Rochester Area School District Board of Education Minutes

REGULAR SESSION

<u>Present:</u> <u>Absent</u>

Mr. Bauer Mr. Weischedel (Vacation)

Mrs. Heim

Mr. Kaye

Mr. Martino

Mr. Murtha

Mrs. Reda

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 June 14, 2010 Work Session were approved as submitted by motion of Mr. Bauer, second of Mrs. Yakish, and unanimous roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mrs. Wilkovich reported she had received a letter from the Boro of Rochester requesting the District to contribute \$500 per year to the D.A.R.E. Program for the 2010 – 2011 school year. It is anticipated that East Rochester and Rochester Township will do the same. They are also asking the school district to contribute \$4,500 toward the D.A.R.E. Officer's salary each year. We did not have the D.A.R.E. Program in our District for the 2009-2010 school year due to lack of funding.

A letter was received from a Rochester High School 50 year graduate, Mr. Robert Gilmore, thanking for the opportunity to participate in the graduation class of 2010. The evening proved to be great fun for his family. He stated that he appreciates all that the District does to educate our children.

A letter was received from Nancy McMann thanking the District for the very kind attention they gave her handicapped father regarding the graduation ceremony at our school. The staff was very courteous and helpful and made the evening very pleasant for them.

Mrs. Reda reported that at a meeting of Boro, and Township Officials, the District was asked if they would wish to have the District's cameras connected to the Rochester Area Police cars viewing. This would enable them to know exactly where a problem would be located in the building and make their response much quicker. They reported that some of the other school districts are doing this, and they would like to write a grant with our District to pay for the service. This will be sent to committee to be discussed. The solicitor stated that he feels it needs to be studied before any action is taken. Mrs. Reda reported that the District will not be able to contribute at all to this, so it would only be possible by receiving a grant.

CITIZEN INPUT:

There were no citizens wishing to speak this evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Zarnich motioned to go into an executive session at 7:14 p.m. for litigation and personnel matters. Mrs. Yakish seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

RECONVENEMENT:

The regular session was resumed by motion of Mrs. Yakish, second of Mr. Zarnich, and unanimous roll call vote at 8:21 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Mr. Martino requested Mr. Ursu to review the Financial Report for the month of May at this time. Mr. Ursu did so.

Mr. Martino motioned to approve the Treasurer's and Financial Reports for the month of May. Mr. Bauer seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

The Payment of Bills for the month of May, the Monthly Budget Reports, and the Informational Reports were all approved by motion of Mr. Martino, second of Mr. Murtha, and unanimous roll call vote. They are:

| 8. | General Fund Accounts Payable | \$132,434.56 |
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| b. | Contractual Obligations and Pre-approved Checks | \$687,395.92 |
| C. | Capital Improvement 09 | \$ 2,067.97 |
| d. | Capital Improvement ESB | \$ 0.00 |
| ₽, | Cafeteria Fund | \$ 56,483.86 |
| £. | Student Activities | \$ 14,216.38 |

Mr. Martino motioned to approve the resolution authorizing Act 1 Homestead and Farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions for school year beginning 7/01/10, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act and the Taxpayer Relief Act. Mr. Murtha seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Martino motioned to approve the bills deemed necessary for the month of July 2010. This was seconded by Mr. Bauer, and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Martino motioned to adopt the final General Fund Budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year in the amount of \$14,358,428 with supporting tax bases as follows:

Real Estate Tax = 55.1799 mills
Per Capita Tax = \$10.00
Earned Income Tax = 5.0 mills
Local Service Tax = \$5.00
Mercantile Tax (Wholesale) = ½ mill
Mercantile Tax (Retail) = ¾ mill
Business Privilege Tax = ¾ mill
Realty Transfer Tax = ½ mill

This was seconded by Mr. Zarnich and approved upon a 6-2 vote with Mr. Bauer and Mrs. Heim voting "Nay", and Mr. Weischedel being absent.

Mr. Martino motioned to approve the solicitor to proceed with the Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Bauer seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Martino motioned to authorize the expense of \$5,000 for and Act 50 Hearing. This was seconded by Mr. Kaye, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL:

Mr. Murtha motioned to approve the retirement of Ms. Renee Sulia as the Director of Special Education effective June 14, 2010. This was seconded by Mr. Kaye, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

By motion of Mr. Murtha, second of Mr. Bauer, and unanimous roll call vote Mrs. Barbara Reddick-Glover was assigned to the position of Interim Pupil Personnel and Special Education Coordinator beginning July 1, 2010.

Permission was granted to post Grade 4 Elementary teaching position effective 2010-2011 school year as per contract (retroactively) by motion of Mr. Murtha, second of Mr. Martino, and unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Murtha motioned to approve Tracy Brandon, substitute teacher, for the Elementary/High School Tutoring Program, June 14 through August 25, 2010. Mr. Bauer seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Hayley Schulze, substitute teacher, was approved for Elementary/High School Tutoring Program, June 14 through August 25, 2010 by motion of Mr. Murtha, second of Mrs. Heim, and unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Murtha motioned to approve the return from furlough status for Beth Ann Weish, part-time assistant, Nutritional Services Department for the 2010-2011 school year beginning August 30, 2010. Mr. Bauer seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Murtha motioned to approve the Administrators' Compensation Plan (Act 93). This was seconded by Mr. Martino, and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Murtha motioned to approve the attached list of individuals to be added to the substitute teachers list for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Kaye seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Murtha motioned to approve the returning of two part-time Nutritional Services assistants on August 30, 2010. Mrs. Yakish seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

ATHLETICS/SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Mrs. Yakish motioned to approve the Rochester Area School District's School Picnic for Tuesday, June 7, 2011. Mrs. Heim seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. (Adjust the school calendar to reflect this date change.)

CURRICULUM:

Mr. Yakish motioned to approve the contract for the School-To-Work (STW) Transition Program and Creating Alternative Pathways to Success (CAPS) Youth Program for Special Education students. Mr. Murtha seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

The contract with Holy Family Learning Educational Program for Special/Alternative Education at a cost of \$114 per day was approved upon motion of Mrs. Yakish, second of Mr. Murtha, and unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Yakish motioned to approve the contract with The School at McGuire Memorial for Special/Alternative Education at a cost of \$168.05 per day and \$158.13 for one-on-one aide tuition (if needed). Mr. Kaye seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

<u>BUILDING AND GROUNDS; TRANSPORTATION; TECHNOLOGY; POLICY AND PROCEDURES; SAFETY AND SECURITY: INTERMEDIATE UNIT; BEAVER COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER; AND LEGISLATION:</u>

There was no business to be conducted by the above listed committees this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Yakish motioned to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. as there was no further business for this evening. Mr. Murtha seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Gross,

Board Secretary