

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 27, 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  
Mrs. Denise Anthony, Assistant Superintendent, Quality Assurance and Community Relations  
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

**The board met at 5:30 p.m. with members of the Brighton, Henrietta, and Rush town councils to discuss budget trends and implications.**

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

Mrs. Banker called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Introductions were not necessary as there were no members in the audience. There were no changes to the agenda and no announcements.

**2. Public Forum**

Noone came forward to address the board.

**3. First Public Hearing on the Proposed 2012-13 Budget**

Mrs. Banker opened the public hearing. There were no speakers in attendance.

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

- A. Action pertaining to the award of bids:
  - 1. General office supplies
- B. Action pertaining to approval of the 2012-13 school calendar
- C. Action pertaining to approval of the 2012 Arts Alive, the Raymond R. Delaney Arts Recognition Award selection committee and the scholarship award of \$500
- D. Action pertaining to approval of CSE/CPSE recommendations
- E. Action pertaining to approval of minutes of the Board of Education meeting:
  - 1. Minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2012

**MOTION PERTAINING TO ACCEPTANCE**

Town Boards Meeting

Call to Order

Public Forum

Public Hearing

Consent Agenda

**OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #4A-E**

**MOVED: Mrs. Wickerham**

**SECONDED: Mr. Bower**

**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: Mrs. Wickerham**

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

**6. Action pertaining to acceptance of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District's Open Meetings Law resolution (Reference Appendix #6)**

Open Meetings  
Law Resolution

**MOTION PERTAINING TO ACCEPTANC OF THE  
RUSH-HENRIETTA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S  
OPEN MEETINGS LAW RESOLUTION**

**MOVED: Mrs. Reinhardt**

**SECONDED: Mrs. McBride**

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

**7. District Quarterly Policy Review (Reference Appendix #7)**

District Quarterly  
Policy Review

A quarterly review of policies was done. The following policies will be sent to Policy Committee for review: 1511, 1521, 1521-R, 1535, 1741-R, and 1900. Minor changes will be made to policies: 1611, 1720, 1720-R, 1800, and 2120.

**8. Workshop – Budget Development (Reference Appendices #8A-C)**

Workshop – Budget  
Development

**A. Superintendent's Recommended Budget 2012-13**

Dr. Graham provided updates to a couple of items on his recommended budget. He also informed the board of the good news that there will be full reimbursement for BOCES, preschool, and teacher center funding. He reported that Mr. Barbeau and Mrs. Wilson had been reviewing overstaffing. He mentioned the declining enrollment at the high school and the fact that staffing had not declined. Dr. Graham said it provided opportunities to tighten things up. Mrs. Banker would like to be informed of the numbers ahead of time.

**B. Community Budget Forum handout**

There were no questions or concerns.

**C. Answers to common questions on tax cap, tax levies and tax rates article**

There were no questions or concerns.

**9. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent's  
Report

**A. Written Information (None)**

**B. Oral Information**

Dr. Graham informed the board that the State Education Department (SED) had given approval to move ahead with the high school capital project.

**1. Student Recognition**

Dr. Graham commented on a board member's suggestion that a student receive board recognition for his work on PBIS. He recommended letting the recognition take place at the school level, watching to see if this student goes above and

beyond so as to make sure all students doing the same type of work are recognized fairly – sustain work, pass it forward, and then recognize.

## 10. Board Member Reports

### A. MCSBA Information Exchange Committee (March 14)

Mrs. Wickerham and Mr. Barbeau attended. The topic was about the many services offered through BOCES to area districts. Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES and Monroe #1 BOCES are cross contracting a lot more in order to offer districts the best possible services. BOCES also is willing to come and seek opportunities to help districts.

### B. MCSBA Board Officers meeting (March 14)

Mrs. Banker attended the school district clerk's meeting with Mrs. Flanigan so Mrs. Reinhardt attended the meeting in her place. She said one of the key topics was supporting academics and staying focused on that, not on the dollars. She also said they talked about the value of sports and music and not seeing them go away. She mentioned some of the smaller districts combining programs and said before districts think about cutting courses, they should talk with BOCES or other districts.

### C. BAC (March 19)

Dr. Graham reported that this was the last Budget Advisory Council meeting for the school year. He said the council endorsed the recommended budget.

### D. MCSBA Steering Committee (March 21)

Dr. Graham was unable to attend the meeting as he was out-of-town.

### E. MCSBA Spring Trip to Albany (March 26-27)

Mrs. Wickerham attended the event. There were approximately 25 to 30 people in attendance. She reported on her visit to the State Education Department, Senator Nolan's office, and her visit with all assemblymen. She said the assemblymen are appreciative of the stories they are told and encouraged districts to continue with them. Mrs. Wickerham stated that even though we don't affect change, we're reminding them that we're paying attention.

## 11. Board Meeting Recap

- Question from Christopher Werner (town boards dinner) – How many students does Rush-Henrietta have from Brighton?
- Add to board goals (re: going paperless) – revisit compliance with open meetings law as part of that goal
- Policies being sent to Policy Committee for review: 1511, 1521, 1521-R, 1535, 1741-R, and 1900. Minor changes will be made to policies: 1611, 1720, 1720-R, 1800, and 2120.

## 12. Adjournment

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:10 P.M.**

**MOVED: Mrs. McBride**

**SECONDED: Mrs. Smith**

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Flanigan  
School District Clerk

*Board Approved: April 17, 2012*