



**Tuesday, March 11, 2014
Regular Meeting Minutes**

RUSH-HENRIETTA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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.

Others Present:

Dr. J. Kenneth Graham Jr., Superintendent of Schools
Mr. George DesMarteau, School Attorney
Mrs. Nerlande Anselme, Assistant Superintendent, Student and Family Services
Mr. 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

1. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – GENERAL

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

Board of Education Members – Diane E. McBride, president; Pamela J. Reinhardt, vice president; Robert C. Bower; Jean M. Chaudari; Rosie B. Mitchell; Sue A. Smith; Phyllis P. Wickerham
Superintendent of Schools – J. Kenneth Graham Jr., Ph.D.
School District Clerk – Karen A. Flanigan

B. Meeting Information

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District was held Tuesday, March 11, 2014, in the Dee Strickland Conference Room at the Ninth Grade Academy, 2000 Lehigh Station Road, Henrietta, NY 14467.

2. OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Introductions were not needed. There were no changes to the agenda and no announcements.

3. BOARD MEMBER REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE(S)

The student representatives were not in attendance.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

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

There was no one in the audience.

5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR ROUTINE MATTERS (Reference appendices #5A-K)

- A. Report of bills audited and paid during January 2014
- B. Action pertaining to acceptance of the January treasurer's report and February budget transfers
- C. Action pertaining to acceptance of change orders - #GC-020 (\$33,770) and #GC-021 (\$12,799) – Allied Builders, Inc. – CIP 2011 Phase 3
- D. Action pertaining to acceptance of change order - #PC-002 (\$1,527) – Thurston Dudek, LLC – Sperry SHS Addition
- E. Report of Phase III Sperry High School change orders as of March 3, 2014

- F. Action pertaining to approval of the lease for the rental of the Calkins Road Tinker (elementary school) site
- G. Action pertaining to approval of an overnight field trip – State Bowling Tournament
- H. Action pertaining to approval of CSE/CPSE recommendations
- I. Action pertaining to approval of Board of Education meeting minutes – 2/25/14
- J. Action pertaining to approval of an overnight field trip – Indoor Track & Field Nationals
- K. Action pertaining to approval of an overnight field trip – Swimming Regionals

**MOTION PERTAINING TO ACCEPTANCE
OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #5A-K
MOVED: Mrs. Wickerham
SECONDED: Mrs. Smith
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

Mrs. Reinhardt noted that account titles were cut off the cash report (#5B). Mr. Whitmore will have it reposted.

6. PERSONNEL ACTIONS (Reference appendix #6A)

- A. Action pertaining to approval of Personnel Actions

**MOTION PERTAINING TO APPROVAL
OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS
MOVED: Mrs. Chaudari
SECONDED: Mr. Bower
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

7. WORKSHOP: FIVE-YEAR INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY PLAN (Reference appendix #7A)

A. Action pertaining to adoption of the Five-year Instructional Technology Plan

Mrs. Wilson said following her presentation to the board, the plan was presented to school administrators, teachers, students, and parents. All endorsed the plan and shared some of their concerns. She said the major theme of all groups was that in using technology as a tool, we don't forget about our other best practices and make sure we're effectively using it. Mrs. Reinhardt asked about those students who may lose their device. Dr. Graham provided an explanation and said until all details are worked out, the devices will be used in school only.

**MOTION PERTAINING TO ADOPTION OF THE FIVE-
YEAR INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY PLAN
MOVED: Mr. Bower
SECONDED: Mrs. Wickerham
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

8. WORKSHOP: BUDGET DEVELOPMENT (Reference appendices #8A-F)

A. Recommended Budget

Dr. Graham reviewed the recommended budget of \$110,253,694.

B. Base Budget Revisions

Mr. Whitmore reviewed and answered questions regarding the summary of the base budget revisions. He will post a revenue projection sheet as part of agenda item #8B.

C. Proposed Propositions

Dr. Graham and Mr. Whitmore discussed the four budget propositions this year. The Bus Purchase Plan (#8D) and Capital Projects Plan (#8E) also were discussed at this time. Upcoming budget events include the Community Budget Forum (March 20), Budget Advisory Council review (March 24), town boards meeting and First Public Hearing on the Proposed 2014-15 Budget (March 25), and adoption of the proposed budget (April 8).

D. Bus Purchase Plan

This was discussed as part of agenda item #8C (Proposed Propositions).

E. Capital Projects Plan

This was discussed as part of agenda item #8C (Proposed Propositions).

F. Budget Presentation Schedule

Dr. Graham would like to know what board members want included in the handout for their budget presentations to parent groups. He suggested including the bond information.

9. REFUNDING OF TOC BONDS (Reference appendix #9A)

A. Action pertaining to acceptance of the refunding of TOC bonds

Mr. Whitmore provided an explanation.

**MOTION PERTAINING TO ACCEPTANCE
OF THE REFUNDING OF TOC BONDS**

**MOVED: Mrs. Chaudari
SECONDED: Mrs. Mitchell
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

10. WORKSHOP: APPR REAUTHORIZATION (Reference appendices #10A-B)

A. Letter from Commissioner King

Dr. Graham said the district's new Annual Professional Performance Review Plan had been approved. He said it was not an easy task and explained the many levels of approval the plan had to go through.

B. APPR Overview

Mr. McCue reviewed the plan overview and highlighted the key revisions of the plan. He also talked about the creation of a broader Student Learning Objective (SLO). He said the district tried to anchor it so everything is connected to a common standard. Dr. Graham explained a couple areas of concern.

C. Action pertaining to approval of the revised APPR plan

**MOTION PERTAINING TO THE RATIFICATION
& APPROVAL OF THE REVISED APPR PLAN**

**MOVED: Mrs. Smith
SECONDED: Mrs. Mitchell
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Written: District Priorities – Mid-year Report (Reference appendix #11A)

Dr. Graham said this is a constantly evolving document and this year's big addition was the reflection part. He believes the district is in pretty good shape with all of its initiatives. Mrs. Smith commented on the incredible amount of work that went into this document. She said it was great work. In regard to School Improvement Plans, the mid-year reviews are being worked on now. They are about a year behind. Dr. Graham stated that he is very proud of the work that has been collectively done.

B. Oral Information

- Announcement – The Medicaid Compliance Plan has been approved with the understanding that Appendix A will be posted to the plan. It will be posted to the district website by week's end.
- NYS Superintendent's Winter Conference – Dr. Graham provided an overview. He said there was no discussion of budget, but there is anticipation that the legislature is clearly committed to adding more money to the governor's budget this year (hope is gap elimination money). The legislature also is not going to support the governor's proposal for gap property freeze. Dr. Graham said "opt out" was a big topic. He also met with Justin Wilcox regarding COMIDA.
- There was another Senior High School calendar change request – to make June 3 a regular attendance day. Dr. Graham provided an explanation.

**MOTION TO MAKE JUNE 3 A REGULAR STUDENT
ATTENDANCE DAY AT THE NINTH GRADE
ACADEMY AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
MOVED: Mrs. Wickerham**

**SECONDED: Mrs. Reinhardt
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

- Dr. Graham said he was approached by Brighton’s business official about forging ahead with a busing partnership. Mr. Whitmore provided an explanation and said it’s really a one-year trial. Mr. DesMarteau said this should be brought back to the board for approval. There were no board members who objected to the partnership; however, Mrs. Mitchell would like more information. Mr. Whitmore said everything’s still in the planning stages. Dr. Graham said if this moves forward, a formal proposal will be brought back for board action.
- Monroe County Superintendent’s Meeting – There was talk about Albany. He provided feedback from the roundtable discussion on opting out. He reiterated what Rush-Henrietta’s intent is. Discussion ensued. Dr. Graham believes we should be consistent and stay the course.

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

A. MCSBA Labor Relations Committee (Feb. 26)

Mr. Bower was unable to attend. Mr. McCue said the topic was the Affordable Care Act. He said the health care consortium is looking into a low cost plan option that would allow school districts to meet their requirements. Next Wednesday’s topic will be about negotiating with non-teaching employees.

B. MCSBA Executive Committee (Feb. 26)

Mrs. McBride was unable to attend. Dr. Graham attended. Highlights included a very low turnout; Jody Siegle, executive director of MCSBA, providing her usual report; Barb Clarke’s resignation; a review of goals and budget reports; COMIDA; MCSPEAC report; an executive report for Ms. Siegle’s evaluation; and a discussion about open seats and who would be filling them.

C. MCSBA Legislative Committee (March 5)

Mrs. Reinhardt forwarded the minutes. She noted the number of lawsuits regarding common core.

D. MCSBA Board Presidents Meeting (March 5)

Mrs. McBride was unable to attend. She did say that this meeting generally has a lot of duplication of reports from other meetings.

E. DPAC (March 6)

Mrs. Chaudari said there was a wonderful presentation by some senior students regarding collaborative learning projects using Chromebooks. She said it was great to see how it all works.

13. CLOSING OF MEETING

A. Board Meeting Recap

- Medicaid Compliance Plan, including Appendix A, will be posted by week’s end.
- Mr. Whitmore will update one budget document and add another to the board packet.
- Brighton busing proposal will be brought back to a future meeting.

B. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:38 P.M.

MOVED: Mr. Bower

SECONDED: Mrs. Wickerham

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

C. Next Board of Education Meeting

The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Flanigan
School District Clerk

Board Approved: March 25, 2014