

Roxbury Central School
Board of Education Meeting
January 9, 2008

A regular meeting of the Roxbury Central School District Board of Education was held on January 9, 2008.

Present: Phil Zorda, Ed Fersch, Jim Cuttita, Vic Barraclough and Will Finch.
Superintendent: Dr. Craig Carr
Principal: Thomas O'Brien
Treasurer: Jean Menchen
Secretary: Cherie Serrie

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Zorda.

Pledge of Allegiance

There were no additions to the agenda.

Tamara McIntosh, RCS Guidance Counselor, gave a presentation on academic eligibility. The eligibility process is now in its 4th year. Mailings are sent home every two weeks for students failing one or two subjects. Students who are failing two subjects are ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities. Progress reports are sent home on the weeks that eligibility mailings are not sent.

Ed Fersch moved, seconded by Will Finch to approve the treasurer's report for December, 2006. Motion approved unanimously.

Treas. Report

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Vic Barraclough to approve budget transfer schedule #3 in the amount of \$29,098.15. Motion approved unanimously.

Budget Transfer

Ed Fersch moved, seconded by Will Finch to approve the bills for audit as follows:

Bills

	General Fund	cks	School Lunch	cks	Federal Fund	cks	Debt. Ser	cks
Dec.	\$ 11,521.32	1	\$ 185.72	1	\$ 0	0	0	0
Jan.	\$ 255,828.19	76	\$ 9,369.23	17	\$ 4,106.09	5	\$ 4,200.00	1
	Capital Fund	cks						
Dec.	0							
Jan.	\$ 4,167.15	76						

Motion approved unanimously.

The date for the first budget committee meeting will be Thursday, January 31st at 3:30 pm in Tom O'Brien's office.

A notice will appear in the February newsletter asking for volunteers to serve on the budget committee who have some financial background and are willing to attend all meetings.

Vic Barraclough moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita to approve the student fund account for December, 2007. Motion approved unanimously.

Student Fund

Ed Fersch moved, seconded by Will Finch to approve the minutes of the meeting from 12/12/07 as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes

Public Comments:

1. Question regarding whether CROP employees received any type of benefits.
2. Question as to what the discussion will be concerning the East Branch property for sale.

President's Report:

1. Information on national radon month was received from the Delaware County Public Health Office.
2. Information was received on an upcoming workshop from NYSSBA on internal and external audit process.
3. Susan Eichler was elected to the ONC BOCES Board of Education.
4. It was the consensus of the board to conduct the internal walk through of the school building on February 13, 2008 at 6:00 pm. The board will meet at the school.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Catskill Area School Study Council is sponsoring a School Boards Institute Workshop on February 12, 2008.
2. A grant summary was received from Peg Ellsworth for the 2006-07 school year.
3. New internal and external building use forms were developed and distributed to board members.
4. Dr. Carr distributed list of teachers who have not yet received tenure and noted the anticipated dates to receive tenure. The report also notes when provisional certifications will expire.
5. The East Branch Café is for sale for \$295,000. It was the consensus of the board that they are not interested in the property.
6. Additional money from the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation and the O'Connor Foundation may become available for mental health services. Dr. Carr would like to offer "in-kind" services.

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7. Dr. Carr distributed copies of three slides from a workshop on Roxbury Central School Expanded Student Learning Objectives. The conversation clarified that the concepts would be broken down more specifically. Mr. Cuttita stressed that he felt students must excel in the basics before going moving on to other concepts.

Board Comments & Questions:

1. Applications will be forthcoming for a Rotary Leadership Academy held for one week in July.
2. Phil Zorda received an e-mail on NYSSBA's response to Gov. Spitzers State of the State message.
3. Ed Fersch attended a basketball game and was very impressed with the new sound system.

Old Business:

Ed Fersch moved, seconded by Vic Barraclough to approve the following:

Policies

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Roxbury Central School District is authorized by Education Law Section 1804 to adopt by-laws and policies as necessary for the effective and orderly operation of the schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has revised its policies and made certain revisions and changes thereto; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby adopts the following policies as per the Erie BOCES numbering system which shall be made part of the Board's Policy manual: Policies numbered 1339, 7121, 7160, 7241 and 7260 and,

BE IT RESOLVED that the policies adopted shall supercede all previous policies adopted by the Board of Education covering the same topics. Specifically the adopted polices supercede all of or portions of policies 5130 and 5150 in the NYSSBA numbering system, and,

BE IT RESOLVED that in the event any policy, part of policy or section of the by-laws is judged to be inconsistent with law, inoperative by a court of competent jurisdiction, or is invalidated by a policy or contract duly adopted by this Board, the remaining by-laws, policies, and parts of policies shall remain in full effect.

Motion approved unanimously.

New Business:

Superintendent's Recommendations:

1. The 2008-09 school calendar was tabled until the February meeting.

Ed Fersch moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita to approve the following:

1. Accept the resignation of Heather Biruk-Slauson as attendance officer effective at the end of the day on January 18, 2008.
2. Appoint Heather Biruk-Slauson as typist in a permanent 12 month position at \$9.96/hr, with benefits as per pending CSEA contract, effective at the end of the day on January 18, 2008, and pending successful completion of the probationary period.
3. Approve Tracy Dee, PO Box 804, Fleischmanns, NY 12430, as a permanent clerk as per civil service title, at the rate of \$9.96/hr, effective January 22, 2008, pending successful completion of the probationary period and pending fingerprint clearance as required by SAVE legislation.
4. Approve Shirley McCumber, 943 Brook Road, Margaretville, NY as a home tutor for 15hours/week, starting January 10, 2008, at \$16/hr (fingerprint clearance received).
5. Approve Chryste Springman, 740 Creamery Rd., Roxbury, NY as a substitute teacher for grades K-12 (fingerprint clearance received).
6. Approve Tracy Peters, PO Box 326, Roxbury, NY 12474, as a substitute teacher aide pending fingerprint clearance as required by SAVE legislation.
7. Approve Tanjia Hynes, PO Box 92, Roxbury, NY as a substitute registered nurse (fingerprint clearance received).
8. Approve Kristi Hadden as an activity leader for CROP starting 1/2/08 and as an activity leader for the Roxbury After-School Program starting 1/10/08 (no longer listed as a substitute).

Motion approved unanimously.

Vic Barraclough moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita to approve the CSE recommendations for the following students: # 2840, 2762, 2005, 2660, 2676, 2653, 2840, 1906, 2942, and 2897. Motion approved unanimously.

CSE

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Public Comments: None

Ed Fersch moved, seconded by Will Finch to adjourn
the meeting at 8:27 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Cherie Serrie, Secretary

Phillip Zorda, President

Craig G. Carr, Superintendent