

Tuesday, October 25, 2016
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 part of the official minutes of this meeting to the same extent as if fully set forth.

In Attendance

Board members: Mr. Robert L. Cook, President
Mr. Sean P. McCormick, Vice President
Mr. Simeon Banister
Mr. Robert C. Bower
Mrs. Diane E. McBride
Mrs. Sue A. Smith
Mrs. Annmarie Strzyzynski

Others: Dr. J. Kenneth Graham Jr. Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools
Mr. George DesMarteau, School Attorney
Ms. Sheri Brege, Acting School District Clerk
Ms. Nerlande Anselme, Assistant Superintendent, Student & Family Services
Dr. Patrick McCue, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources & Strategic Initiatives
Mr. Andrew Whitmore, Assistant Superintendent, School Finance & Operations
Ms. Dina Wilson, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Maddy Wolgast, Student Representative to the Board

1. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING - GENERAL

A. Board of Education Members, School Attorney, Acting School District Clerk, and Cabinet Members were present.

B. Meeting Information

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District was held Tuesday, October 25, 2016 in the Dee Strickland Conference Room at the John W. Parker Administration Building, 2034 Lehigh Station Road, Henrietta, NY 14467.

2. OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

A. Mr. Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and introductions were made.

3. URBAN-SUBURBAN

Mr. Cook offered a brief introduction to the public hearing on Urban-Suburban. He announced that today's hearing is for information gathering. The Board will take action on Urban-Suburban at their November 8 Board Meeting.

He announced that the Urban-Suburban hearing is being videotaped and expected up for viewing on our website within 24-48 hours. He then introduced Dr. Patrick McCue, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Strategic Initiatives.

Dr. McCue then introduced the Director of the Urban Suburban Program, Theresa Woodson, and TaShonda Jefferson, Community Liaison who were present to answer any questions.

Dr. McCue reported that the program is administered thru BOCES 1 in Fairport.

He informed the audience that the Board has been working on this for the last two years. They have been looking at how it might enhance students, pros/cons, and a process. The Board developed a position summary. Many surrounding school districts have joined the program.

The District's plan is to enroll between 3-5 students in 7th grade at Roth Jr. High School due to space. It is anticipated that in the first five years we would have between 15-20 students.

This will be processed thru BOCES who manages the Urban-Suburban program. Students in the Urban-Suburban program adhere to high standards and eligibility qualifications. These students must adhere to the District's Code of Conduct. Any infraction would be cause for expulsion. The program is State Aid

Funded with the funds going directly to the suburban district. The City School District covers the cost of transportation.

Dr. McCue said the recommendation is that beginning in 2017, there would be enrollment of 3-5 students in 7th grade at Roth. It is anticipated there would be a maximum of 15 – 20 students by the fifth year of initiation of the program.

The following members of the community spoke regarding our participation in the Urban-Suburban Program:

Iris Raimon 90 Trotter Drive	Clay Harris 51 Clay Road
Pam Reinhardt 208 Alverstone Way	Robert Raimon 90 Trotter Drive
Rosie Mitchell 25 Temple Road	Corey Skinner 173 Fitzpatrick Trail
Millie Sapranek 711 Pinnacle Road	Harmony Sapranek 711 Pinnacle Road
Peter Collange 77 Tall Oaks Lane	Stella Wu 29 Alverstone Way
Dave Ingalls 21 Green Clover Drive	Jason Mitchell 25 Temple Road

Some felt we were already a diverse community. Others raised questions and felt if we had the space and there was no cost to the district, it can only enhance our schools.

Mr. Cook thanked everyone for their comments and said this will be voted on at the November 8th Board of Education meeting.

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE(S)
Maddy Wolgast reported that at the Senior High they are finally starting up mini projects. Student Council met with Mrs. Patton to go over some of the projects. Each member of student council is taking on a project. Some of the projects include: Suicide prevention, Read out to middle schools. Holding a mini election - utilizing google forum, and art day, to name a few. They are continuing to work on getting gold passes back in good standing at the Senior High. It would be given to students with high grade average and has no disciplinary records. They are also requesting opening the court yards during lunch and are currently working out the kinks. Friday is Pink Out to acknowledge Breast Cancer survivors and those who are going through it right now. Spotlight Theatre performs Les Miserables November 15-16. She reminded the Board that 12 Angry Jurors, the Fall Play, will be at the Senior High School this weekend.
5. PUBLIC FORUM – No one from the audience signed up to speak.
6. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR ROUTINE MATTERS – (Reference Appendices 6A-F)
 - A. Action pertaining to the acceptance of the September Treasurer's Report, September Budget Transfers, and September Student State Accounts Report
 - B. Action pertaining to the acceptance of the following change orders: Change Order #SC-005 – DDS Constructors, LCC – Full Day Kindergarten – Sherman; Change Order #SC-006 – DDS Constructors, LCC – Full Day Kindergarten Vollmer
 - C. Action pertaining to the approval of the CSE/CPSE recommendations
 - D. Action pertaining to the acceptance of a donation to RHMPA
 - E. Action pertaining to the acceptance of a donation to the Rush-Henrietta Senior High School
 - F. Action pertaining to the acceptance of the October 11, 2016 Board of Education Meeting Minutes

**ACTION PERTAINING TO THE ACCEPTANCE
OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 6A-F,
WITH MODIFICATIONS TO MINUTES AS NOTED
MOVED: Mr. Bower
SECONDED: Mrs. Smith**

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

7. PERSONNEL ACTIONS - (Reference Appendices 7A)

- A. Action pertaining to approval of personnel actions – Mr. Bower asked that personnel action #12 be pulled and voted on separately as there was a conflict of interest.

**ACTION PERTAINING TO THE
ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS #1 – 11, 13
MOVED: Mr. McCormick
SECONDED: Mrs. McBride
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

**ACTION PERTAINING TO THE
ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONNEL ACTION #12
MOVED: Mrs. McBride
SECONDED: Mrs. Smith
ABSTAINED: Mr. Bower
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0, with 1 abstaining**

8. BOARD WORKSHOP – (Reference Appendices 8)

- A. Ms. Wilson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, reviewed the District Priorities Plan of Work. She outlined the areas of instruction they are looking at towards improvement. She addressed what we needed to do differently including being more explicit of what instruction looks like, improve our writing instruction, quicker response time, and get more precise in our diagnosing. We are looking at students who are on the fringe and we are trying to do a better job of identifying those students.

9. BOARD WORKSHOP – (Reference Appendices 9)

A. School Accountability Report

Dr. Pat McCue reported that the District continues to be in Good Standing in terms of Annual Yearly Progress (AYP), and all the schools are also in Good Standing. This designation is based on 2016 assessment data, and the four-year graduation data from the class of 2015 and five-year graduation data for the class of 2014.

Dr. McCue then reported on the Elementary, Middle School and High School Subgroup Performance.

10. Board Workshop – RH 2017-18 Secondary Program Course Guide (Reference Appendices 10A/B)

- A. Ms. Wilson reviewed the course guide with the Board. The guide begins with an overview of the Rush-Henrietta educational program, then an overview and chart showing progress in for each content area. The next section (beginning on page 16) is for junior high school. A planning chart on page 17 provides a graphic organizer by grade level of the required and elective course offered; immediately following are the course descriptions by grade level.

Course additions to the Secondary Program Course Guide include; Steam 7, Steam 8, Business Entrepreneurship: Putting Ideas Into Action, The Teenage Brain, American Sign Language IV, and Applied Statistics.

- B. After Ms. Wilson's report, Mr. Cook called for a motion to endorse 2017-2018 Course Guide.

**ACTION PERTAINING TO THE
ENDORSEMENT OF THE 2017-2018
PROGRAM COURSE GUIDES
MOVED: Mr. McCormick
SECONDED: Mrs. Smith
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

11. New Transportation Policy Implementation (Reference appendices 11A)

Dr. Graham invited Shirley Smith-Gravanda, Director of Transportation; Mary Bloss, Head Bus Driver; and Gina Diesenberg, Principal at Fyle to join the meeting to answer any questions regarding the enforcement of the 2 pick-up and 2 drop off policy.

Bus passes have increased in frequency, and have been last minute, due to parent "emergencies". It is not uncommon for an elementary school to write 90 passes in a single day. This puts additional work on the main office staff and transportation due to changes in additional stops in bus runs as well as tremendous pressure to

stay on time. In a majority of instances buses don't leave schools on time and students become confused. In most cases the 2 pick-ups and 2 drop offs in a week guidelines are not followed. It normally falls upon the transportation department to enforce the policy with parents who do not like to take no for an answer. They would like to propose that we start after the holiday break, January 1, to enforce the 2 pick-ups and 2 drop offs/week policy with at least one month prior notice for any change. Emergency requests will be evaluated individually and may be accommodated with the approval of the Director of Transportation. Next fall, parents will be encouraged to use the wrap-around daycare at their school if something unexpected happens that causes them to deviate from the normal schedule. However, the Director of Transportation may also authorize a different bus schedule.

For student safety at grades K – 6, daily bus passes for route changes will not be issued for any reason other than a family emergency. Emergency changes will be accommodated per the above guidelines.

The hope in doing this early, will avoid some of the confusion next school year when implementation for Full Day Kindergarten begins.

Mr. Banister thought there should be some sort of communication strategy. Dr. Graham said a letter to parents could go out, letter from the principal, and use the Superintendent's Enews. Mrs. Smith urged that staff need to be trained in saying no and explaining to parents the reason for the enforcement. Mr. Cook thought the communication should include specific data, (i.e., how many requests we receive in a day, length of bus runs, safety of children.) It was decided that a board liaison to field parent complaints should be established. It was agreed upon that Mr. McCormick will be that liaison.

**MOTION TO ENDORSE THE ROLL-OUT OF THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY
IN JANUARY, 2017, RATHER THAN SEPTEMBER, 2017**

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

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - (Reference Appendices 12A)

A. Written Information -

- ✓ Student Enrollment- Summary (BEDS)
- ✓ Out-of-District Placements
- ✓ Classes Sizes – Annual Report
- ✓ Wrap-Around Child Care Plan – Report – Fee Structure Cub Care Zone
- ✓ Culturally Responsive Education – Workshop Plan

Dr. Graham reviewed the written information items and then reported:

- Plan of Work and School Improvement Plans are posted on the web.
- Building project going well and are on track.
- PTO's have officially agreed to funds disbursement. Dr. Graham will meet with PTA reps to help reorganize on January 17, 7 pm, Dee Strickland Conference Room.
- We were contacted by Wilmore to inform us on how they want to move forward to modify the Marketplace Mall COMIDA PILOT Agreement. The legal opinion is they can't uniformly enact it. We are working in collaboration with the town to discuss further steps.
- NYSSBA Convention. Dr. Graham reviewed events and dinner invitations.
- Dr. McCue reported that an agreement was reached to extend the Facilities contract.

B. Google Symposium

Mrs. Smith attended and reported the function was stellar. She is very proud of Rush-Henrietta and reported that the event was well organized, covered the gambit, including students showing their work. She was impressed by what is being done at RH. We are an educational leader. The Channel 10 coverage was impressive and Mrs. Smith hoped it could be posted on our website.

13. Old Business - None

14. New Business (Reference Appendices 14A)

A. Board of Education Budget – Status Report

15. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

A. MCSBA Information Exchange Committee (Oct. 19)

Mrs. Strzyzynski reported that the topic was adolescent sleep and school start times. They stressed the importance of later start time for high school students. They spoke about driving and tired students.

They outlined statistics showing the kids taking an AP Exam 1st period versus later in the day. They also spoke about the barriers.

16. CLOSING MEETING

MOTION TO ADJOURN BOARD MEETING AT 10:20 P.M.

MOVED: Mrs. McBride

SECONDED: Mr. Bower

Motion carried: 7-0

Next Board of Education Meeting – November 8, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Brege
Acting School District Clerk
Board approved: November 8, 2016