

A regular meeting of the Roxbury Central School District Board of Education was held on February 9, 2011.

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

President Fersch called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The public hearing for the Capital Project was cancelled. There will be another hearing immediately preceding next month's board meeting.

**Capital
Project**

Additions to the Agenda:

1. Executive session prior to Treasurer's Report to discuss the following:
 - Employee histories
 - Possible litigation
2. Executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss employee history.

Maria Johnson and Tina Peters gave a presentation on "Battle of the Books", a reading incentive program they put into place last year. They outlined the format, talked about how they had incorporated the program into the 7th grade curriculum, explained funding, and were very positive about the effect and success they had last year. The program is in its second year, with plans to continue next year. Tara Poniros congratulated Tina and Maria on the success of the program and thanked them for their dedication and time.

**Battle of the
Books**

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita, to move into executive session at 7:32 to discuss employee histories and possible litigation. Motion approved unanimously.

Exec. Session

Will Finch moved, seconded by Tara Poniros, to come out of executive session at 7:59. Motion approved unanimously.

**Out Of Exec.
Session**

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Will Finch, to approve the Treasurer's Report for January, 2011.

**Treasurer's
Report**

Motion approved unanimously.

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Tara Poniros, to approve budget transfer schedule #7 in the amount of \$30,163.00.
Motion approved unanimously.

**Budget
Transfers**

Tara Poniros moved, seconded by Bonnie Walker, to approve the legal notice for the public budget meetings.

Legal Notice

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

Bills

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Cks.</u>	<u>Federal Fund</u>	<u>Cks</u>	<u>School Lunch</u>	<u>Cks</u>	<u>Capital Fund</u>	<u>Cks</u>
Jan.	\$ 14,339.21	0	0	0	\$ 188.41	0	0	0
Feb.	\$ 296,082.71	98	\$ 2,597.95	6	\$ 8,068.58	11	0	0

Motion was approved unanimously.

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Tara Poniros, to approve the extra-classroom activity fund account for January, 2011. Motion approved unanimously.

Student Fund

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Tara Poniros to approve the minutes of the meetings on 1/12/11 as corrected and 1/24/11 as is. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes

Public Comments: None

President's Report:

- Ed Fersch, Tom O'Brien and Jim Cuttita attended the BOCES Forum last night, where Ed made a PowerPoint presentation on the discussion that was held at the previous RCS board meeting regarding consolidation and the coordinating of school districts with technology and video conferencing. Tom asked Eric to have the Technology Committee look into creating a survey for our teachers to see how much RCS is already using this type of technology.
- The next Board Forum will be on Tuesday, March 8th at 7:00 and will be at NCOC. There will a presentation of the administrative budgets for 2011-2012.

Superintendent's Report:

1. 19-A Record Review – Our bus garage got an exceptional review by the DMV on their record keeping.
2. U-Source – This cooperative bid with Jefferson and Stamford on electrical usage is now in the inquiry stage.
3. Governor's Executive Budget – Tom outlined the possible impact of the Governor's new budget cuts will have on the Roxbury School District. The component superintendents are drafting a statement regarding this matter. The RCS budget committee had their first meeting this evening prior to the board meeting.

Principal's Report:

1. Bonnie Walker was voted by local residents as a winner in the category of Volunteers in the Catskill Mountain News' Best Service Awards contest. First grade teacher Lisa Riley also won in the Teacher category.
2. The Celebrating Excellence committee held the Superintendent's Luncheon today, and it had the 2nd highest amount of attendees present. Next week, the Celebrating Excellence committee is sponsoring a tubing trip at Ski Plattekill.
3. Tuesday night was Senior Night at the girls basketball game. Many of our seniors were honored and gave roses to their parents in recognition of their dedication. The game was very well attended. Eric thanked Tom Faraci for doing a great job for the night.
4. The Science Olympiad team brought home 11 medals from their weekend competition, which more than doubles what they did last year. The team came in 5th overall in schools, which eliminates them from moving on. However, there is a sub-committee that votes on one losing school being allowed to go to states, so there is a chance Roxbury may still get in.
5. On January 25th, a woman from the Center of Missing and Exploited Children met with students during the day about internet safety, and also held a session in the evening for parents. Turnout for the evening session was fair.
6. The Delaware County Dairy Princess, Nikki Holdridge, visited RCS today and visited several of the elementary classrooms.
7. The Frost Valley Program is scheduled for the 5th and 6th grades on February 15, and the 7th and 8th grades on February 16.
8. February is Black History Month, and Eric asked teachers to share what they are doing to celebrate. Many of the classes have lessons already incorporated into the curriculum celebrating Black History and diversity. Sonja Beard is using this month as an opportunity to introduce jazz to her students. Ed Fersch commented that he witnessed the third grade leaving the library happy and full the day before after being treated to a lunch of Chinese dishes prepared by the International Foods class in celebration of the Chinese New Year.

Board Comments and Questions: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Superintendent's Recommendations: None

Personnel:

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita, to approve the following personnel items: **Personnel**

1. Approve spring coaches:
 - Boy's Varsity Baseball – Greg Funck as per RTA contract.
 - Boy's Modified Baseball – TBD
 - Girl's Varsity Softball – Jane Ware as per RTA contract. Vincent Snyder as an unpaid assistant.
 - Girl's Modified Softball – TBD
 - Tennis – Co-coaches: Fred Zerega @ ½ RTA contract
Kellie Sullivan @ \$1,555
2. Approve Deb Lalosh as Chief Election Inspector.
3. Approve Marianne Schor as an inspector on the Election Committee.
4. Approve Lori Davie as Cook/Manager effective 2.14.11 per CSEA contract pending fingerprint and health clearance.

Motion approved unanimously.

Tara Poniros moved, seconded by Bonnie Walker, to accept the letter of intent to retire from Alice Fiske effective 6/30/11. **A. Fiske Retirement**
Motion approved unanimously.

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Will Finch, to accept the letter of intent to retire from Maggie Pebler effective 6/30/11. **M. Pebler Retirement**
Motion approved unanimously.

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Tara Poniros, to accept the letter of intent to retire from Dee Glas effective 6/30/11. **D. Glas Retirement**
Motion approved unanimously.

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Will Finch, to accept the letter of resignation from Dora Fowler effective 2/9/11 with thanks for her many years of faithful service to RCS. **D. Fowler Resignation**

Other:

1. Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita, to approve the CSE recommendations for the following students: #'s 2407, 2408, 2423, & 3057.
Motion approved unanimously.

CSE Recs.

Public Comments: None

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita to enter into executive session at 8:40 pm to discuss employee history.
Motion approved unanimously.

Exec. Session

Bonnie Walker moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita to come out of executive session at 9:04 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Out of Exec. Session

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Will Finch to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Adjourn

Marianne Schor, Secretary

Edward Fersch, President
Board of Education

Thomas J. O'Brien, Superintendent