

**ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**36540 Grant Road**  
**Romulus, Michigan 48174**

**Regular Meeting**  
**November 9, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, November 9, 2009, was called to order at 5:30 P. M. by President Buckley.

Roll call showed McLachlan, Kuderik, Funderburg, Mientkiewicz, Crout and Buckley present. Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, Mrs. Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations, Mr. Daniel Hurst, Director of Curriculum, Mr. James Baker, Director of Human Resources and Mrs. Susan Mitchell, Director of Special Education were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Buckley.

**11/09/1** Moved by Kuderik supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board of Education convene into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations. Roll call: McLachlan, Kuderik, Funderburg, Mientkiewicz, Crout and Buckley. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Board convened into Executive Session at 5:31 p.m.

**11/09/2** Moved by McLachlan supported by Funderburg that the Board of Education reconvene into Regular Session. Roll call: McLachlan, Kuderik, Funderburg, Mientkiewicz, Crout and Buckley. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Board convened into Regular Session at 6:41 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**11/09/3** Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by McLachlan to approve the Consent Agenda as presented as follows:

- A. To approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of October 26, 2009.
- B. To approve the Personnel Actions as submitted by James Baker, Director of Human Resources, as follows: Resignation of Jeffery Legg, Special Education Teacher at Barth Elementary School, effective December 4, 2009; FYI – Tracy Eddings, Cafeteria I, Server at Middle School, Leave of Absence, effective November 2, 2009 through June 17, 2010.

- C. To approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations, in the amount of \$2,656,004.69.
- D. To approve Student Field Trip to Midland, Michigan, April 14-16 Middle School/Romulus High School students (24) FCCLA ((Family Career & Community Leaders of America) Leadership Conference at no cost to district – SEMCA Grant.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

Superintendent Weiss extended congratulations to Celeste Roscoe on her election to the Romulus City Council. The Board of Education accepted the resignation of Celeste Roscoe from the Romulus Board of Education.

#### **Appointment of New Board Member**

President Buckley reviewed Process and Timeline for Filling a Vacancy on the school board in accordance with Board Policy 1170 and 1175.

**11/09/4** Moved by Kuderik supported by Crout that Danielle Funderburg be nominated to fill the vacancy in the office of Vice-President through June 30, 2010. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### **Reinstatement – Student#20011857**

**11/09/5** Moved by Crout supported by Mientkiewicz that the board of education reinstate student #20011857 to Romulus Community Schools to Romulus High School effective November 10, 2009 as outlined in written recommendation of School Reinstatement Committee. Ayes: 5 Nays: McLachlan. Motion carried.

**Financial Update** - Sherri Papazoglou gave an overview of the state of the district's financial condition based on recent state cuts. (\$165 per pupil reduction totaling \$634,000; \$127 per pupil pro ration and the elimination of 20j funds. State's portion of the hold harmless equal to an additional \$278 per pupil.) These cuts total \$568 per pupil. Couple these cuts with the loss of \$800,000 from the reduction of the hold harmless levy and \$1.8 million in lost revenue from declining enrollment and the District is facing approximately \$4.8 million in lost revenue this year.

### **Resolution in Support of Funding for Education**

**11/09/6** Moved by McLachlan supported by Kuderik that the Board of Education adopt Resolution in Support of Funding for Education as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### **Letter of Engagement – Law Firm of Collins & Blaha**

**11/09/7** Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Kuderik that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into Letter of Engagement (Option A) with Collins & Blaha, P.C. as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### **Items of Interest from the Superintendent**

Superintendent Weiss provided items of interest to the board as follows: - Superintendent Weiss spoke about McRel Leadership and workshop being provided for the Board of Education by RESA on December 10<sup>th</sup> 1) Merriman Newsletter 2) Barth News

### **Communications and Expressions from the Public**

There were no communications and expressions from the Public.

### **QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS AND UPDATES OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Robert McLachlan provided a written summary report of attendance at the Michigan Association of School Boards Conference outlining details of sessions attended by him. In particular, Mr. McLachlan was interested in the district looking at Virtual Education. Mr. McLachlan invited everyone to look at “You Tube” on line and look up 11 year old Dalton Sherman who says “Do you believe in me?” Mr. McLachlan further stated that he had written a response to auditor’s communication. Tom Kuderik commended students and staff for outstanding Band-a-rama. Mr. Kuderik thanked all Romulus students and residents for their service in the armed forces and extended a safe return home to everyone. Kenneth Mientkiewicz extended congratulations to Celeste Roscoe for her election to Romulus City Council. Mr. Mientkiewicz further stated that he was pleased with the wording of Resolution in Support of Funding for Education as adopted by the board. Mr. Mientkiewicz reminded everyone of Academic Achievement Breakfast at High School on Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. Cheryle Buckley announced activities scheduled for the next two weeks throughout the district i.e. (2) Veterans’ Day Programs (Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at Barth and Cory), Student of Month 11-11, HS. 7: 00 p.m., Honor Assembly, Nov. 13, 9:00 a.m. Barth and Nov. 17, 7:00 p.m. Fall Sports Banquet (HS). Sandy Crout announced that there was a School/Community meeting on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Middle School.

ADJOURNMENT

11/09/8

Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Funderburg to adjourn. Ayes:  
6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Crout, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education