

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Royalton-Hartland Central School District  
Middleport, New York

May 7, 2020

A regular meeting of the Royalton-Hartland Board of Education was held on the above date using Google Hangouts Meet and streamed live to the District's Facebook page.

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Carol Blumrick, Carrie Choate, Sara Fry, Jesse Snyder, Jeff Waters, Tom Brigham, Vice President, Chad Owen, President

Also Present: Dr. Hank Stopinski, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Andy Lang, Business Administrator

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Blumrick moved, seconded by Mr. Waters, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 23, 2020, the March 2020 Student Activity Treasurer's Report and the March 2020 Appropriation Status Report are approved.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS/FINANCE ITEMS

Mrs. Blumrick moved, seconded by Mr. Brigham, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following SEQR resolution for the 2020 Capital Outlay Project:

**A RESOLUTION, DATED MAY 7, 2020, OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROYALTON-HARTLAND CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NIAGARA, GENESEE AND ORLEANS COUNTIES, NEW YORK (THE "DISTRICT") DECLARING THE DISTRICT'S PROPOSED CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT (INVOLVING MODEST UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE DISTRICT'S MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING) TO BE A TYPE II ACTION UNDER SEQRA, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INCLUSION OF FUNDING FOR SUCH PROJECT IN THE DISTRICT'S PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET.**

WHEREAS, the Royalton-Hartland Central School District, Niagara, Genesee and Orleans Counties, New York (the "District"), after consultation by District officials with the District's retained architectural firm (LaBella Associates, D.P.C.), has resolved that the District should propose to undertake, during the District's pending (2020-2021) fiscal year, a capital outlay project involving modest upgrades and improvements to the District's Middle School building, such work being anticipated to include, but not necessarily to be limited to, the replacement of portions of buckling wood flooring in the gymnasium, the removal of asbestos-containing building paper underneath replaced portions of the wood flooring and the refinishing and restriping of the entire gymnasium floor; the installation of

a new partition between the current shower area and locker room; the removal of the partition wall between the gymnasium storage room and the shower area; the reconstruction of the current shower area to convert the area into an expanded gymnasium storage room by removing ceiling, wall and floor finishes and plumbing fixtures, and replacing mechanical and electrical systems to accommodate the new use of existing space (collectively, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the estimated maximum cost of the Project (inclusive of all preliminary and incidental costs) has been determined by LaBella Associates, D.P.C. to be \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the District is proposing that the Project be financed by the application of \$100,000 of funds to be earmarked for such purpose as a “Transfer to Capital Fund” in the District’s pending (i.e., 2020-2021) budget, with the work on the Project expected to occur (and be completed) during the 2020-2021 fiscal year of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to reserve the right to expand, contract or modify the scope of the Project in light of the level of future construction bids received, with the understanding that the estimated maximum cost of the Project will not exceed \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with New York State Education Department guidance and policy, the District/Board of Education is the appropriate agency to be the lead agency to undertake Project review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, Section 617.5 of the SEQRA regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617) provides that certain activities are Type II actions which are not subject to review under SEQRA and that such activities include “maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility” and “replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part” and “routine activities of educational institutions”; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project constitutes such maintenance, repair, or same-site replacement, rehabilitation, or reconstruction activities or routine activities of educational institution; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Historic Preservation Office or “SHPO”) recently reviewed information regarding the Middle School and a recent District capital project and determined that the Middle School is “not eligible” for listing in the State or National Registers of Historic Places (the “Registers”) and that the capital project which has a larger scope of work than was is now proposed with this Project will have no impact on archeological or historic resources listed in or “eligible” for the Registers; and

WHEREAS, LaBella Associates, D.P.C. has determined that the proposed work involved with the Project is exempt from review by SHPO in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between SHPO and the New York State Education Department (SED MOU # 017-053) given that the Middle School has been previously evaluated by SHPO and found not to meet the criteria for inclusion in the Registers and there are no anticipated impacts on cultural resources under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the final determination of the District’s Board of Education that the proposed Project is a Type II action, which is not subject to review under SEQRA, and that the proposed Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the proposed Project shall be included as a "Transfer to Capital Fund" line item (not exceeding \$100,000 in amount) in the District's proposed budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year (with appropriate additional notification to District voters regarding the anticipated details of the work to be given in connection with the District's regular budget presentation and approval process), so that such Project may be initiated and completed (assuming voter approval of the District's proposed budget) during the District's 2020-2021 fiscal year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion carried.

Mr. Brigham moved, seconded by Mrs. Blumrick, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Professional Services Agreement from LaBella Associates for design services for the food science program is approved.

6 yes/1 no (Waters)

Motion carried.

#### BOARD ITEMS

Mr. Brigham suggested that the Board meet again prior to the June meeting to reflect on 2019-2020. The Board decided on May 15 at 6:00 p.m. at that they would meet in the high school media center practicing social distancing.

Mrs. Choate acknowledged the work that Colleen Albee has done spotlighting seniors.

#### POLICY

The Board held a first reading of new policy #5676 Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data.

#### SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

March 2020 Check Warrant; March 2020 Treasurer's Reports; March 2020 Revenue Report; Fund Balance Projection and Memo

The Superintendent spoke about Staff Appreciation Week; the process to close out the school year; last student day is June 12; the dates that have been dedicated to pick up materials; celebrations and tentative commencement ceremony date(s); the upcoming budget vote and Board election.

#### 2020-2021 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Andy Lang presented an update on the 2020-2021 budget stating the current factors regarding the potential for state aid payment delays and reductions. He also spoke about what has been reduced and what is included in the proposed budget.

Mrs. Fry asked what happens to the funds that are not being spent this year.

Mrs. Blumrick asked what if the federal government did give more money to schools.

Mrs. Choate asked about the mandated absentee ballot system for the upcoming vote.

Mr. Brigham commented about there being no reductions in staff.

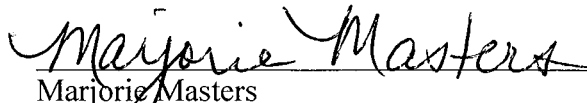
Mr. Owen commended the administration for developing a budget that maintained jobs and programs.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no questions or comments emailed prior to the meeting..

At 7:05 p.m. Mr. Brigham moved, seconded by Mr. Owen, that the meeting adjourns.  
Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

  
Marjorie Masters  
District Clerk