Rochester Area School District Board of Education Minutes

WORK SESSION

Present:

Absent

Mrs. Heim

Mr. Bauer

Mr. Kaye

Mr. Martino - Excused

Mr. Murtha

Mrs. Reda

Mr. Weischedel

Mrs. Yakish

Mr. Zarnich

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Reda called the meeting to order at 7:00 P. M.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Mrs. Yakish this evening, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 22, 2010 Regular Session were approved by motion of Mrs. Yakish, second of Mr. Zarnich with the following correction in place:

Mrs. Heather Borer's FMLA was erroneously reported as an unpaid leave. It is a paid leave as she used her sick time to cover this.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mrs. Wilkovich reported that a letter had been received from Janice Craig Boffo, a Senior Citizen, who is a graduate of Rochester High School, who attended the Senior Citizen's Luncheon given by our District. She was very pleased with the very pleasant and courteous treatment she received at this event, and is proud to be an alumnus of Rochester Area School District.

It was reported by Mrs. Wilkovich that a thank you had been received from Aaron Brant, Jr. Class President, for the Junior Seminar Day. He said it was exciting and they the opportunity to meet extraordinary people. The students were thrilled with the experience and will be talking about it for a long time. They really enjoyed the speakers and wanted to thank everyone who helped.

Mrs. Wilkovich reported Mr. Budacki had received a letter from the North Hills School District commending our school and community for their outstanding behavior during the WPIAL play-off games at North Hills School District. They commended all students and personnel who were involved in any way with the game.

Mrs. Wilkovich reported that Mary Beth Dishler was selected as the 2010 School Nutrition Association of Pennsylvania's Heart of the Program Award Winner.

A thank you note was received from Mrs. Laskey for the flowers that were sent to her for her recent bereavement.

Mrs. Reda read a letter from the House of Representatives regarding pension contributions for Public School Employees.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mr. Steve Decouto was present to request the use of the District's gymnasium for a boxing show to be presented by the Beaver County Fight Club. They are requesting May 7th at the present time, but possibly may want to move the date to sometime in June. They would also like to ask the Rochester cheerleaders to be ring girls for the event. He was told that all legalities would be reviewed and he would be informed of the Board's decision.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Mr. Murtha motioned to approve the Gleason Insurance Group as the District's "Broker of Record" for property, casualty insurance and bond coverage's. Mr. Zarnich seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Murtha to approve the adoption of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Budget for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$1,264,707 according to section 914-A(6)(i) Act 102 of 1970. Mr. Weischedel seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Murtha motioned to approve the adoption of the Beaver County Career and Technology Center's Operating Budget for the 2010-2011 school year of \$3,892,103.09 with an increase of 3.7%. This was seconded by Mr. Zarnich, and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL:

Mr. Murtha motioned to approve the Professional Employee Retirement Incentive Program for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Weischedel seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Murtha to approve a FMLA for Mrs. Del Oxley from March 31, 2010 to April 7, 2010 due to a family illness. Mrs. Yakish seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Murtha motioned to approve the posting for homebound instruction for a High School student. Mr. Weischedel seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

The following individuals were approved to be added to the substitute teachers list for the 2009-2010 school year by motion of Mr. Murtha, second of Mr. Weischedel, and unanimous roll call vote.

Kara Retzer – Clearances on file Cori Shepler – Clearances on file

Mr. Murtha motioned to approve posting for Grades 7 - 12 After-School Tutoring to begin May 3, 2010 and continue to June 10, 2011. Teachers will be paid \$20 per hour as per contract. Secondary certification preferred. Mrs. Heim seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. (Paid by ARRA Funds.)

The resignation of Mr. William Mathlage, Security Guard, effective March 26, 2010 was accepted by motion of Mr. Murtha, second of Mr. Weischedel, and unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Murtha motioned to approve the request of Ms. Jennifer Milne, Girl's Softball Coach, for an additional paid Assistant Coach at a supplemental contract of \$800 (pro-rated). Mr. Kaye seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Murtha motioned to accept the resignation of Ms. Deborah Reber, Custodial Department, as of April 12, 2010. Mr. Weischedel seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Murtha motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Rochester Area School District and Rochester Support Professional Association for the following positions in the Nutritional Services Department:

6.5 hour position--------Debbie Matzie
5.5 hour position--------Cheryl Johnson
5 hour position--------Chrystal Wahl
4 hour position---------Michelle Stoffen

Mr. Weischedel seconded the above motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Denise D. Majewski was approved to the substitute lists for Nutritional Services and Custodial Departments (pending clearances), by motion of Mr. Murtha, second of Mr. Kaye, and unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Murtha motioned to approve Ms. Cynthia L. Mabin to the substitute list for the Nutritional Services Department. Mrs. Yakish seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Murtha motioned to approve adoption of adjudication in a student disciplinary matter. This was seconded by Mr. Zarnich and resulted in the following vote: Mrs. Heim, Mr. Murtha, Mrs. Reda, Mr. Weischedel, and Mr. Zarnich were present for same and all voted "Yea". Therefore the motion carried.

The request of Cindy Bozek, Nutritional Services Department, to receive a leave of absence from April 1, 2010 through April 16, 2010 was approved by motion of Mr. Murtha, second of Mr. Zarnich, and unanimous roll call vote.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS; ATHLETICS/SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:TRANSPORTATION; CURRICULUM; TECHNOLOGY; POLICY AND PROCEDURES; SAFETY AND SECURITY; INTERMEDIATE UNIT; BEAVER COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER; LEGISLATION

There was nothing to be acted upon this evening by the immediately above listed committees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Yakish motioned to go into an Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. for Personnel Matters. This was seconded by Mr. Murtha. There will be no voting after the Executive Session so the Work Session was adjourned at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Gross,

Board Secretary