

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

November 15, 2018

A regular meeting of the Royalton-Hartland Board of Education was held on the above date at the high school immediately following a facilities work session.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Carol Blumrick, Board Member  
Carrie Choate, Board Member  
Sara Fry, Board Member  
Jeff Waters, Board Member  
Jason Wilhelm Board Member  
Tom Brigham, Vice President  
Chad Owen, President

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

At 6:10 p.m. Mrs. Fry moved, seconded by Mrs. Blumrick, to go into an executive session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations and updates on employee issues.  
Motion carried.

At 6:55 p.m. Mrs. Blumrick moved, seconded by Mr. Waters, to end the executive session.  
Motion carried.

President Owen welcomed visitors and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Members of the varsity softball team shared information on their request to go to Orlando, Florida for a softball spring training trip.

Mr. Wilhelm moved, seconded by Mrs. Fry, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the request from the varsity softball team to take a Spring Training Trip to Disney/Orlando, FL April 20 through April 24, 2019 is approved.  
Motion carried.

**STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Brigham moved, seconded by Mr. Wilhelm, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 18, 2018 and the minutes of the special meeting of October 30, 2018 are approved.  
Motion carried.

Mrs. Blumrick moved, seconded by Mrs. Choate, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that they July, August and September 2018 appropriation status reports and student activity treasurer's reports are approved.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Fry moved, seconded by Mr. Wilhelm, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the CPSE and CSE recommendations dated September 28 through November 6, 2018 are approved.

Motion carried.

#### PERSONNEL ITEMS

Mr. Waters moved, seconded by Mr. Wilhelm, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following personnel appointments:

The following individuals are appointed, without benefits, as substitutes with services to be utilized on an as-needed basis. Employment shall be effective through June 25, 2019 unless terminated sooner:

Non-Certified Teacher – Adam Clause; Clerical – Amanda Schaefer, Lockport

Don Baker is appointed as the girls modified basketball coach for the 2018-2019 winter sports season. Salary stipend of \$2,238.00 is based on the current RHTA Agreement. Employment shall be effective through the end of the sports seasons unless terminated sooner.

Heather Pedini is appointed as Stage Crew and Set Design advisor for the 2019 musical. Salary stipend is 4% of Step 2, \$1,628.00 and 3% of Step 3, \$1,254.00, respectively, and is based on the current RHTA Agreement.

Upon request, the high school Destination Imagination position will be co-advised by Deborah Cheskiewicz and Adam Eschborn. Salary stipend is 1.5% of Step 3, \$627.00 and 1.5% of Step 8, \$763.00, respectively, and is based on the current RHTA Agreement.

The resignation from Robert Mills from his position of custodian be accepted effective October 12, 2018.

The request from Christina Henderson for an unpaid child-rearing leave effective October 17, 2018 through January 2, 2019.

The Board of Education ratifies and approves funding for the Memorandum of Agreement between Margaret Hanavan and the Superintendent, with the term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Motion carried.

#### BUSINESS/FINANCIAL ITEMS

Mr. Waters moved, seconded by Mrs. Choate, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the donation of books to the high school from Kathy Newman be gratefully accepted.

Motion carried.

Mr. Waters moved, seconded by Mrs. Choate, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following corrections to the 2018 tax roll are approved:

<u>Authority</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Niagara County	Guy & Theresa Kibbe	Reissue Revised Bill	Exemption not Applied
Niagara County	Paul & Roseanne Dudas	Refund	Exemption not Applied
Motion carried.			

Mr. Waters moved, seconded by Mr. Brigham, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that Buffalo Construction Consultants is appointed as the Construction Management Company for a future Capital Construction project.

Motion carried.

Mr. Wilhelm moved, seconded by Mr. Brigham, to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the district Modern Media team has proposed to offer help in updating and maintaining the district website and;

WHEREAS, the current template was purchased eight years ago and is limited in its capabilities to integrate social media, is formatted with an aspect ratio no longer used, and is often cluttered in appearance and;

WHEREAS, the website is built on content management software from Blackboard that has been purchased through Erie1 BOCES and;

WHEREAS, Blackboard offers template packages that will create mobile apps from website content, integrate social media posts, and will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act mandates;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and with input from the Modern Media team, authorizes the purchase of a new template package and will accept the Modern Media team's help in maintaining it.

Motion carried.

Mr. Wilhelm moved, seconded by Mr. Brigham, to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the district's Modern Media team has proposed the creation of Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts to be run by the school district and;

WHEREAS, there are many benefits of having a district-run social media account including, but not limited to: quick and easy communication with the community, clear interaction with the community, and the ability for the district to shape the image that is sent out into the digital world and;

WHEREAS, the Modern Media team will create a repository for content from the community, staff, and students and;

WHEREAS, with the content given to them, the Modern Media team will create posts and share them with the district staff who will publish the posts online on the district website and the social media platforms and;

WHEREAS, to mitigate the influence of negativity, comments will be disabled on posts until the end of the year when the social media project will be re-evaluated;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and with input from the Modern Media team, authorizes the creation of

Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts with the understanding that this social media project will be re-evaluated at the end of the year.  
Motion carried.

#### BOARD ITEMS

Mrs. Blumrick moved, seconded by Mrs. Choate, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Capital Construction Planning Meeting Notes of October 18, 2018, the Safety Committee Meeting Notes of October 30, 2018 and the Wellness Committee Meeting Notes of October 23, 2018 are approved.  
Motion carried

#### UPDATES

Jill Heck, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Technology presented the results of the 2017-2018 grades 3-8 assessments and the Regents exams.

#### BOARD REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Mrs. Blumrick reported on the NYSSBA convention, specifically two controversial resolutions – one regarding gun access in schools and the other to change the date of entry into kindergarten from age 5 on December 1 to September 1.  
Mr. Wilhelm attended a Music Parents meeting and they appreciate the support the District has shown them to improve practice and wardrobe spaces. He also spoke about the Safety Committee meeting he attended.  
Mrs. Fry attended a Sports Boosters meeting and they have offered to purchase signage of all the Districts in our league for the pool area. She also spoke about the availability of a “Gold Card” for senior citizens to attend sporting events at no charge.

#### SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

The Superintendent reported on the first Student Advisory meeting earlier in the day. The students represented a cross section of the student body. He is curious to hear what the students thought of it.

Jill Heck spoke about the recent Rachel’s Challenge events at the middle school. She also shared that the kindergarten students went to Absolut Care for a Halloween parade and the upcoming mitten tree event at the Gasport Post Office.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments.

At 8:10 p.m. Mr. Brigham moved, seconded by Mrs. Blumrick, that the meeting adjourns.  
Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Marjorie Masters  
District Clerk