

The Regular Meeting of the Roxbury Central School District Board of Education was held on November 18, 2020 in the music room.

Present: Ed Fersch, Denise Johnston, Ed Dalski, Kelli Winnie
Superintendent: Jeff Bennett
Principal: Jill Ten Eyck
Treasurer: Wendy Sprague
Secretary: Marianne Schor
Attending by Zoom: Jenny Rosenzweig

Mr. Fersch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Jo Hinkley and Karen Bramley gave an update on the RCM Committee's progress so far this year. They reviewed the RCM plan and highlighted the goals that have been worked on so far, and gave a presentation on OTIS for Educators, and online training and support platform for teachers and parents. A link for OTIS will be added to our website for parental access.

RCM Presentation

Additions to agenda:

1. Add to Superintendent's Recommendations: #3, Approve William Taylor to do the Building Condition Survey at a rate of \$8,500.
2. Add to Other: #5 – Approve Ashley Gifford as the FFA Club Advisor and Student Fund Advisor with a stipend of \$1,000.
3. Executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss a contractual issue and the superintendent's evaluation.
4. Add to President's Report: #2 – Transportation Aid; #3 – NYSSBA Legislation; #4 – Correspondence

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to approve the Audit Response. Motion approved unanimously.

Audit Response

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to approve the treasurer's report for October, 2020. Motion approved unanimously.

Treas. Report

Denise Johnston moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie, to approve the Collectors Report of Returned Taxes for the 2020 School Taxes. Motion approved unanimously.

Returned Taxes

Denise Johnston moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie, to approve the 2021-2022 budget calendar. Motion approved unanimously.

20-21 Budget Calendar

There were no budget transfers this month.

Budget Transfers

The bills and the Claims Auditor's Report for October was reviewed.

Bills & Claims

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to approve the extra-classroom activity fund report for October, 2020. Motion approved unanimously.

**Extra-Classroom
Activity Fund**

Denise Johnston moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on October 14, 2020 as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes

President's Report:

1. Mr. Fersch attended the Catskill Area School Study Council's (CASSC) Zoom conference on Remote Learning and School Finance. He stated that the Remote Learning session didn't bring any new info, but that they stated in the School Finance session that across New York State school districts are spending approximately \$200 per student on COVID related costs.
2. Mr. Fersch stated that last spring we used buses to deliver meals and work to our students who were all working remotely. New York State has now said that the costs for doing those deliveries, which we were told to do, will not be reimbursable. NYSSBA is looking to advocate for schools to get back their expenses. Mr. Fersch asked the board's permission to represent the board to our senators and representatives. The board agreed.
3. Mr. Fersch stated that NYSSBA would be holding a webinar on December 10th on the upcoming 2021 legislative session and how to advocate for education in legislation.
4. Mr. Fersch shared a thank you note from the new District Superintendent Katie Huber thanking the board for inviting her to attend last month's board meeting.

CASSC Conference

Transportation Aid

NYSSBA Legislation

Huber Thank You

Superintendent's Report:

1. Mr. Bennett gave a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed the RCS Learning Plan from the first remote days in March through today and the plans for moving forward. A discussion followed.
2. Mr. Bennett clarified that the Chromebooks that we just got in are not a part of the Smart Bond funds. The balance of our Smart Bond funds have not been approved as of yet, and those funds will be used to order a specific

20-21 Learning Plan

Smart Bond

smaller group of Chromebooks and teacher laptops.

3. Mr. Bennett stated that the new phone system is up and running.
4. Mr. Bennett stated that the new walk-in freezer is installed and running.

Phone System

Walk-In Freezer

Principal's Report:

1. Ms. Ten Eyck stated that the Veterans Day Celebration was a success. Students stood outside with signs and flags as the veterans drove through the loop in front of the building. Each veteran was given a bagged lunch from Brooks at the end of the drive. Leftover meals were given to the Veterans Home in Stamford, and the cards and posters went to Albany. Ms. Ten Eyck thanked the Veterans Day Committee for putting this together.
2. Ms. Ten Eyck stated that Josh Reiss, our Safety/Risk Officer from BOCES, did a training on November 4th with the RCS Safety team on Threat Assessment. Roxbury will be adapting one of the assessment models for this district.

Veterans Day

Safety Team Training

Board Committee Reports:

1. Policy Committee:
Ed Dalski moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie, to approve the following policy revision:
 - 5676 – Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data

Policy Revision

Motion approved unanimously.

Board Comments and Questions: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston, to approve the following:

1. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Roxbury Central School is hereby authorized to move funds from the Unemployment Reserve to the General Fund to cover unemployment claims in the amount of \$10,435.95 retroactive to August 31, 2020.

Unemployment Reserve

2. Approve agreement with Constellation New Energy, Inc. for 24 months of fixed electric prices at a rate of \$0.04093/kwh from 12/17 20 through 12/21/22.
3. Approve agreement with William Taylor to do the Building Condition Survey in the amount of \$8,500.

**W. Taylor Bldg.
Condition Survey**

Motion approved unanimously.

B. PERSONNEL:

1. Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to approve Heather Krickhahn as a substitute bus driver pending completion of certification and training. Motion approved unanimously.

**Krickhahn Sub Bus
Driver**

OTHER:

1. Denise Johnston moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie to approve the following CSE Recommendations: #'s 4144, 2945, 4347, 4352, 4036, 3026, 4040 Motion approved unanimously.
2. Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to accept donation of \$25 from Joyce DeVivo to the Music Department in memory of Susan M. Mattice. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to accept donation of surgical masks from the Nam Knights of America Southern Tier Chapter. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Denise Johnston moved, seconded by Ed Dalski to approve the following Charter Club Applications:
 - Class of 2022
 - Student Council
 - Future Farmers of AmericaMotion approved unanimously.
5. Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston, to approve Ashley Gifford as the FFA Club and Fund with a stipend of \$1,000. Motion approved unanimously.

CSE Recs.

DeVivo Donation

Nam Knights Masks

Charter Club Apps

Gifford FFA Advisor

Public Comments: There were questions from the public on various topics, including the Ineligibility Policy, COVID protocols for subs, and if there are assemblies annually on bullying.

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Ed Dalski to go into executive

Into Exec. Session

session for the purpose of discussing a contractual issue and the superintendent's evaluation at 8:39 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to come out of executive session at 9:20 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Out of Exec. Session

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Ed Dalski to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Adjourn

Jeffrey J. Bennett, Superintendent

Ed Fersch, BOE President

Marianne Schor, Secretary

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