

RUSH-HENRIETTA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Board of Education

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Pamela J. Reinhardt, Vice President
Robert C. Bower
Jean M. Chaudari
Rosie B. Mitchell
Sue A. Smith
Phyllis P. Wickerham

Meeting Minutes For: DECEMBER 11, 2012

Ninth Grade Academy
Diana "Dee" Strickland Conference Room
2000 Lehigh Station Road
Henrietta, New York

J. Kenneth Graham Jr., Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools
Karen A. Flanigan, School District Clerk

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

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

Mrs. McBride called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Introductions were not necessary as no one was in the audience. During agenda review, item #4G was pulled and "Vote for NYSSBA Area 2 Director" became the new #10. Dr. Graham will revisit item #4G as part of his superintendent's report.

Call to Order

2. Board Member Report From Student Representative(s)

Student representative Naomi Campbell said she has been absent from board meetings due to basketball. She said there was not much going on during Thanksgiving, the senior lock-in was a huge success, the sports' scholars have been named, and there will be a winter spirit week to lift students' spirits. She also reported on a Holocaust presentation by an 80-year-old gentleman who spoke last year and was invited to speak again tomorrow.

Student Representative(s)

3. Public Forum

No one came forward to address the board.

Public Forum

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

- A. Report of bills audited and paid during November 2012
- B. Action pertaining to acceptance of the October treasurer's report and November budget transfers
- C. Action pertaining to the award of bids:
 1. Cooperative electricity supply
- D. Action pertaining to acceptance of the report from the executive director of school finance on corrections of errors on tax rolls and refunds of taxes based upon errors where the correction or refund does not exceed \$2,500 for 2012-13
- E. Action pertaining to acceptance of the 2012-2013 tax collection report
- F. Action pertaining to approval of a donation
- G. Action pertaining to approval of a donation

Consent Agenda

- H. Action pertaining to approval of a donation
- I. Action pertaining to approval of a donation
- J. Action pertaining to approval of an international field trip
- K. Action pertaining to approval of an international field trip
- L. Action pertaining to approval of CSE/CPSE recommendations
- M. Action pertaining to approval of minutes of the Board of Education meeting(s):
 - 1. Minutes of the meeting of November 27, 2012
 - 2. Minutes of the meeting of December 4, 2012 (Program & Service Review)

**MOTION PERTAINING TO ACCEPTANCE
OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #4A-F, H-M
MOVED: Mrs. Chaudari
SECONDED: Mr. Bower
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

Mrs. Mitchell made changes to agenda item #4M-1, #11A - MCSBA Information Exchange Committee. She also attended this meeting and was the one who provided the report. Mrs. Smith stated that item #9A should be Enrollment Projections.

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

Personnel
Actions

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

6. Action pertaining to approval of a Special Education diploma option (Reference Appendix #6)

Special
Education
Diploma Option

Dr. Graham provided an overview. Mrs. Wilson, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction, said we are looking for another diploma option for students with disabilities to graduate with a local high school diploma as the IEP diploma as of the end of June will no longer be an option. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION PERTAINING TO APPROVAL OF A
SPECIAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA OPTION
MOVED: Mrs. Wickerham
SECONDED: Mrs. Smith
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

7. Workshop: College and Career Readiness (Reference Appendix #7)

Workshop:
College and Career
Readiness

Dr. Graham provided an overview stating this is the beginning of a multi-year process to educate parents on how to become more proactive in helping their children become college and career ready. He said there are three things you need to know – CCR (college and career readiness), check in (begin with the end in mind), and respond (provide guidance, advocate). Dr. Graham asked the board to listen to the presentation as parents as he's looking for feedback on the presentation, which will go to schools in January, February, and March.

Mrs. Wilson, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, presented the workshop. Highlights included:

- A definition of college and career ready.
- Operational definition of college and career ready – are students able to go into a 2- to 4-year program and be successful?
- R-H goal – students have English/math skills to be successful with their studies/career.

- Regardless of what path students take, we need to make sure they're receiving the same preparation (English and math).
- Essential message – current high school diploma is not enough to compete in the new economy.
- Up to us as educators/parents to show students different opportunities available to them.
- New demands being asked of students due to college and career readiness expectations, what the school district is doing to support students to be college and career ready, and what can parents do to assist their child.
- New assessments coming soon.
- Advanced level of proficiency – have students aim for 75% or higher as the likelihood of them being successful is much higher.
- What R-H is doing to improve student preparation for college and career readiness.
- Assessments - making sure we're being consistent teacher-to-teacher and classroom-to-classroom, rewrote many to be more rigorous. Still want to give students a chance to raise scores, but not through extra credit.
- What can parents do to make sure their child is college and career ready (CCR)?
- Parents to think in terms of CCR – communicate, check in (wonderful tool at secondary level - parent portal), and respond to needs of your specific child. Reinforce their success and reach out to school/teacher to be a partner with you.
- District has high expectations for all students. Need parents to be a partner to meet district half way to make sure students are successful and college and career ready.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Reinhardt suggested adding something to the presentation regarding the parent portal. Mrs. Anthony suggested adding a parent resource sheet to the presentation.

8. District Quarterly Policy Review (Reference Appendix #8)

Policies 3100 to 4319-R were reviewed. A typo will be corrected in policy 3120 (#24, last word should be lower cased). The following policies will be sent to Policy Committee: 4200, 4200-R, 4200-E, 4240, 4311.1-R, and 4315.1.

9. Superintendent's Report

A. Written Information (Reference Appendix #9A-1)

1. Fall Interscholastic Sports Report

There were no questions. Mrs. Wickerham said she used this information at the cross country banquet.

B. Oral Information

Dr. Graham spoke about agenda item #4G, which was pulled from the agenda. He said there is no policy on scholarships and the district no longer opens scholarships in the name of a specific person. Scholarships can be given each year for as long as you want; you'll need to work with the College & Career Center. Dr. Graham suggested a new policy with a "scholarships" or "donations" heading. Mr. Whitmore will devise a draft for Policy Committee. Mrs. Reinhardt suggested checking NYSSBA policies.

10. Vote for NYSSBA Area 2 Director

Mrs. McBride explained that the board would be voting on one of two candidates (Rodney George or Joyce Lyke) for the position of NYSSBA Area 2 Director. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Flanigan will submit online paperwork for Mrs. McBride.

District Quarterly
Policy Review

Superintendent's
Report

Vote for NYSSBA
Area 2 Director

**MOTION TO NOMINATE JOYCE LYKE
AS NYSSBA AREA 2 DIRECTOR
MOVED: Mrs. Wickerham
SECONDED: Mrs. Reinhardt
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

11. Board Member Reports

- A. MCSBA Labor Relations Committee (Nov. 28)
Mr. Bower forwarded the minutes. He said an attorney from Harter Secrest and Emery LLP, spoke of an expedited 3020a procedure. He also finds the lack of understanding on APPR amazing. Mr. Barbeau said he had people ask him questions and that it doesn't seem like a lot of other districts have workshops like we do.
- B. MCSBA Fall Trip to Albany (Dec. 3)
Mrs. Reinhardt said it was an interesting day, but you don't walk away with anyone saying they're going to fix anything for you. She left information and walked away with contact information. She feels it was time well spent. Dr. Graham also attended.
- C. MCSBA Legislative Committee (Dec. 5)
Mrs. Reinhardt believes she forwarded the minutes. She said there was talk about the Albany trip, a COMIDA presentation took place, and there was discussion regarding taking legislation and figuring out a plan of attack to get to different legislators to get some movement. Dr. Graham suggested working on a piece specific to R-H.
- D. MCSBA Executive Committee (Dec. 5)
Mrs. McBride and Dr. Graham did not attend.
- E. Space Committee (Dec. 6)
Mrs. Wickerham and Mrs. Reinhardt attended. Mrs. Wickerham is a new representative to the committee and finds the amount of information the members have to be amazing. Mrs. Reinhardt said the committee will put together a recommendation to come to the board. Denise Anthony, who chairs this committee, said the group is articulating some short-term solutions and deciding what the long-term opportunities are.
- F. DPAC (Dec. 6)
Mrs. Chaudari attended. She reported on what the parent portal usage numbers were and said the January preliminary findings were from the parent survey. March 7 is the Parent Partnership Forum. All board members will attend this meeting to process the survey results. Board trustees will speak at the Jan. 3 meeting about volunteering at a higher level of leadership. Mrs. McBride, Mr. Bower, and Mrs. Reinhardt believe they are able to attend the Jan. 3 meeting. All board members are welcome.

12. Board Meeting Recap

- The following policies will be brought to Policy Committee – 4200, 4200-R, 4200-E, 4240, 4311.1-R, and 4315.1.
- March 7 – Parent Partnership Forum
- Board members to talk about board service at the January 3 DPAC meeting.
- Mr. Whitmore to do a scholarship write-up to go to Policy Committee.
- Mr. Whitmore to respond to the family regarding agenda item #4G.

13. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:43 P.M.
MOVED: Mrs. Smith
SECONDED: Mrs. Wickerham
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Flanigan
School District Clerk
Board Approved: January 8, 2013

Board Member
Reports

Meeting Recap

Adjournment