

The Regular Meeting of the Roxbury Central School District Board of Education was held on February 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the music room.

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

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

Additions to agenda: Executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss employee evaluations.

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to approve the treasurer's report for January, 2021 with the understanding that there is a question about the collateralization. Motion approved unanimously.

**Treas. Report**

Denise Johnston moved, seconded by Ed Dalski, to approve the budget transfers to be effective 2/10/21 in the amount of \$70,728.00. Motion approved unanimously.

**Budget Transfers**

The bills and the Claims Auditor's Report for January were reviewed.

**Bills & Claims**

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to approve the extra-classroom activity fund report for January, 2021. Motion approved unanimously.

**Extra-Classroom Activity Fund**

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to approve the minutes from the special meeting on January 4, 2021 and the regular meeting on January 13, 2021 as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

**Minutes**

President's Report:

1. Ed Dalski moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie, to approve the following resolution:

**Fox BOCES BOE Nomination**

Resolved that the Roxbury Central School District hereby nominates Deborah Fox for the position of board member of the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Board of Education.

Motion approved unanimously.

2. The BOCES Administrative Budget Presentation has been scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 and will be held via Zoom. Mr. Fersch stated that this presentation will explain the budget for our district with BOCES and will be voted on in April. He encouraged board members to attend.
3. The BOCES Annual Meeting has been scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM. In past years this meeting was held at BOCES and included a meal from the culinary students. This year it will be held by Zoom, and a link will be coming.
4. Mr. Fersch stated that the New York State Education Department will be asking the Federal Education Department to give a waiver for standardized testing for this year. They feel there has been no standardized instruction, and so standardized testing will not provide useful information. Mr. Fersch stated that we will be waiting to hear the outcome of the request.
5. Mr. Fersch stated that there is a new Board of Regents Chancellor and a new Education Commissioner in New York State. Chancellor Lester Young and Commissioner Betty Rosa both come with strong public school backgrounds as teachers and administrators. Mr. Fersch stated he hoped this will help with issues public schools are facing.
6. Mr. Fersch stated that NYSSBA is holding Equity Summits that are looking at connectivity equity throughout the state. There was one last week, and the next one is March 5<sup>th</sup>. He stated that one interesting point was that urban areas have connectivity issues due to financial issues, where rural areas have issues do more to geographical problems.
7. We received our pin from NYSSBA for this year's membership. It will be added to the plaque.
8. There will be two seats open on the board this year. Mr. Fersch stated that we have not gotten guidance yet as to what the process will be this year. Last year the state waived the need for potential candidates to submit petitions due to COVID. Mr. Fersch suggested we start the process as we normally would in the past, and see if any changes are passed down this spring. He added that the annual notice will need to state that anyone interested in running will need to state which seat they are running for.

**BOCES Annual Budget Presentation**

**BOCES Annual Mtg.**

**State Waiver 3-8 Tests**

**New Regents Chancellor & Ed. Commissioner**

**NYSSBA Equity**

**NYSSBA Pin**

**RCS Board Seats**

Superintendent's Report:

1. Mr. Bennett reviewed the Governor's Executive Budget and the state aid we're projected to receive

**Governor's Executive Budget**

for next year. He noted two things in particular: the money that is allocated under STAR is then immediately deducted, and the COVID money is federal money and there's no guarantee we'll receive it. A discussion followed.

2. Mr. Bennett stated that the Delaware League voted to not participate in winter sports this year, but instead focus on the spring season. He stated that a few schools decided not to abide by that vote and will be doing basketball. The spring season will start in April. A discussion followed

**Fall, Winter Spring Sports**

3. Mr. Bennett went over the plans for the Intramural Program that will begin after break. He discussed the protocols, and was hoping this would be a good conditioning program to get the students ready for spring sports. Ms. Rosenzweig asked if temperatures can be taken each day prior to the program. Mr. Bennett stated that we can do that, and can do that for CROP as well.

**Intramural Program**

4. Mr. Bennett discussed the Communicable Disease Report he had sent out to board members last week. The report will become part of our safety plan and will be posted on the website. Mr. Bennett will be sending it out to staff members this week. He will also look into whether or not the report needs to be approved by the board.

**Communicable Disease Report**

5. Mr. Bennett discussed the need to revise this year's school calendar to include Juneteenth. He stated that we will be taking one of our remaining snow days and using it for the holiday on June 18<sup>th</sup>. He added that two RCM days were added back in in March and May, but changed to Fridays. Depending on whether or not state testing is done this year, RCM days may be added to April and June. Mr. Bennett stated that professional development has suffered during the pandemic, and we would like to be able offer PD to our teachers again.

**20-21 Calendar Revision**

6. Mr. Bennett discussed the three calendars proposed by BOCES for next year and the differences between them. The board favored option number three.

**21-22 School Calendar**

7. Mr. Bennett referred to the hard copy of the Building Condition Survey he had passed out this evening, discussing key points.

**Building Condition Survey**

Principal's Report:

1. Ms. Ten Eyck stated that the move to remote learning in January went well. Deliveries went well, and we were no longer able to deliver to individual homes centralized pick up worked well also. Any families that were unable to pick up at those locations for some reason still had meals and work delivered to them. She added that we also put a tub outside the main entrance where parents were able to deposit work if they had early or late schedules and needed to get their students' work to school by a certain day.
2. Ms. Ten Eyck stated that the return to school with the updated protocols has been received well and the guidelines are being followed. She stated that both staff and students are watching more closely and being very mindful of mask wearing and distancing. Lunch assignments have been changed to allow for better distancing. There is more hand sanitizer, and new masks and water bottles have been distributed to the students. Masks are worn all the time with mask breaks as the teachers dictate in line with the guidelines.

**January Remote Learning**

**Return to School Protocols**

Board Committee Reports:

1. Policy Committee:  
Denise Johnston moved, seconded by Ed Dalski, to approve the following policy revision:
  - 3421 – Title IX and Sex Discrimination

**Policy Approval**

Motion approved unanimously.

Board Comments and Questions: Jenny Rosenzweig asked if there would be a summer program this year. Mr. Bennett stated that we didn't know if we would get CROP funding for the summer rec program, but he went on to talk about wanting to do a summer program to help support our students. Ms. Rosenzweig suggested applying for a community grant that could possibly fund the program. Mr. Bennett will look into it.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Denise Johnston moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie to approve the revised 2020-2021 calendar. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Denise Johnston moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie to approve the following resolution:

**Revised 20-21 Calendar**

**NYLAF Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned, being a majority of the Board of the (the “Board”), hereby adopt, and by executed counterpart, approve, as of the 10<sup>TH</sup> day of February, 2021, the following actions and resolutions:

**WHEREAS**, the Roxbury Central School District is a Participant in the New York Liquid Asset Fund (“NYLAF”), as defined in a Municipal Cooperation Agreement, as amended and restated as of August 1, 2019 (the “Agreement”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of NYLAF (the “Governing Board”) wishes to amend the definition of Investment Consultant and Marketing Agreement to be PMA Asset Management, LLC and PMA Securities, LLC, respectively;

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board has adopted a resolution on November 19, 2020 to effect such change and seeks approval of each Participant;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 13.1 of the Agreement, each Participant has 60 days from the date of the adoption of the Governing Board’s resolution authorizing the proposed change by the Governing Board to approve the proposed amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, (A) a Participant shall be deemed to have given notice of approval of the proposed amendment if it has theretofore delivered to the Governing Board an executed counterpart of the proposed amendment and a certificate, in a form acceptable to the Governing Board, to the effect that: (i) such Participant has held any necessary public hearings, conducted any necessary referenda and obtained any necessary consents of governmental agencies; (ii) the proposed amendment has been approved by a majority vote of the voting strength of such Participant’s governing body; and (iii) such Participant has satisfied any other requirements applicable to its making contracts; or (B) a Participant shall be deemed to have given notice pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.2 hereof of its intent to withdraw from the Agreement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board approves the following:

(a) the Definitions set forth in Article I of the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

“Investment Consultant” means PMA Asset Management, LLC, or such other Person who shall be acceptable to the Governing Board.

“Marketing Agent” means PMA Securities LLC, or any other Person or Persons appointed or employed or contracted by the Governing Board pursuant to Sections 4.2 and 10.2 hereof.

“Services and Marketing Agreement” means any agreement entered into with respect to any of the Portfolios by the Governing Board with the Marketing Agent pursuant to this Agreement in connection with the execution of securities transactions and the delivery of securities.

(b) any other references in the Agreement to RBC Global Asset Management (U.S.), Inc. (RBC GAM-US) or RBC Capital Markets, LLC in the Agreement now be amended to read “PMA Asset Management, LLC” or PMA Securities LLC.”

**RESOLVED**, that (i) no other public hearing, necessary referenda or governmental consents are necessary for the Board to approve the amendment set forth above and there are no additional requirements of the Board in connection with such approval and (ii) the Board has satisfied all other requirements applicable to its making contracts in connection with its role as Participant.

**RESOLVED**, that adoption of this resolution by the Board and its certification by the Clerk shall serve as (i) evidence of the approval of the amendment by majority of the Board, (ii) the executed counterpart of the proposed amendment, and (iii) the certificate required by Section 13.1(c) of the Agreement, and shall constitute Participant approval of the amendment requested by the Governing Board.

Motion approved unanimously.

B. PERSONNEL:

Jenny Rosenzweig moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie to approve the following personnel items:

**Personnel**

1. Approve spring coaches as follows:

**Spring Coaches**

- Varsity Baseball – Greg Funck at a rate as per the RTA contract
- Modified Baseball – Anthony Camillone at a rate per the RTA contract
- Varsity Softball – Jane Ware at a rate of \$4,359 subject to modification for a shortened season.
- Modified Softball - TBD
- Tennis – Tom Faraci at a rate as per the RTA contract.

2. Approve the following as Intramural Activity Leaders at a stipend of \$40/hr:

**Intramural Activity Leaders**

- Tom Faraci
- Lisa Faraci
- Anthony Camillone
- Greg Funck
- Neil Snedeker
- Tyler Phillips
- Jo Hinkley

3. Approve maternity leave for Jessica Young from approximately June 9, 2021 through October 4, 2021.

**Young Maternity Leave**

Motion approved unanimously.

C. OTHER:

1. Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to approve the following CSE Recommendations:  
#’s 4328 & 4303  
Motion approved unanimously.

**CSE Recs.**

Public Comments: None

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to go into at 7:57 pm to discuss employee evaluations. Motion approved unanimously.

**Into Exec. Session**

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Ed Dalski to come out of executive session at 8:56 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

**Out of Exec. Session**

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Ed Dalski to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

**Adjourn**

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Jeffrey J. Bennett, Superintendent

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Ed Fersch, BOE President

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Marianne Schor, Secretary