



**Tuesday, February 17, 2015**  
**Board of Education Meeting Minutes**

**RUSH-HENRIETTA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

District No. 1 of the Towns of Rush, Henrietta, Pittsford, and Brighton

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*All appendices referenced to, herein, are incorporated into and made a part of the official minutes of this meeting to the same extent as if fully set forth.*

**In Attendance:**

Board members: Diane E. McBride, President  
Phyllis P. Wickerham, Vice president  
Robert C. Bower  
Jean M. Chaudari  
Rosie B. Mitchell  
Pamela J. Reinhardt  
Sue A. Smith

Others: Dr. J. Kenneth Graham Jr., Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. George DesMarteau, School Attorney  
Mrs. Sheri Brege, Acting School District Clerk  
Mrs. Nerlande Anselme, Assistant Superintendent, Student and Family Services  
Dr. Patrick McCue, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Strategic Initiatives  
Mr. Andrew Whitmore, Assistant Superintendent, School Finance and Operations  
Mrs. Dina Wilson, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction

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**1. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – GENERAL**

**A. Board of Education Members, Superintendent of Schools, School Attorney, School District Clerk, Cabinet Members**

See above attendance.

**B. Meeting Information**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District was held Tuesday, February 17, 2015, in the Dee Strickland Conference Room at the Parker Administration Building, 2034 Lehigh Station Road, Henrietta, NY 14467.

**2. OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**A. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Introductions, Agenda Review, and Announcements**

Mrs. McBride called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and introductions done.

**3. BOARD MEMBER REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Student representatives were absent.

**4. PUBLIC FORUM**

**A. Audience Members May Address the Board of Education Regarding Items of Interest Not on the Agenda**

There were no audience members in attendance wishing to speak.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR ROUTINE MATTERS** (Reference appendices #5A-O)
  - A. Report of bills audited and paid during December 2014
  - B. Action pertaining to acceptance of the December treasurer's report and December budget transfers
  - C. Action pertaining to the award of bids – Office supplies, Nurse's supplies, Offset paper, Printer cartridges
  - D. Action pertaining to approval of an increase in daycare fees for the Rush-Henrietta School Age Child Care Program
  - E. Action pertaining to acceptance of change order #GC-030 – Allied Builders, Inc. - Sperry Press Box (\$9,890)
  - F. Action pertaining to acceptance of change orders – Allied Builders, Inc. – CIP 2011 Phase 3: #GC-031 (\$5,291), #GC-032 (\$5,436), #GC-033 (\$9,176), #GC-034 (\$2,409), #GC-035 (\$12,614), #GC-036 (\$1,714), #GC-037 (\$15,822), #GC-038 (\$5,198)
  - G. Action pertaining to approval of the Data Access and Security Agreement between NYS Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) and the Rush-Henrietta Central School District
  - H. Action pertaining to acceptance of a donation – William A. Korn Scholarship Fund
  - I. Action pertaining to approval of an overnight field trip – Indoor Track & Field Nationals – New York City – March 2015
  - J. Action pertaining to approval of an international field trip – Europe – July 2015
  - K. Action pertaining to approval of the 2015 Arts Alive, the Raymond R. Delaney Arts Recognition Award selection committee and the scholarship award of \$500
  - L. Action pertaining to approval of CSE/CPSE recommendations
  - M. Action pertaining to approval of Board of Education meeting minutes – 2/3/15
  - N. Action pertaining to approval of Board of Education meeting minutes – 2/10/15 (Special Election results)
  - O. Action pertaining to approval of the Record of Proceedings of the Special Meeting of 2/10/15

**MOTION PERTAINING TO ACCEPTANCE  
OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #5A-L  
MOVED: Mrs. Chaudari  
SECONDED: Mr. Bower  
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0  
\* Items M, N, and O were tabled**

6. **PERSONNEL ACTIONS** (Reference appendix #6A)
  - A. Action pertaining to approval of personnel actions

**MOTION PERTAINING TO APPROVAL  
OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS  
MOVED: Mrs. Mitchell  
SECONDED: Mrs. Reinhardt  
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

7. **DISTRICT POLICIES, REGULATIONS, AND EXHIBITS (SECOND READ)** (Reference appendix #7A)
  - A. 1530, 4773, 8100, 8100-R, 8110, 8110-R, 8111-R, 8120, 8121, 8130, 8130-R, 8133-R, 8133-E, 8520

**MOTION PERTAINING TO APPROVAL OF DISTRICT  
POLICIES, REGULATIONS, AND EXHIBITS  
MOVED: Mrs. Smith  
SECONDED: Mrs. Reinhardt  
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

**8. WORKSHOP – FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT – NEXT STEPS** (Reference appendix #8A)

**A. Transition Plan**

Dr. Graham included in the board packet a draft of his FDK Transition Plan. While it's still in the initial stages, he started by sharing his plans for Spring 2015. He has already met with David Kaye, our School District Architect, Andy Whitmore, and our builder to determine construction plans and building construction projections. He is forming a Transition Advisory Team which will consist of Cabinet and Employee Association Leaders. For parent input he plans to use DPAC.

He pointed out this is a working document, and would be updated and given to the board periodically throughout the next 3 years.

Dr. Graham also shared a list of Transition Concerns that he gathered throughout his visits to staff and parent meetings. These will be reviewed, analyzed, and considered during the Transition process.

**9. WORKSHOP – BUDGET DEVELOPMENT – RECOMMENDED BUDGET/PROPOSITIONS**

**A. Budget Development** (Reference appendix #9A)

Dr. Graham presented a Status Report Update #2 on Budget Development.

**B. Legislative Issues** (Reference appendix #9B)

During Dr. Graham's recent Monroe County Council of Superintendent's meeting, discussion took place on lobbying our State Legislators for elimination of the Gap Elimination Adjustment, that the tax cap not be made permanent, and elimination of teacher and principal evaluations based on state assessments. Last week he received an email from the President of the Teacher's Union asking to be part of any lobbying efforts which the district might be pursuing. A draft of a letter to staff was prepared and included in this Board packet. The letter carries the endorsement and signatures of the Superintendent, Board President, and RHEA President. It also contained a sample letter that the teachers may use to write their legislators, along with a listing of those legislators, and a Fact Sheet. He was asked to add Brian Kolb and Joe Morelle to that list.

Dr. Graham asked the Board if they wanted him to proceed and they indicated they would.

**THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District endorses the proposed campaign to advocate with the Governor and the State Legislature for elimination of the Gap Elimination Adjustment, elimination of the real property tax cap and the elimination of teacher and principal evaluations based upon invalid and unreliable state assessments and that the President be and hereby is authorized to execute, jointly with the Superintendent of Schools and the President of the Rush-Henrietta Employees' Association Teachers' Chapter, a letter to the faculty and staff of this District as presented by the Superintendent of Schools.

**MOTION PERTAINING TO APPROVAL OF THE  
RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PROPOSED CAMPAIGN TO  
ADVOCATE FOR THE GAP ELIMINATION ADJUSTMENT,  
ELIMINATION OF REAL PROPERTY TAX CAP AND THE  
ELIMINATION OF TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL EVALUATIONS  
MOVED: Mrs. Smith  
SECONDED: Mrs. Reinhardt  
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

## 10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### A. **Written: Urban-Suburban Program** (Reference appendix #10A)

After discussing the Urban-Suburban Program at Rush-Henrietta, the Board requested holding a workshop to discuss, explore, and gather community input first.

### B. **Written: Staff Diversity Report** (Reference appendix #10B)

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

### A. **Elmer Gordon Scholarship Scheduling**

The list of students to be interviewed was given to the School District Clerk. Interviews will take place prior to the March 3 Board meeting. Mrs. Flanigan will schedule the 5 finalists.

### B. **Town Boards' meeting – March 17, 2015**

### C. **Board Budget for 2015-16 – Tabled**

## 12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

A. MCSBA Legislative Committee (Feb.4)

B. MCSBA Board Presidents Meeting (Feb. 4)

C. District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) (Feb. 5)

D. Health and Safety Committee (Feb. 5)

E. MCSBA/State Legislators Breakfast (Feb 7)

F. Budget Advisory Council (BAC) (Feb 9)

G. MCSBA Information Exchange Committee (Feb. 11)

## 13. CLOSING OF MEETING

### A. **Board Meeting Recap**

- DPAC Parent Forum – March 5, 7 p.m., Dee Strickland Conference Room.
- Dr. Graham will send letters to parents where attendance areas need to be tweaked.
- Letter to Legislators will be sent out. School District Clerk to get the wording for the Resolution from Mr. DesMarteau.
- Please RSVP to Mrs. Flanigan if you plan to attend the Henrietta Youth Hall of Fame Dinner.
- Elmer Gordon Scholarship Interviews will be held prior to the March 3 Board meeting.
- April 27 Staff Conference Day will feature Technology in Rush-Henrietta Schools. Board members are invited to attend.
- If any board member has an area they would like the Rottenburg auditors to address, Mrs. Reinhardt has their contact information.

### B. **Adjournment**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:13 P.M.**

**MOVED: Mrs. Reinhardt**

**SECONDED: Mr. Bower**

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

### C. **Next Board of Education Meeting**

The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Brege

Acting School District Clerk

**Board Approved: March 3, 2015**