

MEMBERS PRESENT: **DEIRDRE BURNS (arrived 8:15 pm)**
DEIRDRE d'ALBERTIS
MARK FLEISCHHAUER
STEVE JENKINS (arrived 8:05 pm)
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 November 22, 2016 Regular Meeting*
VOTE: 5 AYE (d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind);
0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT (Burns, Jenkins)
MOTION CARRIED

2.2 Motion by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2016 Special Meeting*
VOTE: 5 AYE (d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind);
0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT (Burns, Jenkins)
MOTION CARRIED

2.3 Motion by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2016 Special Meeting*
VOTE: 5 AYE (d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind);
0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT (Burns, Jenkins)
MOTION CARRIED

3.0 Public Comment

None

4.0 Reports and Discussion

4.1 Principal's Reports
Chancellor Livingston Elementary
Mr. King was unavailable to report.

Bulkeley Middle School

Dr. Davenport reported on Mr. Kemnitzer's behalf, as follows:

- Grade 8 Computer Science classes have been learning how to use high school video and editing software as part of the Digital Citizenship unit.
- Art Club – 7th Annual Knit for the Needy campaign – 44 blankets and 10 hats have been knitted to be donated to the Vassar NICU.
- BMS Student Council – Hosting an Annual Food Drive for the Good Shepherd food pantry.
- 5th annual Book Angel – sponsored by Oblong Books, will put new books in the hands of 30 MS/HS students for the holidays.
- BMS Band Concert members will be performing for the residents at the Baptist Home.
- Members of the Peer Leadership Club have been working with student mentors from Bard College preparing experiments and activities in anticipation of CLS Science Night Out. In addition, members of the Peer Leadership Club will be presenting to each of the 1st grade classes regarding Madagascar traditions and culture.
- 8th grade Day of Science at Bard College will have students working on hands-on activities with Bard students and professors in the areas on Math, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, and Computer Science.
- Members of the BMS band will participate in the DCMEA's Jr. High All-County Festival in Dover.
- BMS will be partnering with Linden Ave. Middle School in Red Hook for the 8th grade Science Fair at Bard College.

Rhinebeck High School

Dr. Davenport reported:

- Social Studies Department is reviewing a feature of a new textbook purchase where student essays can be evaluated using a computer program.
- Faculty took advantage of orientations to Canvas and the new MacBooks during professional development workshops last week.
- AP Bio students will participate in a full day lab on molecular DNA.
- Art Department is investigating and piloting the use of digital portfolios for their classes.
- Mens' and Women's choirs will perform for the Chamber of Commerce.
- Drama Club will be hosting a talent show, Rhinebeck's Got Talent.
- National Honor Society inducted 14 new members.
- Model UN trip to the Nobel Summit continues moving forward with donations still being made.

President Fleischhauer requested that the Board suspend the rules and change the order of the agenda and move the discussion on the 2016-17 Budget Development Update – Rollover Budget to later in the meeting in order to accommodate a Board member's absence.

Motion by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to change the order of the agenda.

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

4.3 Board Committee Reports (Facilities, Curriculum, Finance, CDEP, Audit, Policy)*

Facilities Committee

Lisa Rosenthal reported that the Facilities Committee spent the first half of the meeting discussing updates to the capital project. Additionally, Mr. Tieder reported that the District was waiting for the results of the water testing at BMS/RHS, which became available shortly after the meeting. The results identified only three points where lead levels above the mandated level were found: two at hand washing sinks in the women's restroom near the auditorium, and one at a pot washing station in the RHS kitchen. Action to remedy the situation has already been addressed.

Curriculum Committee

Deirdre d'Albertis reported that the Curriculum Committee discussed with Mr. King the age of students entering kindergarten. Mr. King shared research that addresses concerns of the best age for students to enter kindergarten based on children's emotional development. The Committee reviewed the BMS Tech Curriculum. The curriculum is an effort to operationalize the goals of the RSF grant and the CELT audit and part of the model is to infuse technology in to the classroom. The document includes a framework for expectations of skills/learning K-12, along with the BMS specific curriculum.

Finance Committee

President Fleischhauer reported that the Finance Committee discussed long range planning, some 2017-18 budget assumptions, and the cafeteria. Mr. Burnell presented a multi-year planning process which encompasses many planning initiatives besides the financials. The committee discussed the cafeteria program which is running at a deficit due unexpected expenses such as a freezer replacement. The Board had a short discussion on the cafeteria plan and the deficit over the years.

CDEP Committee

Laura Schulkind reported that the CDEP Committee's last meeting was a working meeting where work groups were given the task to review the plans generated by the professional faculty during previous Superintendent Conference days and classify those goals and action plans. After concluding that process, the full CDEP Committee discussed the common themes.

Audit Committee

Lisa Rosenthal reported that the Audit Committee reviewed the business impact analysis report which deals with the recoverability of business operations in case of a disaster or other unexpected event. The committee endorsed a proposal that focuses on immediate attention on completing the IT disaster recovery plan, replacing Info-Magic with a cloud-based system and developing a continuity of operations plan.

Policy Committee

President Fleischhauer reported that the Policy Committee reviewed various policies mainly Policy #5280 – Interscholastic Athletics regarding the idea and/or definition of “coachability” and Policy #5305 – Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities regarding students’ absence on a Friday or a day prior to a holiday.

4.2 2016-17 Budget Development Update – Rollover Budget*

Mr. Burnell distributed copies of the 2017-18 Rollover Budget to the Board for discussion. The numbers reflect the costs related to the contracts for ANIE and the RAA. The RTA negotiations are still in the planning stage, so the rollover budget was kept the same as prior year for rollover purposes. BOCES is indicating a projected 2-4% increase.

Mr. Burnell expressed ongoing concerns in the increase of costs related to special education tuition and BOCES placements for students. The District is looking to consolidate transportation for special education students with other districts to save money. Mr. Burnell also pointed out that occupational education is growing with some students staying until age 21 to graduate.

Mr. Burnell reviewed the tax levy proposal based on the rollover budget. The numbers show a 1.48% tax base growth factor which is good news. This figure shows growth in new construction and additions in the school district, not a change of home assessments.

Mr. Burnell reviewed the projected income for the district. The revenue shortfall above the estimated tax levy limit is \$935,164. Superintendent Phelan reminded the Board that there will not be any GAP elimination funds expected this year and that there is much talk about Foundation Aid. He recommends that the Board start to think about an approach with legislators regarding increasing the District’s Foundation Aid and making our needs known. Superintendent Phelan stated that this is a very conservative budget and there are still many unknowns.

5.0 Comments

5.1 Good News

The Board expressed gratitude for the capital project referendum vote passing. Laura Schulkind stated that the students were very engaged in the PE Hour of Code program at CLS.

5.2 Old Business

Superintendent Phelan reported that he reached out to the construction/architectural team to start discussing a schedule to start moving onward on the capital project.

5.3 Public Comment

None

5.4 Other

None

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 agenda item:

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 accept a grant award from the Rhinebeck Science Foundation in support of the following:

- implementation of the Embody Art: Anatomy grant, as submitted by Ms. Leahy, in the amount \$3,900; and
- implementation of the Day of Science at Bard grant, as submitted by Ms. Koegel in the amount of \$340, as stipulated.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

Prior to the vote, the Board wished to thank the Rhinebeck Science Foundation for their donation.

6.3 Motion by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Rhinebeck Central School District is situated within the 103rd Assembly District of the State of New York;

AND WHEREAS the Rhinebeck Central School District has agreed to participate in the Science Lab Initiative, which aims to encourage scientific curiosity and creativity, build student interest in science, and promote science education in middle and high schools in the 103rd Legislative Assembly District through the creation of state-of-the-art science labs and accompanying programming;

AND WHEREAS the Science Lab Initiative will provide up to \$50,000 toward the creation of such a science lab, and funds can be used for the renovation of space appropriate for a science lab and/or the purchase of science-related equipment;

AND WHEREAS The Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz will coordinate this effort and be the liaison to all school districts;

AND WHEREAS The Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz is responsible for purchasing all equipment and supporting construction related to the Science Lab Initiative and thus SUNY New Paltz maintains ownership over said equipment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rhinebeck Central School District understands this arrangement and, with grateful appreciation, agrees to participate in the Science Lab Initiative.*

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

Prior to the vote, Lisa Rosenthal asked about how the process would work. Superintendent Phelan answered that the same amount of funding is available to each school district in Assemblymen Cahill's Assembly District, and that the Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz to be the clearing house for this grant money. The District intends to apply for funding to do some of the work in the physics lab, primarily for equipment and renovations, in conjunction with the renovation of the physical space in the physics lab through the recently-approved capital project proposal, with the goal being to develop a 21st century physics laboratory. Additional funds will be used to update equipment in the high school biology laboratory.

- 6.4 Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby denies the application for a corrected school tax bill for the 2016-17 school year filed by the property owners of property noted as 135089-6069-00-41537-0000, for the reasons stated in a September 23, 2016 letter from the Director of Real Property Tax Services for the County of Dutchess, as presented to the Board at this meeting.*

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 the attached 2016-17 budget transfers in accordance with RCSD board policy #6150.*

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 approve additional Rhinebeck High School activity advisors for 2016-17. (See attached.)*

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 an increase in the contracted time of Lucy Munger from 4.75 hours to 5.75 hours to provide extracurricular support to BMS students with special educational needs effective September 26, 2016.*

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 approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the terms of the Release and Settlement Agreement involving Student Number 3315, a copy of which shall be incorporated by reference in the minutes of this meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools be and hereby is authorized to execute such Release and Settlement Agreement on behalf of the District.*

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

- 6.9** **Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the extension of the appointment of Grace Lalicki as Mentor, through the conclusion of the 2016-17 school year.*

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

- 6.10** **Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve compensation for staff development preparation at the contractual curriculum rate. (See attached)*

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

6.11 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 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

7.0 Proposed Executive Session

Motion by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 9:10 pm for the purpose of discussing negotiations with the teachers' 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 9:30 pm.

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 9:31 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