LICENSED and NON-LICENSED SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 573 dated April 24, 2018, 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 Date</u>
Christopher Tooley	Electrical and Plumbing Instructor/STC	\$59,911.00	8/23/18