

Roxbury Central School
Board of Education Minutes
October 14, 2009

Roxbury Central School conducted a hearing on October 14, 2009 to discuss the use of repair reserve funds to replace two hot water heaters within the school. The hearing began at 7:00 pm.

Ed Fersch, Board President, spoke about the possible use of repair reserve funds. Tom O'Brien, Superintendent, went over the rationale for the use of these funds. It is the recommendation of both Tom O'Brien and Alan Davis that two of the hot water heaters be replaced. There were no questions from the board or public. Jean Menchen, District Treasurer, stated that DCMO BOCES will assist in the bid process. The installation would be done by the RCS maintenance department. If approval is given, the bid would be awarded at the November, 2009 board meeting. The hearing was closed at 7:06 pm.

A regular meeting of the Roxbury Central School District Board of Education was held on October 14, 2009.

President Fersch called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions to Agenda:

- Delete budget transfers
- Executive session to discuss legal issues and contract negotiations

Stan Cwynar of Cwynar & Company gave the external audit presentation.

Audit

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Will Finch to approve the reclassification of compensated absences to reserve. Motion approved unanimously.

**Compensated
Absences to
Reserve**

Will Finch moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita to adopt a resolution to accept the audit report for year ending 6/30/09. Motion approved unanimously.

Audit Report

CDEP Plan presentation for 2009-2010 was given by Jo Hinkley and Laurie Andrews.

CDEP

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Will Finch to approve the treasurer's report for September, 2009. Motion approved unanimously.

Treas. Report

Jean Menchen stated that the ARRA grants were approved.

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Bonnie Walker to approve the contract with Fire Systems. Motion approved unanimously.

**Fire Systems
Contract**

There were no budget transfers.

Will Finch moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita to approve the bills for audit as follows:

Bills

	General Fund	cks	School Lunch	cks	Fed. Fund	cks
Sept.	\$ 119,016.83		\$ 342.49		\$ 0	
Oct.	\$ 321,053.56		\$ 11,544.66		\$ 14,690.46	

Motion approved unanimously.

The findings summary from the internal claims auditor was attached.

Jean Menchen handed out the following as FYI's:

- Projected ERS rates
- REAP award information

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Tara Poniros to approve the extra-classroom activity fund report for September, 2009.

Student Fund

Motion approve unanimously.

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita to approve the minutes of the September, 2009 meeting as corrected.

Minutes

Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comments:

1. Christy O'Donnell requested that the Board consider changing the bus route covering Macmore Rd. so that children are picked up for school at their home. A written request had been submitted to the Board.

President's Report:

1. Ed, Tom and Brenda Hill attended the Utica National Insurance Seminar. Topics included:
 - Current legal changes to regulations
 - Cyber bullying and level of school responsibility when things happen outside of school.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Tom spoke at length about the need for the school roof to be replaced. An estimate for roof replacement was received from architect Bill Taylor. Ed, Tom and Alan Davis met with Mr. Taylor and inspected the roof and current problems with the roof. Two of the most serious issues are the leak that was over the gym last year and there is erosion on the capstones at the top.

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The board discussed various options for funding the project and agreed that they would like community input as to how to obtain the approximate \$200,000 additional funding to pay for the replacement. Bonnie Walker suggested that the school have clear proposals for the community. The board was in agreement that all 3 roofs should be done at the same time. The board also agreed for Ed Fersch to write an article to appear in the upcoming newsletter regarding the roof.

2. Application for the AARA funds is due on 10/30/09.
3. The ST 3 was filed last week.

Principal's Report:

1. Open House was a success with a great turn out at the elementary level.
2. Planning has begun for the grade 3-8 testing cycle.

Board Comments & Questions: None

Superintendent's Recommendations:

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Will Finch to approve the use of Repair Reserve Funds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to replace two hot water heaters. Motion approved unanimously.

**Repair Reserve
Funds for Hot
Water Heaters**

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Will Finch to change the date of the December, 2009 Board of Education meeting to Thursday, December 10, 2009. The date change will be advertised. Motion approved unanimously.

**Dec. Mtg. Date
Changed**

Personnel:

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Will Finch to approve the following personnel items:

1. Approve the following substitutes. Fingerprint clearances have been received.
 - Brenda Martin – substitute teacher aide grades K-12
 - Lynda Stratton-Fane – substitute teacher aide grades K-12, substitute cafeteria worker
 - William Otis – substitute teacher grades K-12
 - Marie Windover – substitute teacher grades K-12
 - Lindy Monteleone – substitute teacher grades K-12
 - Melissa Small – substitute teacher aide or assistant grades K-12
 - Seana Haskin – substitute teacher, teacher aide or assistant K-12
 - Samantha Candreva – substitute teacher grades K-12
 - Christine Kemble Johnson – substitute teacher grades 7-12, substitute teacher assistant.
 - Amy Hallock – substitute nurse (RN) (retroactive to 10/1/09)

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- Owen Sanford – substitute custodian
2. Approve winter coaches as follows:
 - Thomas Faraci – Boy’s Varsity Basketball as per RTA contract
 - Michael Reidlinger – Boy’s JV Basketball as per RTA contract
 - Thomas Sherwood – Girl’s Varsity Basketball @ \$5,246
 - Jane Ware – Girl’s JV Basketball as per RTA contract
 - Girl’s Modified Basketball – TBD
 - Jo Hinkley – Ski Team as per RTA contract
 - Wendy Greene – Cheerleading @ \$1,679
 - Robert Cole – Boy’s Modified Basketball @ \$2,782, pending fingerprint clearance as required by SAVE legislation.
 - Michael Hynes – Boy’s Varsity Basketball as unpaid assistant, pending fingerprint clearance as required by SAVE legislation.
3. Approve the following as substitute peer tutors for CROP:
 - Katie Cronk
 - George Gregg
 - Kayla CastilloApprove the following as substitute activity leaders for CROP:
 - Seana Haskin
 - Danielle Plante
4. Approve Alan Davis as a bus driver for Bus #60 per CSEA contract at the starting rate of \$12.82, effective 10/15/09.
5. Approve following assistant Science Olympiad coaches (for up to 20 hours):
 - Joan Riordan as per RTA contract
 - Kenneth Meskill @ \$15/hr
6. Approve William Allison as a substitute custodian and substitute bus driver pending the completion of training as required by DMV.
7. Approve Debbie Lalosh and Heather Slauson (shared position) as hall monitor, Tuesday through Thursday, November 2nd through May 15th, 3-5 pm @ \$15/hr.
8. Approve Cherie Serrie as a substitute hall monitor for 2009/10.
9. Approve an additional 1/2 teaching period per day for Lisa Faraci @ \$3,623, retroactive from 9/8/09 through June 24, 2010 to provide additional Orton Gillingham services, as per RTA contract.
10. Approve Albert Vamosy III as a night shift custodian, starting 10/19/09, as per CSEA contract, and as a substitute bus driver pending the completion of training as required by DMV.
11. Approve Patricia Zambri as CSE consultant with funding through ARRA IDEA 611 grant at a rate of \$275. per day for a maximum of 10 days.

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Other:

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Bonnie Walker to approve the following charter clubs:

- Class of 2016 – 6th
- Class of 2015 – 7th
- Class of 2014 – 8th
- Class of 2013 – 9th
- Class of 2012 – 10th
- Class of 2011 – 11th
- Class of 2010 – 12th
- Cheerleading
- Drama Club
- National Honor Society
- Music Association
- Student Council
- Record Board

Motion approved unanimously.

Charter Clubs

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita to approve revisions to the following policies:

- 3150 – School Volunteers
- 5760 – Qualifications of Bus Drivers
- 6170 – Fingerprinting of Prospective School Employees.

Motion approved unanimously.

Policy Revisions

Bonnie Walker inquired about what the policy is for volunteers who arrive at during school hours and as to whether the teachers are notified of the persons arrival or if someone checks to see if they are expected at school.

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Will Finch to approve the first reading of policy # 5770 – Use of Charter Buses.
Motion approved unanimously.

1st Reading Policy 5770 Charter Buses

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Will Finch to approve the CSE recommendations for the following students:
3026, 3038, 2945, 2884, 1801, 2728, 2660, 3046, 2884, 2583, 3043, 1765, 2823, 2904 and 2716. Motion approved unanimously.

CSE

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Public Comments: None

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Will Finch to enter into executive session at 9:15 pm to discuss legal issues and contract negotiations. Motion approved unanimously.

Into Exec. Session

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita to come out of executive session at 9:40 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Out of Exec. Session

No action was taken during executive session.

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Will Finch to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Adjourn

Cherie Serrie, Secretary

Edward Fersch, President
Board of Education

Thomas J. O'Brien, Superintendent