

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**                    **DEIRDRE BURNS**  
**DEIRDRE d'ALBERTIS**  
**MARK FLEISCHHAUER**  
**STEVE JENKINS**  
**DIANE LYONS**  
**LISA ROSENTHAL**  
**LAURA SCHULKIND**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**                    **JOSEPH PHELAN, THOMAS BURNELL,**  
**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, MEMBERS OF THE**  
**PRESS**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **1.0 Call to Order**

President Fleischhauer called the meeting to order in the RHS/BMS Library at 7:35 pm.

### **2.0 Approval of Minutes**

**2.1 Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2016 Regular Meeting.\*

**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 1 ABSENT (Lyons)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **3.0 Public Comment**

None

### **4.0 Reports and Discussion**

#### **4.1 Annual Independent Audit Report (J. Klimek)\***

Mr. Klimek from the EFPR Group reported on the audit of the District's financial statements. Mr. Klimek reported that District liabilities are very consistent. The maximum allowable fund balance set by New York State is 4%. The District's current fund balance is very low at approximately 0.7%, and it is recommended that the District increase the fund balance. In conjunction with the audit of financial statements, no material weaknesses related to internal control over the District's financial statements were noted.

#### **4.2 Community Facilities Taskforce Update (G. Hamlin)\***

Superintendent Phelan reported that the Community Facilities Taskforce (CFT) met three times with approximately a dozen community members in attendance. Overall, members of the taskforce were positive about moving forward with the project with only a few suggestions during discussion. The Taskforce is very supportive of doing something sooner rather than later.

Architect Garrett Hamlin spoke on behalf of Tetra Tech, the company retained to perform the building condition survey report. Mr. Hamlin went over the process which included:

1. Building condition survey
2. Prioritized needs and long range plan
3. Capital project development
4. Community facilities taskforce
5. Next steps

The Board reviewed the Capital Project Scope of Priority 1, Priority 2, and Priority 3 items. The Board discussed the cost of window replacements, floor replacements, partial ceiling and lighting replacements, and the curtain wall system at CLS, which are necessary. The Board discussed the replacement of shingle roofs and re-coating the spray foam roofs to extend their warranty.

Tom Burnell reviewed the figures of the local share of the existing debt service and the estimated tax impact on a median home with the STAR exemption. An average home will see an approximate annual increase in taxes of \$76 should the community approve the capital project to include Priority 1, 2, and 3 items. A majority of building work is New York State aidable. Many Board members supported a capital project vote of all of the items on the list, whether priority 1, 2, or 3, as they are or will be necessary at some point.

As the construction manager continues to confirm cost figures for the work to be done, the Facilities Committee will meet and decide whether a motion will go before the Board during a special meeting on October 18, 2016. Deirdre Burns expressed support for all three Priority Lists as she will not be able to attend the special meeting next week.

#### **4.3 Board Committee Reports (CDEP, Audit, Facilities)\***

##### **CDEP**

Laura Schulkind reported that the CDEP committee revisited Rhinebeck's commitment to identifying the things we've never before accomplished, arriving at places we've never before been, and identifying growth and success by measures yet to be developed. The CDEP Committee had a lengthy discussion on how the three identified goals are interrelated and intentionally so. The goals work in unison to serve the whole child. The October 11 Superintendent's Conference Day was devoted entirely to CDEP, with teachers reviewing the document and developing action plans to address the identified goals. The Committee discussed the timing of a possible School Climate Survey. In conclusion, Dr. Lloyd Jaeger returned to the idea that the goals written in the CDEP plan are three parts of a whole. The District will continue to deliver on the promise to provide 100% of its students with access to the resources available to support student success.

**Audit Committee**

Lisa Rosenthal reported that the Audit Committee reviewed the external audit discussed earlier during the Board meeting. Additionally, the Committee discussed the draft Technology audit which had been completed. Although the report was not yet ready for the Committee's review, some of the draft report's recommendations have already been acted upon.

**Facilities Committee**

Lisa Rosenthal reported that the Facilities Committee reviewed the report by Mr. Hamlin discussed earlier during the Community Facilities Taskforce update.

**4.4 2016 NYSSBA Proposed Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions**

President Fleischhauer reported that he attended the DCSBA meeting where a presentation of the proposed resolutions was made.

**5.0 Comments**

**5.1 Good News**

There was a great turnout of parents and alum for the Andy Bennett Tournament. The Board wished to thank Mr. Boucher for organizing the tournament. The Boys and Girls Soccer teams are in the MHALS and will go on to Sectional competition. The Board wished to thank the District for inviting the Rhinebeck Little Soccer League to play on the District field during the Andy Bennett Tournament.

**5.2 Old Business**

None

**5.3 Public Comment**

None

**5.4 Other**

The Board discussed having a light agenda , if possible, for the next Board of Education Regular meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>, due to Election Day.

**6.0 Action Items**

**6.1 Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the following consent items:

**6.1.1 Motion** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the CSE and CPSE recommendations.\*

**VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**6.2 Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the appointment of additional advisors for Rhinebeck High School for the 2016-17 school year. (See attached.)\*

**VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

- 6.3** +**Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to appoint 2016-17 BMS After-School Program instructors and Mentors. (See attached.)\*

**VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

- 6.4** **Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the list of additional emergency conditional substitute teachers and substitute non-instructional staff for the 2016-17 school year.\*

**VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

- 6.5** **Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve *To the Lighthouse* (Woolf).

**VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

- 6.6** **Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to accept the Independent Auditor's report for the 2015-16 school year.\*

**VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

- 6.7** **Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Christine Martin to provide teacher aide services for up to 1.75 hours per day for each day of Modified Cross Country practices, and/or for meets, effective for the 2016 Modified Cross Country season, effective September 28, 2016 in accordance with the 2016-17 A.N.I.E. salary schedule.\*

**VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**7.0 Proposed Executive Session**

**Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 10:25 pm for the purpose of discussing negotiations with a bargaining unit.

**VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board appointed Joseph Phelan as Clerk Pro Tempore.

**VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to return to Regular Session at 10:29 pm.

**VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**6.8 Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to establish a Special meeting of the Board of Education on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the MS/HS Library for the purpose of considering and acting upon a resolution for a public referendum for a proposed capital project on Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

**VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**8.0 Adjournment**

**Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to adjourn at 10:31 pm.

**VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Torres  
District Clerk

Joseph Phelan  
Clerk Pro Tempore