

WORK SESSION

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. George Bauer, Board President, at 7:06 P. M. At this time, Mr. Bauer welcomed the newly appointed Board Member, Ms. Barbara A. Richards, to the Rochester Area School District Board of Education.

**INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE:**

The salute to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mr. George A. Bauer.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Mr. George A. Bauer  
Mr. Aaron M. Brant  
Mr. James M. Long  
Mr. Thomas W. Majors  
Ms. Barbara A. Richards  
Mrs. Holly A. Ziegler

**Absent:**

Mrs. Marion Acon  
Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard  
Mr. Floyd B. Tame

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS:**

Dr. Kathryn Gruber  
Mr. Michael Damon  
Mrs. Jodie Laskey  
Mrs. Barbara Reddick-Glover  
Mrs. Susan Vukovcan

Ms. Wanda DeSimone  
Mr. Louis Paul Campisi  
Mr. Ryan Bauer  
Mr. Brandon Gary

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the October 23, 2012 Regular Session required the following correction: Ms. Barbara A. Richards was appointed for the unexpired term of Mr. Cody T. Bailey to serve until December of 2013. The date was erroneously reported in that set of minutes and is now approved with the correction being made, by motion of Mr. Brant, second of Mr. Long, and unanimous roll call vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Dr. Kathryn Gruber reported that a thank you letter had been received from The Salvation Army – Rochester Branch, thanking for the donation of 700 cans of food received November 5, 2012 from the Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grades in the Rochester Area School District. This donation was greatly appreciated.

**PRESENTATION:**

There were no presentations this evening.

**CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGEND ITEMS ONLY:**

There were no citizens wishing to address the Board on agenda items.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

There was nothing reported this evening.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE:**

The resolution to participate in the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit's 2013-2014 Joint Purchasing Program at a cost of \$600 was approved upon motion of Mr. Long, second of Mr. Brant, and unanimous roll call vote.

**TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL:**

The resignation of Ms. Terri Terrazzano from the contractual fixed supplemental position of Saturday School Instructor effective immediately was approved by motion of Mr. Brant, second of Mrs. Ziegler, and unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Brant motioned to grant permission to post for a Saturday School Instructor at a contractual fixed supplemental base salary of \$25 per hour for the 2012-2013 school year. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Ms. Grace Mary Solimando was approved to be added to the substitute teachers list for the 2012-2013 school year by motion of Mr. Brant, second of Mrs. Ziegler, and unanimous roll call vote. (Clearances are on file.)

Mr. Brant motioned to approve the advertising for a part-time Confidential Secretary, Business Office, in the Accounts Payable/Receivable position at a rate of \$12.50 per hour up to thirty-two (32) hours per week on a 60 day probationary period. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. (This is a non-contracted position).

Mr. Brant motioned to approve homebound instruction for two 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to receive 5 hours per week of instruction for approximately one month. This was seconded by Mrs. Ziegler, and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

By motion of Mr. Brant, second of Mrs. Ziegler, and unanimous roll call vote, Ms. Charissa Daman was approved to provide homebound instruction for the two 7<sup>th</sup> grade students effective immediately.

Homebound instruction for one 5<sup>th</sup> grade student to receive 5 hours per week of instruction for approximately one month was approved by motion of Mr. Brant, second of Mrs. Ziegler, and unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Brant motioned to grant permission to post for a homebound instructor for an elementary student. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. (Elementary Teaching Certification is required).

Student Teacher, Ms. Amanda O'Neill, from Slippery Rock University, was approved to complete her assignment from January 28<sup>th</sup> through March 22, 2013, under the supervision of Mrs. Brenda Williams in a K-12 vocal music placement and from March 26<sup>th</sup> through May 16, 2013, under the supervision of Mr. John Panella in a 4-12 instrumental music placement by motion of Mr. Brant, second of Mrs. Ziegler, and unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Brant motioned to approve the Math Symposium Field Trip to attend Point Park College in Pittsburgh on November 2, 2012. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. There is no cost to the students for this trip. The District's cost is approximately \$130 for transportation for the group.

The High School Chorus was approved to attend Central Valley High School in Monaca on November 6, 2012 by motion of Mr. Brant, second of Mrs. Ziegler, and unanimous roll call vote. All funds have been budgeted through the music field trip account.

Mr. Brant motioned to approve the Junior High School Chorus to attend Central Valley High School in Monaca on November 13, 2012. This was seconded by Mrs. Ziegler, and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. The funds have been budgeted through the music field trip account.

The Elementary and Secondary Gifted students Field Trip to attend the Academic Games at Geneva College on November 15, 2012 was approved by motion of Mr. Brant, second of Mrs. Ziegler, and unanimous roll call vote. There is no cost to the students for this trip. The District's cost is approximately \$180 for transportation.

Mr. Brant motioned to approve the Elementary Science Club Field Trip to attend the local Giant Eagle to recognize "America Recycles Day" on November 15, 2012. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. There is no cost for the students or the District for this trip.

The Transition Field Trip to attend the Gas and Oil Open House at the Beaver County Career and Technology Center on November 19, 2012 was approved by motion of Mr. Brant, second of Mrs. Ziegler, and unanimous roll call vote. There is no cost to the students or the District for this trip.

Mr. Brant motioned to approve the Jr./Sr. High School Student Councils Field Trip to attend the Cinemark Movie Theater in Center Township for the Feature Presentation of "Lincoln" on November 20, 2012. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. This will be at a cost of \$9.50 per student which includes admission/popcorn and/or drink, plus transportation.

Mr. Brant motioned to approve the Guidance Field Trip to attend California University of Pennsylvania on November 29, 2012. There is no cost to the students or the District for this trip. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

The Jr./Sr. High School Gifted Students Field Trip to attend Beaver Falls High School on December 14, 2012 was approved by motion of Mr. Brant, second of Mrs. Ziegler, and unanimous roll call vote. There is no cost to the students. The District's cost is approximately \$180 for transportation.

The Referral Agreement between the Rochester Area School District and the Drug and Alcohol Services of Beaver Valley, Inc. was approved by motion of Mr. Brant, second of Mrs. Ziegler, and unanimous roll call vote. This agreement will remain in effect for a period of two (2) years.

The resignation of Mr. Stephen Kovach, furloughed employee from the Maintenance Department, effective October 5, 2012 was accepted by motion of Mr. Brant, second of Mrs. Ziegler, and unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Brant motioned to grant permission to advertise for substitutes in the Cafeteria, Custodial and Maintenance Departments. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Permission to advertise for substitutes for secretaries and Para-professionals was granted by motion of Mr. Brant, second of Mrs. Ziegler, and unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Brant motioned to approve the termination of services of Ms. Debra Cline as an Individual Education Plan Reviewer (IEP) effective immediately. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Brant to approve Ms. Lori Massaro as the IEP Reviewer at a rate of \$10 per IEP for the 2012-2013 school year. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

#### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS:**

There was no business presented from this committee this evening.

**ATHLETICS/SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:**

Mrs. Ziegler motioned to approve Mr. Brad Wijnen-Riems to serve as the Mens' Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach at a supplemental base salary of \$1,200 for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Majors seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. (Mr. Wijnen-Riems' clearances are on file).

Mrs. Ziegler motioned to approve Mr. Adam Busocker to serve as the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mens' Basketball Coach at a supplemental base salary of \$900 for the 2012-2013 school year (pending clearances). Mr. Majors seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mrs. Ziegler motioned to accept the resignation of Mr. Jamie Burton from the position of the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Mens' Basketball Coach Effective immediately. This was seconded by Mr. Majors, and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Permission to post for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Mens' Basketball Coach at a supplemental base salary of \$800 for the 2012-2013 school year was granted by motion of Mrs. Ziegler, second of Mr. Majors, and unanimous roll call vote.

**TRANSPORTATION; CURRICULUM; TECHNOLOGY; POLICY AND PROCEDURES; SAFETY AND SECURITY; INTERMEDIATE UNIT; BEAVER COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER; LEGISLATION:**

There was no business presented by the immediately above listed committees this evening.

**CITIZENS INPUT – ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

There were no citizens wishing to speak at this time on non-agenda items.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Brant motioned to go into an Executive Session at 7:25 P. M. for Personnel Matters. This was seconded by Mr. Long and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.


**RECONVENEMENT:**

This meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m. by motion of Mr. Brant, second of Mr. Long, and unanimous roll call vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. by motion of Mr. Brant, second of Mr. Long, and unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Gross".

Carol Gross  
Board Secretary