

November 27, 2018

The regular meeting of the Le Roy Central School Board of Education was called to order on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. by President Jacalyn Whiting in the Board of Education conference room.

The following members were present:

Mrs. Denise Duthe
Mr. Richard Lawrence
Mr. Peter Loftus
Mr. William MacKenzie
Mr. Lloyd Miller
Mrs. Jacalyn Whiting

The following member was absent:

Mr. Lawrence Bonacquisti

The following administrators were present:

Mr. Merritt Holly, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Tim McArdle, High School Principal
Mrs. Carol Messura, Elementary Principal
Mr. Robert Blake, Director of Curriculum, Instruction
and Technology
Ms. Chelsea Eaton, Special Education & Student Services Director
Mr. Jamie Clark, Elementary Assistant Principal

Mr. Clark was pleased to announce that the Le Roy Varsity Football Team was honored with the Rochester Chapter of Certified Football Officials Sportsmanship Award for the Genesee Region for the 2018-19 season.

Mrs. Whiting reported on the recent topics of discussion at the last Genesee Valley School Boards Association Board Presidents meeting. Districts all reported ongoing issues with vaping and the struggle for appropriate consequences. Some schools reported looking into new technology that can be installed in restrooms that has the ability to sense the vapor and send off an alarm. Another ongoing problem facing

districts is the lack of substitutes at all levels. Other topics of discussion were paperless classrooms which are being piloted in some nearby districts, the 1:1 technology initiative, and the struggle to fill positions in counseling/psychologist/social worker areas. Finally, each district shared the concerns from parents with regard to student supply lists, specifically, the amount of supplies required, the elaborate specific items contained on these lists and the financial burden to families. Some districts are looking into streamlining these lists further and calculating what the cost would be to the district to provide the supplies (or part of the supplies). The Board of Education requested that Mr. Foeller look into the potential cost to Le Roy Central School District.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Holly checked the availability of a board member to participate in the Wellness Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 28th at 8:00 a.m. Mrs. Whiting and Mrs. Duthe indicated they would attend.

Mr. Holly shared information with the Board from a conference that he attended along with Mr. McArdle, Mr. Dwyer and Mrs. Ronan on Tuesday, November 27th at Monroe Community College. The conference was sponsored by the Finger Lakes STEM Hub and provided a Regional Forum on Building the STEM Pipeline through Technical Skills Training. New York State Education Commissioner MaryEllen Elia was the keynote speaker, addressing the need for districts to create these STEM opportunities in their schools. There were school representatives, along with representatives from Monroe Community College, the state's P-Tech Academies and labor and workforce leaders. The forum aimed at promoting the need for, and benefits of, the increasing number of students entering STEM careers which require technical skills training and offered information on how to grow that regional workforce. The Genesee-Livingston-

Orleans-Wyoming region is looking into hosting a business workshop to meet with students and discuss the workforce needs, the education and skill requirements for those positions and steps to take if the student is interested in pursuing those careers. Mr. Dwyer and Mrs. Ronan had recently attended an Educators' Day at the carpenters union and are working to bring a career and tech job fair to the high school. A recurring theme in all these discussions is that the workforce is retiring in the career and technical fields and, at this time, there are not sufficient numbers of young people entering this career path to replace those workers.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mrs. Duthe and seconded by Mr. MacKenzie, the Board of Education approved the following consent items, as listed:

1. Minutes of the November 13, 2018 regular meeting, as presented.
2. Warrants for the following accounts and bills contained thereon, as presented:

GENERAL ACCOUNT	-	\$ 426,479.65
CAFETERIA ACCOUNT	-	\$ 23,242.24
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT	-	\$ 82.42
AWARDS ACCOUNT	-	\$ 17.28

3. Treasurer's Reports for the following accounts for the period from October 1 – October 31, 2018:

AWARDS ACCOUNT	-	\$ 1,889.76
AWARDS ACCOUNT CD	-	\$ 450,000.00
CAPITAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	-	\$ 119.60
CAPITAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT	-	\$ 142,955.61

DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT	-	\$ 1,889,629.45
EXTRACLASSROOM ACCOUNT	-	\$ 65,330.68
FEDERAL FUND ACCOUNT	-	\$ 39,239.23
GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	-	\$ 377,667.30
GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT	-	\$ 6,973,819.30
GENERAL FUND-TAX COLLECTOR	-	\$ 609,101.16
SCHOOL LUNCH CHECKING ACCT	-	\$ 40,861.12
SCHOOL LUNCH SAVINGS ACCT	-	\$ 252,797.44
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	-	\$ 575.83
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT	-	\$ 17,072.05

4. Budget Transfers for October, 2018.

[OCTOBER 2018 BUDGET TRANSFERS ATTACHED HERETO]

5. Recommendations of the Committee for Special Education.

Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). Motion carried.

Presentation: The Counseling Departments from the Junior/Senior High School and Wolcott Street School were present to provide the Board of Education with an update on their program.

Mr. McArdle video showcased the upgrades to the Student Success Center in the Junior/Senior High School, with the new furniture and design providing a more welcoming environment for students and families alike.

Mrs. Ronan and Mr. Dwyer discussed the changes to the Junior/Senior High School counseling department in the past year. The counselors now split the students in grades 9-12 on an alphabetical basis, so that each counselor will have that student and

family for the full four years, further allowing the counselors to work with all grade levels each year. The senior meetings also are now divided between Mr. Dwyer and Mrs. Ronan and are now completed by mid-October, which allows students to finish their college applications earlier. The counseling staff is available to spend more time in classrooms providing earlier and more extensive career planning. Mrs. Ronan, Mr. Dwyer and Mr. Hammer all work on the master and special education schedules. The counselors are meeting with all juniors this year to set up their senior schedule, review plans for post-graduation, and set up timelines to guide them through their senior year. In addition, each student meets with their counselor each year to review course selection. The students are preparing resumes in ninth grade and updating the information throughout their high school career so that it is final and ready to provide with college or job applications. The Naviance software program has been utilized more and more each year. The counseling department also go out on home visits for students that are having attendance issues. This year, the counselors are also the case managers for students with 504 accommodation plans. In addition, the counselors arrange for Pre-ACT testing for 10th grade students, the PSAT as a practice test leading up to the SAT to all juniors, the ASVAB to 11th and 12th grade students to help identify interests and skills and match that up with occupations. The counselors arrange for college visit and information days and present workshops for parents and students on the college application and financial aid process.

Mrs. Leposa, the school psychologist at the Junior/Senior High School, and Mrs. Dailey, the district social worker, shared with the Board of Education the issues they are seeing on a daily basis. There is a marked increase in drug use and vaping, self-injury

and diagnosis of mental health disorders. The caseload is expanding, with Mrs. Dailey meeting with 27 students, with some of those students making multiple visits per week. Mrs. Dailey is attending the monthly meetings with the Juvenile Justice Planning Committee in order to keep current on the available treatment options for students and families and to network with various outreach programs that may aid our students. She also attended the Communities in Crisis Opioid Forum at Byron-Bergen and was surprised to learn that Genesee County ranks #2 in New York State for opioid overdoses. Mrs. Dailey conducted a poverty simulation for all staff during last year's Superintendent Conference Day to give staff a first-hand experience of what some of our students and families deal with daily. In Genesee County, over 20% of children under the age of 18 live in poverty and this affects every aspect of a student's life, including their academic pursuits. Mrs. Leposa stated that she sees an additional 12-13 students weekly, as well as conducts all testing at the junior/senior high school. She reminded the Board that academic needs for students with mental health disorders are different than for those students with learning disabilities or autism and she works with the faculty on how best to handle our at risk student population.

Although Mr. Hammer, the guidance counselor for our middle school students in grades 7 and 8, was unable to be at the meeting, Mr. McArdle reiterated that those are such crucial years for our young students and that Mr. Hammer keeps close tabs on the kids through meetings, lunch groups, teacher contact and family contact.

Mrs. JoAnn Hyde and Mrs. Rebecca Pokracki, the two counselors at the Wolcott Street School, comprise the elementary counseling department. Mrs. Pokracki discussed with the Board the various programs that the counseling department coordinates, while

also managing the needs and crises that arise in the elementary school on a daily basis. The counselors provide new families with tours of the district and a welcome phone call to families to learn of their home situation and inform them of the resources available to Le Roy students and families. The counselors select and train current Wolcott Street School students on the Welcome Committee, which provides the new students with a warm welcome and tour of the school. The counseling department houses and organizes all school supply donations, coordinates and organizes the clothing donations and distributes those donations to students in need. They provide consultation to teachers, and assist new and substitute teachers, regarding known students with needs on their rosters. Snacks are collected and provided to classroom teachers for students in need. Mrs. Hyde and Mrs. Pokracki track attendance on students, make follow up phone calls, send follow-up letters and make multiple home visits, along with the School Resource Officer, each year. They hold parent meetings, outside of RtI and CSE meetings, each year. They make referrals to Child Protective Services and have multiple visits each week with representatives from Child Protective Services. The Backpack Program, which provides food on weekends to families in need, is run through the counseling office and is serving record high numbers in the district. They also are the case managers for non-medical Section 504 accommodation plans. The counseling office, together with the Homeless Liaison, work with families that find themselves in a homeless situation and connect them to the services and outreach that can help the family through the tough times. Coordination of Thanksgiving outreach and Holiday assistance with the tremendous community supporters (the food pantry, local churches, the Moose Club, Miggins, the HOPE Center and Wolcott Street School staff and faculty) takes place each

year. They coordinate with Genesee County Mental Health and Strong Behavioral Health on an increasing number of students with mental health issues. They attend weekly Response to Intervention (RtI) meetings, bi-weekly Pupil Personnel Services meetings, co-chair the Character Education Committee along with the anti-bullying program and coordinate the Business Education Alliance programming that bring in programs such as Junior Achievement to each classroom. In addition to the above programs, the counselors provide 930 minutes of individual counseling and 300 minutes of group counseling to the elementary students on a weekly basis and deal with the various unplanned issues that arise on a day-to-day basis.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mrs. Duthe and seconded by Mr. MacKenzie, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Mr. Brian Williams from his position as Head Custodian effective December 26, 2018 for purposes of retirement. Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Loftus and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Mrs. Tara Stella to the Genesee County Civil Service labor position of Substitute Food Service Helper effective November 28, 2018 at a salary of \$11.10 per hour and pending successful completion of NYS fingerprinting requirements. Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board of Education approved the overnight trip to Wellsville, New York for the Varsity Wrestling team to participate in

the Bolivar-Richburg wrestling tournament from December 28-29, 2018, as presented.

Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board of Education approved two overnight trips for the Le Roy student athletes participating on the merged Genesee Ice Devils hockey team, as follows and pursuant to the Proposed Student Tour for Genesee Ice Devils that was submitted by Batavia CSD to Le Roy Central School Board of Education for approval:

- November 30-December 1, 2019 to Rome, New York
- December 27-28, 2019 to Clayton/East Rochester, New York

Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mrs. Duthé and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute an Instruction Contract and Memorandum of Understanding between Batavia City School District and Le Roy Central School District related to special education placements for the 2018-19 school year.

Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Loftus and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education accepted the following bid for the 2018-19 Capital Outlay Exception Project (\$100,000 Project):

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alternate 1</u>
Genesee Building Restoration 946 Atlantic Avenue	\$47,980	Not Accepted

Rochester, NY 14609

Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). Motion carried.

The Board of Education reviewed the 2018-19 unpaid taxes for Genesee County and executed the Affidavit of Collector.

COMMITTEEE REPORTS:

Negotiations: Negotiations will resume with the SEIU on December 3rd and with the LAA on December 5th.

Safety: Mr. Holly reported that he is working with Trooper Campanella of the NYS Police on a safety training presentation that was developed in conjunction with the New York State Education Department.

On a motion given by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board of Education entered into executive session at 8:11 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation. Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 8:35 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Loftus and seconded by Mr. MacKenzie at 8:36 p.m. Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). Motion carried.

Lori E. Wrobel
District Clerk