

Rush-Henrietta Central School District

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

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**Board of Education Meeting
Rush-Henrietta Central School District
Ninth Grade Academy
Diana “Dee” Strickland Conference Room
March 13, 2012
MINUTES**

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:

Mrs. Nerlande Anselme, Executive Director, Student and Family Services
Mr. Stephen Barbeau, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and School Operations
Mr. George DesMarteau, School Attorney
Dr. J. Kenneth Graham Jr., Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Andrew Whitmore, Executive Director, School Finance
Mrs. Dina Wilson, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction

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

Mrs. Banker called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Mrs. Anthony was absent as she was in Albany for Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) training. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. During agenda review, an executive session for personnel matters and negotiations was added (item #10). Mrs. Reinhardt thanked the board for their patience and cards while she was out for surgery. Mrs. Banker announced that her son, Phil, became a staff sergeant (E-6) in the Army.

Call to Order

2. Board Member Report from Student Representative(s)

Ms. Campbell reported on the Pluta Cancer fundraiser basketball game saying that everyone did a great job. She said the pasta dinner held for classmate Darius Smith went well, the money raised was being donated to his family, and there were a lot of people in attendance to support him. She stated that the YellowJackets, a University of Rochester a capella group, would be performing at Burger Middle School tonight, and the Senior High School musical, “Xanadu,” would be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 22-24.

Student Representative(s)

3. Public Forum

Noone came forward to address the board.

Public Forum

4. Consent Agenda Items for Routine Matters (Reference Appendices #4A-K)

- A. Report of bills audited and paid during February 2012
- B. Action pertaining to acceptance of the January treasurer’s report and February’s budget transfers
- C. Action pertaining to acceptance of a PILOT addendum for premises of 220 Kenneth Drive

Consent Agenda

- D. Action pertaining to payment of a refund of taxes in the town of Henrietta due to a Judgment and Order, which resulted in an assessment reduction for Office Depot #1267, 164 Mushroom Boulevard for tax years 2009-10 and 2010-11 on tax account number 162.05-1-1/J.
- E. Action to elect to participate in The Omni Group’s exclusive “Preferred Provider Program (P3),” which limits employee 403(b) provider choices to the list of preferred providers as identified by The Omni Group
- F. Action pertaining to approval of a donation
- G. Action pertaining to approval of an overnight field trip
- H. Action pertaining to approval of an overnight field trip
- I. Action pertaining to approval of an overnight field trip
- J. Action pertaining to approval of CSE/CPSE recommendations
- K. Action pertaining to approval of minutes of the Board of Education meetings:
 - 1. Minutes of the meeting of February 14, 2012
 - 2. Minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2012

**MOTION PERTAINING TO ACCEPTANCE
OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #4A-K
MOVED: Mrs. Reinhardt
SECONDED: Mrs. Smith
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

5. Action pertaining to approval of Personnel Actions (Reference Appendix #5)

Personnel
Actions

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

6. Workshop – Budget Development

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Development

- A. Budget Development Report (**Reference Appendix #6A**)

Dr. Graham presented the board with his recommended budget for 2012-2013, highlighting changes to the document. He is feeling pretty good that the district has an educationally sound budget. Mrs. Banker reminded everyone how fortunate the district is to be where we are and that it was due to the superintendent and his team.
- B. Recommended Budget (**Reference Appendix #6B**)

Dr. Graham reminded everyone that the Community Budget Forum was scheduled for Thursday, March 15. He also is planning to meet with the Budget Advisory Council to explain the budget and ask for its support and endorsement.
- C. Recommended Propositions (**Reference Appendix #6C**)

Dr. Graham explained the four proposed propositions. He said if property assessments come in lower than the district is anticipating, it could cause trouble for us. He said there were no tax implications to the second two propositions.
- D. Community Budget Forum

Dr. Graham talked about this during the recommended budget.
- E. Board’s Budget Presentation Schedule (**Reference Appendix #6E**)

Mrs. Banker will try to attend each meeting to support all board members. Mrs. McBride would like Burger’s date changed to April due to a conflict with the DPAC Candidates’ Night. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Chaudari will let Mrs. Flanigan know about possible changes to Leary and Roth’s dates.

7. Superintendent's Report

- A. Written Information (None)
- B. Oral Information

1. NYS Superintendents Winter Conference Report

Dr. Graham reported that the normal three-day conference was collapsed into two days due to the economy and that speakers basically focused on the State Education Department's race-to-the-top initiative. He said the bulk of the conference was on three major presentations and there were a number of training sessions on APPR.

Dr. Graham also mentioned that he was serving on the BOCES Management Services Committee, which would be looking at energy performance contracts.

2. District Music Festival

Dr. Graham said the Dome Arena would provide a venue for the festival this year at no cost. He said the Rush-Henrietta Music Parents Association (RHMPA) did some fundraising for lights, sound, etc. A suggestion was made to charge a fee for the festival. This will be considered for another year as there is not adequate time to advertise for this year's event. Mrs. Smith suggested adding a tag line on the program to alert everyone to the upcoming change. A suggestion also was made to ask if anyone has ideas for sponsorships or funding.

Biennial SDM Review

Dr. Graham read an e-mail from the State Education Department (SED). It said that effective March 12, districts no longer have to file a report, but have to post the information to their websites.

8. Board Member Reports

A. DPAC – Parent Partnership Forum (March 1)

Mrs. Chaudari said it was interesting. Dr. Graham is hoping to have the survey results out on Thursday. Mrs. Wickerham said there were a lot of new faces and how impressed she was with that. Mrs. Chaudari mentioned the better turnout and Mrs. Smith, the good conversation. Dr. Graham thought it went well and said he would fold the conversation into a tentative plan for next year and bring it to the April DPAC meeting. He also was pleased with the turnout and how engaged everyone was. He attributes it to the meeting being held in March instead of June.

B. MCSBA Legislative Committee (March 7)

Mrs. Reinhardt will forward the minutes. She also said she has a tentative schedule for Mrs. Wickerham who will be attending the Monroe County School Board Association's trip to Albany on March 26.

Mrs. Banker reported that she participated in the first Health and Wellness Fair that R-H sponsored. She said it was well done. Mrs. Anselme will add the event to the district calendar for next year.

9. Board Meeting Recap

- Leary and Roth budget presentation dates may change. Board member liaisons will inform Mrs. Flanigan.
- The Burger budget presentation date needs to be changed to April 2.
- Will see the biennial SDM report in consent agenda items at a future meeting.

Superintendent's
Report

Board Member
Reports

Meeting Recap

- Dr. Graham will send board members the dates for the R-H Rotary and Henrietta Senior Citizens Center budget presentations.
- Dr. Graham will provide Mrs. Flanigan with copies of the community budget handout for presentations.
- Dr. Graham will follow-up with Donna Watts, director of art/music/technology, regarding the program for the district music festival.

**MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:52 P.M.
FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS AND NEGOTIATIONS**

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

Executive
Session

MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:20 P.M.

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

10. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:21 P.M.

**MOVED: Mrs. McBride
SECONDED: Mr. Bower
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Flanigan
School District Clerk
Board Approved: March 27, 2012