

The Board of Education, Rochelle Elementary District #231, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, in the middle school media center. President Casey called the meeting to order at 7 PM with the following members answering roll call: T. Vaughn, E. Van Hise, J. Zepeda, S. Builta, S. Reif, J. Tess. Also in attendance: T. Prusator, supt.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – S. Builta made and E. Van Hise seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: 7; No: 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – T. Vaughn made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2016, meeting as presented. S. Reif seconded.

Yes: 7; No: 0

FINANCIAL REPORTS - Accepted for study.

TILTON SCHOOL – SCIENCE STANDARDS – Jennifer Derricks, Tilton principal, introduced Candace Meiners and Carolyn Wheat, Tilton first grade teachers, who gave a presentation on Next Generation Science Standards and how they are implementing it in their classrooms.

PMA FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS – Howie Crouse, PMA, gave a presentation on the District’s financial projections.

REVIEW ACTION PLANS – VISIONARY LEADERSHIP – Supt. Prusator reviewed said plan with the Board.

FOIA REQUEST – SMARTPROCURE – Supt. Prusator reported that we had a FOIA request from SmartProcure for purchases and vendor information.

CONSENT AGENDA - S. Reif made and J. Tess seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented that includes the following:

**Personnel (17-12-2166)**

**Employ**

Chris Watson    Playground supervisor May School effective 12/7/16

**Resignation**

Desiree Rones    Math Club/8<sup>th</sup> speech coach RMS effective FY17

Yes: Reif, Tess, Vaughn, Van Hise, Zepeda, Builta, Casey; No: 0

APPROVAL OF BILLS (17-12-2167) – S. Builta made and J. Zepeda seconded a motion to approve the current bills for payment.

Yes: Builta, Zepeda, Van Hise, Vaughn, Tess, Reif, Casey; No: 0

ADOPTION AND CERTIFICATION OF THE 2016 TAX LEVY (17-12-2168) – T. Vaughn made a motion to approve the 2016 levy as presented, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. S. Reif seconded.

Yes: Vaughn, Reif, Tess, Builta, Zepeda, Van Hise, Casey; No: 0

APPOINT AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (17-12-2169) – President Casey appointed S. Reif and S. Builta to said committee.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF NEW STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (17-12-2170) – E. Van Hise made a motion to approve the purchase of a new student information system, Infinite Campus, for a cost of \$39,185. The system will include health office software and an alertnow system. The annual renewal fee will be \$23,305. S. Builta seconded.

Yes: Van Hise, Builta, Zepeda, Vaughn, Tess, Reif, Casey; No: 0

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

First reading of School Board Policies, the said policies will be on the January 10, 2017, board meeting agenda for approval:

#### **Policy 2:120                      School Board: Board Member Development**

Policy updated in response to SB100 on suspensions and expulsions. IASB will provide online training courses

#### **Policy 2:125                      School Board: Board Member Compensation; Expenses**

Policy renamed and rewritten. This policy is in response to the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act. It requires a roll call vote in open session for expense requests by board members. There must also be a resolution adopted by the board to set maximum amounts for reimbursement for board members and staff. Included is a resolution and the maximum amount would be \$945 dollars which is the current amount for district staff given a two day conference with two nights of lodging.

#### **Policy 2:200                      School Board: Types of School Board Meetings**

Policy updated in response to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act. This excludes the discussion of an IMRF employee raise that would have a 6% monthly increase if the employee has already indicated and intent to retire or within 12 months and 90 days of the employees intended termination of services.

#### **Policy 2:220                      School Board: School Board Meeting Procedures**

Policy updated to allow board members to review closed session minutes that have not been expressly opened to the public.

#### **Policy 4:60                      Operational Services: Purchases and Contracts**

Policy updated in response to State legislation. Prohibits any contractor's employees from having direct daily contact with students if the employee has had certain drug offenses within the last seven years.

#### **Policy 4:110                      Operational Services: Transportation**

Policy updated in response new obligation towards foster students in the Elementary and Secondary Education ACT.

#### **Policy 4:175                      Operational Services: Convicted Child Sex Offender; Notifications**

Policy was renamed and requires fingerprint based criminal history records for student teachers and clinical experiences of college students. (We already do this)

#### **Policy 5:30                      General Personnel: Hiring Process and Criteria**

Policy updated in response to School Code which now has the seven year limit on certain drug offenses.

#### **Policy 5:60                      General Personnel: Expenses**

Policy rewritten to comply with the previous mentioned Local Government Travel Expense Control Act.

#### **Policy 5:190                      General Personnel: Teacher Qualifications**

Policy was changed to align language with the ESSA (Every Student Succeed Act) which replaced NCLB (No Child Left Behind) and mostly replacing the phrase "highly qualified."

#### **Policy 5:250                      General Personnel: Leaves of Absence**

Policy was changed in response to the Child Bereavement Act.

**Policy 5:330**                    **Educational Support Personnel: Sick Days, Vacation Days, and Leaves**

Policy was changed in response to the Child Bereavement Act.

**Policy 6:15**                    **Instruction: School Accountability**

Policy was changed to align language with the ESSA (Every Student Succeed Act) which replaced NCLB (No Child Left Behind).

**Policy 6:145**                    **Instruction: Migrant Students**

Policy was changed to align language with the ESSA (Every Student Succeed Act) which replaced NCLB (No Child Left Behind) as well as new Title I requirements

**Policy 6:160**                    **Instruction: English Learners**

Policy was changed to align language with the ESSA (Every Student Succeed Act) which replaced NCLB (No Child Left Behind).

**Policy 6:170**                    **Instruction: Title I**

Policy was changed to align language with the ESSA (Every Student Succeed Act) which replaced NCLB (No Child Left Behind).

**Policy 6:340**                    **Instruction: Student Assessment and Testing Program**

Policy was changed in response to new law requiring assessments reports.

**Policy 7:50**                    **Students: School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools**

Policy was updated with new subhead pertaining to foster care students.

**Policy 7:60**                    **Students: Residence**

Policy was updated to align with residency challenge procedures effective 1/1/17

**Policy 7:70**                    **Students: Attendance and Truancy**

Policy was updated with some minor changes and added protocol for excusing a student in grades 6-12 for playing Taps at a military honors funeral held in Illinois for a deceased veteran.

**Policy 7:250**                    **Students: Student Support Services**

Policy was updated to include having a liaison for students enrolling under the custody of DCFS.

**Policy 7:260**                    **Students: Exemption from Physical Education**

Policy was renamed and updated with minor language changes.

**Policy 7:310**                    **Students: Restrictions on Publications: Elementary Schools**

Policy was renamed to Speech Rights of Student Journalist Act. They have separated out the policy to address elementary schools and high schools with separate policies.

**Policy 8:70**                    **Students: Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities**

Policy was updated to address an outdated responsibility of the Title II coordinator.

SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCE: Board members that attend the School Board Convention highlighted some of the key sessions they attended.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS 2017-2018: Going into the 2017-18 school year the financial outlook continues to have significant deficits in the education fund. It is the recommendation of the superintendent that even with the projected deficits that no major reductions in staffing occur for the 2017-18 school year. The major considerations are as follows: 1) any significant reduction to impact the deficit would require significant changes to class sizes at the elementary level and restructuring of placement for students and teachers. We have gone through various changes over the last few years and continued changes will impact instructional delivery and adjustments. 2) The main cause of the deficit is state funds which is affecting many districts. A restructuring of state funding continues to be a discussion. To make changes when there is a possibility of state aid restructuring to mitigate the deficit,

our response could result in unnecessary changes. 3) Though the education fund balance is diminishing, there are still healthy reserves in the operations and maintenance fund as well as 2.5 million in working cash that can be used to withstand another year of deficit without completely exhausting overall fund balances. 4) We will still look at any prudent reductions due to current enrollments changes or attrition of staff that we have been doing consistently through the years.

HOMELESS SHELTER IN ROCHELLE: There is consideration to open a homeless shelter just south of Central School. This is a definite need in Rochelle and a board of community members including Shirley Reif who have been working on a location and program to provide this service in Rochelle. The residents of the shelter will be screened and have a background check done prior to being placed. The facility could house up to 20-25 individuals in need. The board that has been researching this and has examined practices of successful homeless shelters and will be using the Rockford Rescue Mission as a model as well as work with the Rockford Rescue Mission with resources.

ADJOURNMENT – At 8:24 PM, J. Tess made and T. Vaughn seconded a motion to adjourn.  
Yes: 7; No: 0

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