

A regular meeting of the Roxbury Central School District Board of Education was held on Thursday, November 12, 2009.

Present: Ed Fersch, Jim Cuttita, Will Finch, Tara Poniros and Bonnie Walker.
Superintendent: Thomas J. O'Brien
Principal: Eric Windover
Treasurer: Jean M. Menchen
Secretary: Cherie Serrie

President Fersch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Additions/Changes to Agenda:

1. Add Public Comments after Superintendent Recommendations, Item #3, Roof Project
2. Add Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss:
 - Employment history of a particular employee
 - Legal issue
3. Delete #2 under Superintendent Recommendations

Jane Ware and 6th grade students presented a Claymation Project.

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

Treas. Report

The Board reviewed the Budget Status Report.

Budget Status Report

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Will Finch to approve the Collectors Report of Returned Taxes for 2009. Motion approved unanimously.

Returned Taxes

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Will Finch to approve the Budget Calendar Planning for 2010-2011. Motion approved unanimously.

Budget Calendar

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita to approve budget transfer schedule #3 in the amount of \$275.00. Motion approved unanimously.

Budget Transfer

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Tara Poniros to approve the bills for audit as follows:

Bills

	General Fund	cks	School Lunch	cks	Fed. Fund	cks
Oct.	\$ 26,346.07	10	\$ 179.52	0	\$ 6,004.85	0
Nov.	\$ 346,326.54	88	\$ 11,850.11	16	\$ 6,963.35	17

Motion approved unanimously.

A summary from the internal claims auditor was attached to the bills.

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Will Finch to approve the extra-classroom activity fund report for October, 2009. Motion approved unanimously.

Student Fund

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Tara Poniros to approve the minutes from the meeting of 10/14/09. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes

Public Comments: None

President's Report: None

Superintendent's Report:

1. Tom O'Brien led a discussion with the board whether to continue charging admission to the home basketball games. Many of the area schools no longer charge admission to games (with the exception of sectional games).

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Will Finch to discontinue charging admission to basketball games. Motion approved unanimously.

**Discontinue
Admission to
Games**

2. An ONC BOCES Collaborative Board of Education Forum will be established. A memo outlining the forum was distributed. Ed Fersch, Jim Cuttita and Tom O'Brien will serve on the forum. Will Finch will serve as an alternate.

Principal's Update:

1. The Halloween Parade was a great experience for students and the community.
2. The Character Education Committee did an outstanding job with the Veteran's Day celebration.
3. Disco Inferno will be held on 11/13 & 11/14. The author of Disco Inferno sent an e-mail to Eric to wish the cast good luck on the production.
4. The bench on the front lawn is a creation of the art department.
5. Attendance is being monitored in the morning and afternoon. The custodial department and transportation departments are working on extra sanitation procedures.
6. A program update was received from State Ed in October noting the 18% difference in our graduation rate. Eric is looking into what RCS can do to increase the graduation rate.
7. CDEP, RTI and RIST Committees are focused on the 38 students below the 20th percentile in reading ability. CDEP has created focus groups and are analyzing data. Grade level committee meetings are also being held.

Board Comments and Questions:

Bonnie Walker thought the Veteran's Day program was very well done.

Old Business:

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

Policy 5770

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 which shall be made part of the Board's Policy manual: Policy numbered 5770.
Motion approved unanimously.

Superintendent's Recommendations:

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Will Finch to award the bid to Northrup Supply Co. in the amount of \$19,180 for two (2) hot water heaters. Motion approved unanimously.

**Northrup Supply
2 Hot Water Heaters**

Tom O'Brien gave a power point presentation on the proposed roofing project.

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Tara Poniros to approve the roof project proposal and go forward with the process of creating the referendum. Motion approved unanimously.

**Roof Project
Referendum**

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Will Finch to enter into contract negotiations with William Taylor, Architect, to proceed with the roof project. Motion approved unanimously.

**Contract with
Wm. Taylor**

Eric Windover left the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Bonnie Walker to approve Wendy Sprague as the District's interim designee to represent the District on the governing Board of the Catskill Area Schools Employee Benefit Plan for the plan year beginning July 1, 2009. Motion approved unanimously.

**CASEBP
Interim Designee
W. Sprague**

Bonnie Walker left the meeting at 8:21 pm.

Personnel:

Will Finch moved, seconded by Tara Poniros to approve the following:

1. RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the letter agreement dated November 10, 2009 to extend the probationary period of Evette Garofolo, who serves in the academic tenure area of Biology and General Science, is hereby approved, and her probationary period is hereby extended to and including January 28, 2011 in accordance with and in reliance upon the terms and conditions set forth in the letter agreement.
2. Approve the following substitutes:
 - Deborah Wagner - substitute teacher aide, substitute office aide
 - Anthony Camillone - substitute teacher grades K-12
 - Rita Treski – substitute teacher aide
 - Miriam Weller – substitute teacher aide
 - John Chimento – substitute teacher for grades 11 & 12
3. Approve the following drama appointments:
 - Marianne Schor as assistant drama director at \$771.
 - Richard Tucker as musical director at \$ 1,574.
4. Approve the following volunteers for the Drama Club:
 - Jenny Liddle
 - Ed Sanford
 - Connie McAfee
 - JoAnne Callahan
 - Jennifer Schuman
 - Bonnie Walker
 - Billy Allison
 - Juliet Polcsa
5. Approve Lela Davis as a surrogate parent for the CSE Committee.
6. Approve two unpaid leave days on 1/11/10 and 1/12/10 for Cynthia Lawrence.
7. Approve Tim McIntosh, Bovina, NY as the girls modified basketball coach at \$2,782.
8. Approve Karen Bramley as a substitute teacher for elementary after-school homework help.

Motion approved unanimously.

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Other:

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Will Finch to accept \$993.68 as a donation to the Roxbury Central School Drama Club from the Elementary Drama club. Motion approved unanimously.

**Donation to
Drama Club**

Tara Poniros moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita to approve the CSE recommendations for the following students: #'s 2300, 1874, 2697, 2884 and 3043. Motion approved unanimously.

**CSE
Recommendations**

Public Comments: None

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Will Finch to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee and legal issues. Motion approved unanimously.

Into Exec. Session

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Tara Poniros to come out of executive session at 8:30 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Out of Exec. Session

No action was taken during executive session.

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Tara Poniros to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Adjourn

Cherie Serrie, Secretary

Edward Fersch, President
Board of Education

Thomas J. O'Brien, Superintendent