

WORK SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. George Bauer, Board President, at 7:05 P. M.

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE:

The salute to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mr. George A. Bauer opening the meeting for this evening.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mrs. Marian R. Acon
Mr. George A. Bauer
Mr. Aaron M. Brant
Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard
Mr. James M. Long
Mr. Thomas W. Majors
Mr. Floyd B. Tame
Mrs. Holly A. Ziegler

Absent:

NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS:

Dr. Kathryn Gruber	Ms. Wanda DeSimone
Mr. Michael Damon	Mr. Louis Paul Campisi
Mrs. Jodie Laskey	Mr. Ryan Bauer
Mrs. Barbara Reddick-Glover	Mrs. Susan Vukovcan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

By motion of Mr. Brant and second of Mr. Long, the minutes of the September 24, 2012 Regular Session were approved as submitted by the secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Dr. Gruber read a card that had been received thanking the district and all concerned for the very beautiful gifts, thoughts and prayers in behalf of their son, Mr. Tim Tomko. This was greatly appreciated by the family.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Mark Vukovcan, Social Studies Teacher, presented the Students of the Month for September for the Jr. High School. They are: Lydia Bable – 7th Grade and Tiara Jeffers -8th Grade. Both students were present and congratulated by the Board.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGEND ITEMS ONLY:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Acon motioned to go into an executive session for personnel reasons at 7:14 p.m. This was seconded by Mr. Brant, and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

RECONVENEMENT:

Mrs. Acon motioned to return to regular session at 7:31 p.m. This was seconded by Mr. Long and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Solicitor reported that there would be another executive session immediately following this meeting regarding a student issue. There will be no action required, so this meeting will be ended at the time the Executive Session begins.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Mr. Long motioned to approve the agreement between Berkheimer, Inc. and the Rochester Area School District for the collection of local taxes commencing immediately and ending December 31, 2013 and as authorized by the Local Tax Enabling Act. Rochester Area School District will compensate and reimburse Berkheimer in an amount equal to two and five hundredths percent (2.05%) of the gross Local Services Tax collected. Mrs. Acon seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

The resolution between Berkheimer, Inc. and the Rochester Area School District to appoint Berkheimer as its tax hearing officer under and pursuant to the Local Taxpayers Bill of Rights for the express purpose of adjudicating appeals was approved by motion of Mr. Long, second of Mrs. Acon, and unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Long motioned to approve the resolution between Berkheimer, Inc. and the Rochester Areas School District retaining Berkheimer as the exclusive tax collector for the collection of certain taxes pursuant to the authority of the Pennsylvania Local Tax Enabling Act. Mrs. Acon seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Long motioned to approve Freedom Enterprises Associates from the Capital Improvement Bond 2012, in the amount of \$11,340. Mrs. Acon seconded this motion and it resulted in a 7 – 1 vote with the following votes: Mrs. Acon, Mr. Bauer, Ms. Hubbard, Mr. Long, Mr. Majors, Mr. Tame, and Mrs. Ziegler voted “Yea”, and Mr. Brant voted “Nay”. Therefore, this motion carried.

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL:

Mr. Brant motioned to approve homebound instruction for a Kindergarten student, 5 hours a week for approximately one month. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Brant motioned to approve Sharmane Fuller to the supplemental contract for the ACCESS Data Leader for the 2012-2013 school year at a rate of \$12 per hour up to twelve (12) hours per week. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Brant to approve Sheri Pizzella to be added to the Secretarial Substitute List for the 2012-2013 school year (She will only be available for the afternoon hours.) Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. (Clearances are on file.)

Mr. Brant motioned to approve the Transition Field Trip to attend Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh on 10/15/12. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. There is no cost to the District or to the students. The cost for the van will come from the Transition Fund through ACCESS.

The Jr. High Student Council Field Trip to attend the Fright Night at Cheeseman’s Haunted Hayride in Portersville, Butler, Pennsylvania on October 25, 2012 was approved by motion of Mr. Brant, second of Mrs. Ziegler, and unanimous roll call vote. The student expense is \$15.

Mr. Brant motioned to approve the Gifted Consortium Field Trip to attend Science on the Road at Ambridge Elementary School on October 25, 2012. There is no cost to the District or to the students. The bus is being paid for by the PTA. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Brant motioned to approve the Accounting Class Field Trip to attend the Accounting Career Day at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh on November 15, 2012. There is no cost to the District. Admission is free and lunch will be provided. Estimated cost for each student is \$6 for the bus. This was seconded by Mrs. Ziegler, and unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Mr. Brant motioned to approve the Grades 7-12 Gate Students, Biology and Anatomy Classes Field Trip to attend the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh on May 8, 2013. Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. Student expense is \$10 – \$15/each, but the sponsors for these students will be applying for a scholarship in January to try to cover the cost.

Mr. Brant motioned to approve Ronda Hermick to be added to the substitute nurse's list for the 2012-2013 school year. (Clearances are on file.) Mrs. Ziegler seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

There was no business from this committee this evening.

ATHLETICS/SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Mrs. Ziegler motioned to approve Ms. Patricia Smith to serve as the Head Coach for the Varsity Volleyball Team for the 2012-2013 school year at a supplemental base salary of \$1,500 (pro-rated). Mr. Long seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

TRANSPORTATION:

There were no issues to be covered by this committee this evening.

CURRICULUM:

Mrs. Acon motioned to approve the 2011-2012 High School Improvement Plan. Ms. Hubbard seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

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

There was no business to be transacted from the immediately above listed committees.

CITIZENS INPUT – ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no citizens wishing to speak at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

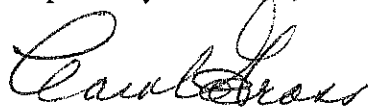
Mr. Long motioned to go into an executive session for a student issue at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Brant seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

RECONVENEMENT:

Mr. Long motioned to return to the regular session at 8:45 p.m. and Mr. Majors seconded this motion, which was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

As there was no further business for this evening, Mr. Long motioned to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. and Ms. Hubbard seconded this motion, which was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Carol Gross
Board Secretary