

March 26, 2019

The regular meeting of the Le Roy Central School Board of Education was called to order on March 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. by Vice President Denise Duthe in Memorial Auditorium at Wolcott Street School.

The following members were present:

Mrs. Denise Duthe  
Mr. Richard Lawrence  
Mr. Peter Loftus  
Mr. William MacKenzie  
Mr. Lloyd Miller (via remote videoconferencing at 6:20 p.m.)

The following member was absent:

Mrs. Jacalyn Whiting

The following administrators were present:

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

During the “Something Special” segment of tonight’s meeting, the Board of Education honored the sectional champions from the Le Roy Winter Track Team. The girls’ varsity team was recognized for their team championship. The following members were presented with a certificate of accomplishment from the Superintendent and the Board Vice President: Evelyn Babcock, Maria Calhoun, Katie Carmichael, Delcina Cassidy, Isabella Condidorio, McKenna Cone, Emily Eckdahl, Ally, Flint, Kayla Fussell, Taylor Hutton, Olivia Johnson, Courtney Kacur, Quinn Kacur, Gabrielle Slivinski, Ellie Sorensen, Carley Stauffer and Ashley Totten. Additionally, the following team members

were honored for their individual sectional titles, as follows: McKenna Cone (Individual Champion – 55m Hurdles and Long Jump); the 4 x 400 team consisting of Delcina Cassidy, Evelyn Babcock, Quinn Kacur and Isabella Condidorio. Also honored for sectional titles were the following members of the boys' varsity team: Marshall Schultz (Individual Champion – Shot Put); and the members of the 4 x 400 team: Maxin McKenzie, Aidan Harrington, Ethan Pockock and Chase Bordonaro. Finally, the Board of Education also recognized Mr. Jay Laitenberger, coach, for bringing excellence to the district's track program every year.

Following Something Special, the Board of Education relocated to the Board of Education conference room for a continuation of the Regular Meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Holly discussed the status of the athletics program and provided the Board of Education with the cost breakdown for the additional travel and enrollment projections. Mr. Holly's recommendation is to stay in the LCAA Division I for this year. He asked the Board for a straw poll on what their decision would be. The Board of Education viewed it as, hopefully, a one year window and the Board agreed with Mr. Holly's recommendation to stay in the LCAA for the 2019-20 athletic season.

Mr. Holly distributed a recommendation from the Facilities Committee and a draft of a new Buildings/Facilities Request and Guidelines. This document will provide a clear communication of the district's expectations, along with a list of directions to follow for use of each space and a fee structure for any organization seeking to use any of the district's facilities. The document will be brought back to the April 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting for formal approval.

Lastly, Mr. Holly distributed a draft of the Le Roy Central School District New Teacher Induction and Mentoring Program. The district is required to have a clearly stated mentoring plan for our teachers. This document provides clarity on the district's expectations for teachers in their interactions with administration, fellow teachers, students, parents and the community. It also lays out a training program for teachers interested in becoming a mentor and a selection process for matching up new teachers with their mentor. This document has been provided to the Le Roy Teachers' Association for their review and input. The formal mentor training will be completed by the Teacher Center at Genesee Valley Educational Partnership.

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

1. Minutes of the March 12, 2019 regular meeting, as presented.
2. Minutes of the March 19, 2019 special meeting (bus vote), as presented.
3. Warrants for the following accounts and bills contained thereon, as presented:

<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 59,569.02</b>
<b>CAFETERIA ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 29,000.59</b>
<b>AWARDS ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 400.00</b>

4. Treasurer's Reports for the following accounts for the period from February 1 – February 28, 2019, as presented:

<b>AWARDS ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 16,035.83</b>
<b>AWARDS ACCOUNT CD</b>	-	<b>\$ 450,000.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 5,275.28</b>

<b>CAPITAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>	-	\$ 130,569.10
<b>DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT</b>	-	\$ 211,509.34
<b>DEBT SERVICE CD</b>	-	\$ 2,000,000.00
<b>EXTRACLASSROOM ACCOUNT</b>	-	\$ 77,601.90
<b>FEDERAL FUND ACCOUNT</b>	-	\$ 59,605.41
<b>GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>	-	\$ 392,026.90
<b>GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>	-	\$ 2,274,754.12
<b>GENERAL FUND-TAX COLLECTOR</b>	-	\$ 761.74
<b>SCHOOL LUNCH CHECKING ACCT</b>	-	\$ 30,458.19
<b>SCHOOL LUNCH SAVINGS ACCT</b>	-	\$ 222,195.96
<b>PAYROLL ACCOUNT</b>	-	\$ 578.80
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY ACCOUNT</b>	-	\$ 31,395.82

5. February 2019 Budget Transfers, as presented.

[FEBRUARY 2019 BUDGET TRANSFERS ATTACHED HERETO]

6. Recommendations of the Committee for Special Education, as presented.

Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

Presentation: 2019-20 Budget: Mr. Foeller presented the overall review of the 2019-20 school budget proposal. There was further discussion around staffing requests and wish list items. The Budget and Finance Committee will meet again next week, after the state budget should have been adopted, and map out the final budget for presentation and approval at the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Loftus and seconded by Mr. MacKenzie, the Board of Education approved the following extra-curricular and coaching appointments for the 2018-19 school year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Richard Prinzi	Volunteer Assistant Coach – Clay Target Team	N/A
Steve Cappotelli	Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach	N/A

Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education reinstated Mr. Anthony Macaluso to a position as a K-12 substitute teacher and teaching assistant effective March 27, 2019. Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. MacKenzie, the Board of Education approved an increase in the per diem salary for Mr. Daniel Whiteside, long-term substitute special education teacher, from \$75.00 per day to \$90.00 per day retroactive to March 22, 2019. Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). 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 ratified the contract between the Le Roy Central School District and the Service Employees International Union for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022, as presented. Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Loftus and seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board of Education adopted the following Resolution, on a roll call vote:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LE ROY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, GENESEE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSITION TO ESTABLISH A GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO BE VOTED UPON BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID DISTRICT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING THEREOF TO BE HELD ON MAY 21, 2019.**

**Section 1. At the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Le Roy Central School District (the “District”) to be held on May 21, 2019, the following proposition shall be submitted to be voted upon:**

**Shall the Board of Education of the Le Roy Central School District be authorized and directed to establish a reserve fund pursuant to Education Law Section 3651 to be known as the “General Capital Reserve Fund,” for the purpose of paying, in whole or in part, the costs of additions, alterations, renovations or other improvements to District buildings and facilities, site improvements at District facilities and grounds, including athletic fields, playgrounds, recreation areas, parking areas, roadways, sidewalks and other site improvements, the acquisition of school buses and other vehicles, and the acquisition and installation of machinery, equipment, apparatus or furnishings, with the ultimate amount of such reserve fund not exceeding five million dollars (\$5,000,000) plus any accrued earnings on amounts deposited in such reserve fund, the probable existence of said reserve fund being ten (10) years, but said reserve fund continuing in existence for its stated purpose until liquidated in accordance with Education Law, and the source from which funds shall be obtained for said reserve fund being (a) current and future unappropriated fund balances from the General Fund of the School District, as directed by the Board of Education, (b) any other appropriations authorized by the voters from time to time, and (c) fund balances transferred from other reserve funds of the School District, as may be authorized by the Board of Education or the voters from time to time?**

**Section 2. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include within the notice of said annual meeting required to be to be published and posted by the District, a statement to the affect that the proposition set forth in Section 1 of this resolution will be voted upon at such annual meeting, which notice shall contain the full text of such proposition.**

**The following vote was taken and recorded in the public or open session of said meeting, which resulted as follows:**

<b>Jacalyn Whiting, President</b>		<b>Absent</b>
<b>Denise Duthe, Vice President</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Richard Lawrence, Member</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Peter Loftus, Member</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>William MacKenzie, Member</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Lloyd Miller, Member</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. MacKenzie and seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board of Education approved the first reading of revised Policy #3280, Use of School Facilities, Materials, and Equipment, as presented. Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Loftus and seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board of Education approved the first reading of revised Policy #5640, Smoking/Tobacco Use, as presented. Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. MacKenzie, the Board of Education approve the first reading of revised Policy #7530, Child Abuse and Maltreatment, as presented. Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

Mr. Holly included two drafts of possible 2019-20 instructional calendars in the board packet. The district is still awaiting word from Albany on whether Election Day

will be a holiday and the calendars reflect both scenarios. Mr. Holly hopes that the budget will pass on time and the decision about Election Day will be included with that. The calendar will be adopted at the April 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Mr. Holly and the Board of Education held a discussion with regard to a proposition submitted by community members for inclusion on the May ballot. The proposition seeks three items: (1) Change the distance limitation for the transportation of students in grade 1-3 from .75 mile to 0. In other words, all students in grades 1-3 (in addition to kindergarten students) would be automatically eligible for transportation to school; (2) change the District's authority to designate bus stops for students in grades K-3 to require that the District provide "door to door" transportation; and (3) change the distance limitation for transportation of students in grades 4-6 from .75 miles to .25 miles. In deciding to accept or reject all or parts of the petition, Mr. Holly and the Board of Education voiced concerns on the door to door stop, as opposed to group stops, due to efficiency and safety concerns. Further, when the transportation issue was raised by the community in the fall, the district constructed a cost scenario for the anticipated proposition to bus all students in K-3. The two propositions submitted along with that were not discussed at that time and the district has not computed the cost of a door to door program. Further, there are houses in unsafe locations to pick up or drop off door to door due to visibility of oncoming cars, heavy traffic at the time of dismissals, the number of stops and the backlog of vehicles on both sides of a bus stop. The provision of door to door transportation would remove the District's discretion in creating safe, appropriate routes that maximize the efficiency of District resources. The District will work with Village on group stops to minimize the amount of stops and still ensure the



safest drop off location for the students. The projected increase in transportation for students for grades 1-3 will be 107 students. Mr. Holly's recommendation would be to bus all students grades K-3, but not provide door to door transportation. The second proposition, also not mentioned in the fall, was to reduce the distance policy for grades 4-6 from the current .75 miles (which is still under the New York State regulations) to .25 miles, thereby adding 97 students. This would require the addition of two buses and two drivers. The cost of mileage, fuel and drivers would be a minimum of a \$34,000 increase. The district had budgeted already \$20,000 for the addition of busing students in grades 1-3 and this proposition would add an additional \$34,000, for a minimum total increase of \$54,000. Mr. Hart, the District Transportation Director, indicated that there are only six students in grades 4-6 students that live within a .25 mile, so basically it would be requiring transportation of all students K-6. It is still unclear how many students and families would avail themselves of transportation.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent to reject the community proposition, as written, regarding transportation, on a motion given by Mr. Loftus and seconded by Mr. MacKenzie, on a roll call vote. Voting. 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). 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 following resolution as a proposition to go before voters at the annual budget vote and election on May 21, 2019, on a roll call vote:

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Le Roy Central School District is hereby authorized to extend the District's current policy for transporting students in grades 1-3 from the existing distance limitation of greater than three quarters (3/4) of a mile to**

**providing all students in grades 1-3 with transportation to and from school (no distance limitation).**

<b>Jacalyn Whiting</b>		<b>Absent</b>
<b>Denise Duthé</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Richard Lawrence</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Peter Loftus</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>William MacKenzie</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Lloyd Miller</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Budget and Finance:** The committee will schedule a meeting on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> in anticipation of a New York State budget.

**Negotiations:** Negotiations with the Le Roy Administrators' Association will continue on March 29.

**Safety:** Mr. Holly reported that Le Roy was contacted by Chief Chris Hayward and Officer Greg Kellogg with a request to utilize the buildings for active shooter training over four nights from April 8-11.

Mr. McArdle shared that Le Roy Central School District was named a 2019 Best Community for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation for the 13<sup>th</sup> time. Congratulations to our hardworking music department, talented students and a supportive community.

The Board of Education also thanked the fourth grade classes for the beautiful color wheel flowers on display in the board room.

Mr. McArdle also invited the Board of Education to the National Honor Society and Junior National Honor Society induction ceremony to be held on Wednesday, March

27<sup>th</sup> in the High School Auditorium. For the first time, the two ceremonies will be combined and the school is proud to induct 63 of our students.

Finally, on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, the Genesee County Youth Bureau will host their annual Youth Recognition Banquet at Terry Hills Country Club. This year, Le Roy's own Mrs. Lindsey Dailey will be receiving the adult youth worker of the year award and Ms. Sam Vagg will be honored as the youth volunteer worker of the year. Also, one of our seniors will be honored for their volunteer efforts.

On a motion given by Mr. Loftus and seconded by Mr. MacKenzie, the Board entered into executive session at 8:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of tenure reviews; 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: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:21 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. MacKenzie at 9:22 p.m. Voting: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mrs. Whiting). Motion carried.

Lori E. Wrobel  
District Clerk