

The Board of Education, Rochelle Elementary District #231, met in regular session on Monday, March 15, 2010, in the middle school cafeteria. President Tess called the meeting to order at 7 PM with the following members answering roll call: D. Casey, R. Burke, D. Kessen, S. Reif, S. Pfeiffer. Also in attendance: T. Prusator, supt. Absent: T. Winebaugh.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - An addendum was presented with additions/changes to personnel. D. Casey made and S. Pfeiffer seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Yes: 6; No: 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - R. Burke made and S. Reif seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2010, March 1, 2010, and the March 3, 2010, meetings as presented.

Yes: 6; No: 0

COMMUNICATIONS - 1) Those that must file economic interest statements were reminded that they must be filed by May 1st. 2) The District has received a FY10 School Library Per Capita grant in the amount of \$1,257.35. 3) The Rochelle League of Women Voters and The Rochelle Area Chamber of Commerce State of the Community Dinner will be April 1, 2010. 4) Central School and May School are recipients of the ISBE Spotlight Award. 5) Paige Myroth, Titlon School student, was the winner of the Lee/Ogle Spelling Bee. Representative Bob Pritchard presented her with an award. She will travel to Washington DC in June to compete in the National Spelling Bee.

FINANCIAL REPORTS - Accepted for study. Representative Pritchard gave an impromptu speech on the state of IL finances. He stated that the budget concerns that districts are facing are real and that the State needs to start dealing with tough issues. He encouraged all citizen to make a "grass roots effort" and contact their representatives.

T. Winebaugh entered the meeting at 7:25 PM.

PAYMENT OF BILLS (10-03-1491) - S. Pfeiffer made and R. Burke seconded a motion to approve the current bills for payment.

Yes: Pfeiffer, Burke, Kessen, Tess, Reif, Winebaugh, Casey; No: 0

APPROVE COPIER LEASE (10-03-1492) - S. Pfeiffer made a motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation to approve a five year copier lease with R. K. Dixon for a refurbished copier at a monthly cost of \$674. D. Kessen seconded the motion.

Yes: Pfeiffer, Kessen, Tess, Reif, Winebaugh, Casey, Burke; No: 0

APPROVE BUILDING CONFIGURATION FOR SECTION REDUCTIONS (10-03-1493) – To address budget concerns, there would be one less section of 3rd grade at May School, one less section of 4th and 5th grades at Lincoln School, and one three person team for grades 6, 7, and 8 at Rochelle Middle School. The reductions of 3rd grade at May and 5th grade at Lincoln may require the transferring of students to other buildings. The reduction of a section at Lincoln of 4th grade would not involve student transfers as it would be going from three sections to two sections. S. Reif made a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation. S. Pfeiffer seconded.

Yes: Reif, Pfeiffer, Winebaugh, Casey, Burke, Kessen, Tess; No: 0

INCREASE LUNCH AND REGISTRATION FEES/IMPLEMENT AN ACTIVITY FEE (10-03-1494) – D. Casey made and S. Reif seconded a motion to raise lunch fees to \$1.70 for K-5, \$1.90

for 6-8, and \$2.35 for adults. Registration fees to K-\$50, 1-5 \$55, and RMS to \$60. An activity fee of \$35 per activity will be implemented.

Yes: Casey, Reif, Pfeiffer, Winebaugh, Burke, Kessen, Tess; No: 0

APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (10-03-1495) – S. Reif made and S. Pfeiffer seconded a motion to approve an MOU in order to facilitate the early retirement of teachers in order to minimize the impact of dismissing teachers. The MOU will allow for a post retirement payment to offset the employee penalty for early retirement. The total amount of the employer and employee ERO penalty would not exceed \$35, 000. A copy of said memorandum is attached to these minutes.

Yes: Reif, Pfeiffer, Winebaugh, Casey, Burke, Kessen, Tess; No: 0

APPROVE CASH RENT AGREEMENT (10-03-1496) - D. Casey made and S. Pfeiffer seconded a motion to approve the Cash Rent Agreement with James Gensler for \$227.50 per acre for the 2010 year.

Yes: Casey, Pfeiffer, Reif, Tess, Kessen, Burke, Winebaugh; No: 0

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION - S. Reif made a motion and D. Kessen seconded the motion at 7:45 PM to adjourn to closed session to consider and discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and negotiations.

Yes: Reif, Kessen, Tess, Pfeiffer, Winebaug, Casey, Burke; No: 0

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – S. Pfeiffer made and D. Kessen seconded a motion at 9:10 PM to reconvene.

Yes: Pfeiffer, Kessen, Burke, Casey, Winebaugh, Reif, Tess; No: 0

PERSONNEL/REHIRE AND NON-REEMPLOYMENT FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR (10-03-1497)

S. Reif made and R. Burke seconded a motion to:

Employ

Diane McGinn Special education May School effective February 25, 2010

Yes: Reif, Burke, Casey, Winebaugh, Pfeiffer, Tess, Kessen; No: 0

S. Pfeiffer made and D. Casey seconded a motion to re-employ administrators as follows:

Principals

Barb Cantlin

Tony Doyle

Joe Schwartz

Jean Kisner

Tina Horner

Assistant Principal

Rick Dornink

Director of Instructional Services

Joanna Sharp

Yes: Pfeiffer, Casey, Winebaugh, Reif, Tess, Kessen, Burke; No: 0

S. Reif made and D. Kessen seconded a motion to approve the following:

Full-Time Teachers, Recommended for Tenure beginning 2010-2011

Karen Agrimonti	Bilingual – Central
Erin Bergeson	Special Education – RMS
Steven Brown	Bilingual – RMS
Paul Madere	Band – RMS
Michelle Mairs	2 nd grade – Tilton
Katherine McNitt	Literature – RMS
Kathy Prestegaard	Science – RMS
Desiree Rones	Communication skills – RMS
Sherri Shaulis	Special education – Lincoln
Ben Sodergren-Baar	Special education – RMS
Darci Waltrip	3 rd grade – May
Victor Worthington	Tech lab – RMS
Linda Yochum	1 st grade – Lincoln

Yes: Reif, Kessen, Tess, Pfeiffer, Winebaugh, Casey, Burke; No: 0

S. Pfeiffer made and R. Burke seconded a motion to approve the following:

Full-Time Teachers, Recommended for Fourth Year Re-Employment

Christie Billeter	Reading – RMS
Melissa Bowers	Reading – May/Tilton
Sheryl Casey	Kindergarten – Lincoln
Deborah DaCosta	2 nd grade – Central
Candace Dawson	1 st grade – Tilton
Amanda Hunley	1 st grade – Central
Sara Jurmu	ELL – Lincoln
Joseph McKinney	5 th grade – Lincoln
Rachel McMahan	Special education – Central
Angela Primrose	Special education – Tilton
Christine Schweitzer	Kindergarten – May
Lori Thompson	Literature – RMS
Jordan Young	Science – RMS

Yes: Pfeiffer, Burke, Kessen, Tess, Reif, Winebaugh; Abstain: Casey; No: 0

S. Reif made and D. Casey seconded a motion to approve the following:

Full-Time Teachers, Recommended for Third Year Re-Employment

Erika Anderson	ELL – May
Sarah Leoni	Special education – Tilton
Rosaelia Medellin	ELL – Lincoln
Chad Stewart	PE – RMS
Shannon White	Science – RMS
Nicole Zilm	2 nd grade – Lincoln

Yes: Reif, Casey, Winebaugh, Pfeiffer, Tess, Kessen, Burke; No: 0

S. Pfeiffer made and D. Kessen seconded a motion to approve the following:

Full-Time Teachers, Recommended for Second Year Re-Employment

Erin Carmichael 4th grade - May
Amy Hayden Reading – Central

Yes: Pfeiffer, Kessen, Tess, Reif, Winebaugh, Casey, Burke; No: 0

S. Reif made and D. Casey seconded a motion to approve the following:

Full-Time Teacher Third Year Non-Reemployment, Recommended for Reassignment to 50% Part-Time

Tara DeJaeger Music – Central/Tilton

Part-Time Non-Tenured Teacher at 84.48%, Recommended for Reduction to 50%

Kay Dobbs PE – Central/Tilton/RMS

Part-Time Non-Tenured Teacher at 80%, Recommended for Reduction to 40%

Cassie Inman Art

Yes: Reif, Casey, Winebaugh, Pfeiffer, Tess, Burke, Kessen; No: 0

S. Pfeiffer made and R. Burke seconded a motion to approve the following:

Part-Time Non-Tenured Teachers, Recommended for Non-Reemployment

Beverly Hendricks Title I math - Lincoln
Sandy Mannel Title I math – Central

Yes: Pfeiffer, Burke, Casey, Winebaugh, Reif, Tess, Kessen; No: 0

S. Reif made and D. Kessen seconded a motion to approve the following:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Year Non-Tenured Teachers, Recommended for Non-Reemployment

Renata Eleby Speech – Central/May
Natasha Jackson 5th grade - Central
Julie Lieving Bilingual – Central
Diane McGinn Special education - May
Miriah Ranken Language arts - RMS
Jennifer Scott 1st grade – Lincoln
Kara Swanson Speech – Tilton/Lincoln

Yes: Reif, Kessen, Tess, Pfeiffer, Winebaugh, Casey, Burke; No: 0

S. Pfeiffer made and R. Burke seconded a motion to approve the following:

4th Year Non-Tenured Teachers, Recommended for Non-Reemployment/Economic Reasons

Pamela Kurz 5th grade – Central
Kimberly Yocum Science – RMS

Yes: Pfeiffer, Burke, Casey, Winebaugh, Reif, Tess, Kessen; No: 0

S. Reif made and D. Casey seconded a motion to approve the following:

Retirements

Barb Cantlin Principal, May School, end of 2012-2013 year
Sandy Moellering Title I reading Lincoln at the end of 2009-2010 year

Yes: Reif, Casey, Burke, Kessen, Tess, Pfeiffer, Winebaugh; No: 0

S. Pfeiffer made and D. Kessen seconded a motion to approve the following non-certified personnel items:

Employment

Abra Gati Playground supervisor Lincoln, effective 3/1/2010

Resignation

Mary Hammond Cafeteria worker Central/Tilton, effective 3/5/2010

Retirement

Carolyn Bosecker Cafeteria Tilton School, effective end of 2009-10
year

Yes: Pfeiffer, Kessen, Tess, Reif, Winebaugh, Casey, Burke; No: 0

President Tess made the following statement on Budget Cuts:

“We regret the necessity of making staff cuts, and we realize that we will be losing some very valuable and loyal people. But we believe these cuts are in the long-term best interest of the District. This is not a decision that we came to easily or hastily. We have been discussing and debating this issue at four Board meetings and two public informational forums.

In the end, it is the judgment of the Board that reducing staff and making other targeted cuts, coupled with increasing fees, is the best way to offset the drastic loss of funding from the State, while still delivering high-quality services to the present and future students of the District.”

ADJOURNMENT - D. Casey made and S. Reif seconded a motion at 9:20 PM to adjourn.

Yes: 7; No: 0

_____ President

_____ Secretary