

MEMBERS PRESENT: **DEIRDRE BURNS**
DEIRDRE d’ALBERTIS
MARK FLEISCHHAUER
STEVE JENKINS
DIANE LYONS
JACLYN SAVOLAINEN
LAURA SCHULKIND

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

REGULAR MEETING

1.0 Call to Order

President Fleischhauer called the meeting to order in the RHS/BMS Library at 7:31 pm. The Clerk of the Board introduced newly-elected Board Member Jaclyn Savolainen and administered the Oath of Office followed by the signing of the Oath Book.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 Motion by d’Albertis, seconded by Schulkind, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2017 Regular Meeting.*

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

2.2 Motion by d’Albertis, seconded by Schulkind, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2017 Annual Meeting.*

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

3.0 Public Comment

None

4.0 Reports and Discussion

4.1 Principals’ Reports

Chancellor Livingston School

Brett King reported

- CLS Press, May Issue includes an interview with a BMS student who describes the Middle School teachers as “ridiculously nice”, a list of *10 things you can do instead of playing video games*, and a recipe for a chef salad
- Grades K-5 will participate in Engineer’s “Week”
- Teachers Susan St. Clair and Roberta Bloomer will discuss the Veteran’s Day assembly in the fall at BMS with fifth grade students and provide students the opportunity to submit names of veterans they would like to honor at the assembly

- Operation Cooperation with Grade 3 on May 9th – Interdisciplinary full day program where Grade 3 Teachers partner with the Specials Team to provide high interest, cooperative activities that support science curriculum in Grade 3 and beyond.
- Grade 4 and Grade 5 Spring Concerts used the Auditorium for their performances.
- Project Aces – The entire school joined PE teachers in outdoor physical activity

Bulkeley Middle School

John Kemnitzer reported:

- Grade 7 students participated in a week-long Art and Movement project during which they learned about anatomy and the skeletal system and worked with visual artist, Mimi Graminski, to create life-size sculptures of the skeletal system using recycled newspaper.
- BMS Anthropology Club continued its work with Bard Archeology professor, Dr. Lindner, assisting the professor and Bard college students on a dig in Germantown.
- Peer Leadership Club members worked with CLS students on an engineering project building life preservers from soup cans.
- Bard Percussion ensemble members performed and worked with middle and high school percussionists.
- Members of the 6th and 7th grade bands traveled to New York City and toured Carnegie Hall.
- Grade 7 students took part in a four day series of field trips titled “Discovery Days.” Students visited Clermont State Historic Site, Olana State Historic Site, Esopus Meadows, and a Walking History Tour of Rhinebeck.
- Grade 6 students completed the annual Top 100 project, during which students select an influential world figure, research that individual, and develop a persuasive speech in hopes of convincing peers and teachers that they are the most influential person in world history.
- Grade 8 students are wrapping up their study of Shakespeare and were able to work with performers from the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival.
- Several engineers visited computer classes at all three grade levels to run hands-on activities with students.
- Several grade 8 students presented their Talking a Stand projects and participated on a panel discussion with Jana Laiz, author of Weeping Under This Same Moon, as part of the 9th annual Millbrook Literary Festival.
- Grade 7 students are nearing completion of an extensive research project on the Civil War and Reconstruction.
- Grade 8 students participated in the Day of Science at Bard College during which they worked with Bard students and professors on hands-on activities in the areas on Math, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, and Computer Science.
- RCSD Art Show is currently on display at Montgomery Row.

Rhinebeck High School

Ed Davenport reported

- The English Department is producing an anthology of student writing.
- Master teacher, Jason Stevenson, presented at the Girls Rock Stem conference on careers in chemistry
- The Art department and club sponsored an art contest for a logo for the community service bulletin board
- In BLPT updates, the first pilot Day of Service was conducted; student volunteers worked on beautifying the Reflection Garden.
- Creative writing club is finalizing the edits on their first literary magazine.
- Congratulations to the Drama club on another wonderful school musical
- Model UN travelled to the Dalton school Model UN and a member of their team received a verbal acclamation, equivalent to a fourth place finish.
- Model UN presented during an assembly by Dr. Ira Helfand, co-president of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize, and co-founder and past president of Physicians for Social Responsibility, IPPNW's US affiliate. Students met with Dr. Helfand afterward for an in depth conversation.
- GSA conducted a successful Day of Silence
- Gender Equality club conducted a successful fundraiser in support of the Grace Smith House.
- National Honor Society Senior Citizen Prom had a strong turnout.
- Spanish club is conducting a fundraiser selling handmade bracelets to support impoverished communities in Nicaragua.
- The Student Council is sponsoring outdoors lunches
- RHS has been named a Reward School for the fourth time by the New York State Education Department..
- Senior class sponsored a class breakfast before school.

4.2 School District Long-Range Planning

Superintendent Phelan reported that several Board members attended a webinar presented by the Comptroller's Office in relation to long range planning. Board members discussed strategies for future meetings and an action plan for how and when to meet. Superintendent Phelan asked Board members to think about how to populate the team and what the charge from the Board will be. Laura Schulkind, Deirdre d'Albertis and Diane Lyons volunteered to be in the sub-committee. The Board discussed possible suggestions for the charge and how to maximize participation.

4.3 Board Committee Reports (Curriculum, Policy, Facilities)*

Curriculum Committee

Deirdre d'Albertis reported that the Curriculum Committee met on May 8 and spent a large portion of time discussing the BMS Technology Curriculum. Additionally, the committee discussed the challenges for middle and high school science teachers

when it comes to interpreting the current action plan relating to the “Next Gen” Science standards. Although the standards are clear, a great deal of judgment is required to think through how course and syllabus design would be impacted in response to the standards.

Laura Schulkind reported that the Curriculum Committee met on May 22 and discussed the current iteration of the CDEP document.

Policy Committee

President Fleischhauer reported that the Policy Committee continues their work on reviewing and revising district policy. Most policies reviewed did not require any major changes. Policy #4526 “Use of Computers by Staff and Students” is being revised.

Facilities Committee

President Fleischhauer reported that the Facilities Committee met with Tetra-Tech and the Palumbo Group regarding the capital project. The roof scan and site survey have been completed. The committee reviewed drawings for a front entrance ramp at the BMS/RHS building. A proposal is being considered to move the long jump pit. The high school kitchen needs a new hood. A number of design configurations are being considered for the lockers. The Board had a short discussion of the budgeting process for the project and how alternates can be built into the plan.

4.3 County-Wide Shared Services Plan Mandate*

Superintendent Phelan reported that the County-Wide Shared Services meeting was worthwhile. He reported that there are more possibilities for local sharing than county-wide sharing, but he is keeping an open mind about all possibilities.

5.0 Comments

5.1 Good News

The Board wished to thank the community for approving the budget and congratulated the two newly elected board members.

5.2 Old Business

Superintendent Phelan handed out a draft schedule of BOE meetings for the 2017-2018 school year and asked board members to review the summer dates especially and let him know of any conflicts.

5.3 Public Comment

None

5.4 Other

Superintendent Phelan reported that the district has two opportunities for public comment at each board meeting over the last ten years. (The law requires only one

opportunity for public comment.) The Board briefly discussed moving the first public comment opportunity at Board meetings to a later time during the meeting.

6.0 Action Items

6.1 Motion by d'Albertis, seconded by Schulkind, 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.*

6.1.2 Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the Treasurers' Report (General Fund and Extra Classroom Fund, April 2017).*

6.1.3 Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to accept the resignation of Mary Ann Torres as District Clerk, effective June 30, 2017.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 Motion by d'Albertis, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to grant tenure to Alyssa Barnes, in the tenure area of Mathematics, effective September 1, 2017, and may be revoked by the Board of Education up until that time.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

6.3 Motion by d'Albertis, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to grant tenure to Ryan Edson, in the tenure area of Physical Education, effective September 1, 2017, and may be revoked by the Board of Education up until that time.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

6.4 Motion by d'Albertis, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to grant tenure to Gideon Moor, in the tenure areas of Business and Social Studies, effective September 1, 2017, and may be revoked by the Board of Education up until that time.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

6.5 Motion by d'Albertis, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to grant tenure to Christine Orban, in the tenure area of Remedial Speech, effective September 1, 2017, and may be

revoked by the Board of Education up until that time.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

- 6.6 Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to grant tenure to Michael Rocco, in the tenure area of Science, effective September 1, 2017, and may be revoked by the Board of Education up until that time.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

- 6.7 Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to grant tenure to Christopher Sneed, in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant, effective September 1, 2017, and may be revoked by the Board of Education up until that time.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

- 6.8 Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to accept a grant from the Rhinebeck PTSO in the total amount of an additional \$2,000.00, as stipulated. (See attached.)*

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board wished to thank the Rhinebeck PTSO for their generous contribution.

- 6.9 Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to accept a grant award from the Rhinebeck Science Foundation, in support of funding for the 5th Grade Trip to the Norwalk Aquarium, as submitted by Ms. Brenda Palmatier, in the amount of \$400, as stipulated.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board wished to thank the Rhinebeck Science Foundation for their support of the aquarium trip.

- 6.10 Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Schulkind, 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, Savolainen, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

- 6.11 Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the Rhinebeck Crew Team overnight trip to the National Scholastic Rowing Championships in Cherry Hill, NJ on May 26-27, 2017.*

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

- 6.12 Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to accept the donation of a tree from The Phantom Gardener, in collaboration with the BMS Student Council, as stipulated.*

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

- 6.13 Motion** by d'Albertis, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve overnight travel, as needed, for any of Rhinebeck High School's Varsity teams that might possibly be competing in the Spring 2017 Section IX Tournament, IF one or more should advance to the State Championships, as follows:

- Varsity Baseball June 7-9, 2017, Binghamton, NY
- Varsity Softball June 8-9, 2017, South Glens Falls, NY
- Varsity Track & Field June 8-10, 2017, Endicott, NY
- Varsity Tennis May 30-June 2, 2017, USTA National Tennis Center, Queens, NY

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby approves the contract with Dutchess County BOCES for the acquisition of computer/technology hardware, software, and related

equipment through a three-year installment purchase agreement (IPA) commencing in the 2017-2018 school year, with a total principal cost of \$66,785.66; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rhinebeck Central School District will pay Dutchess County BOCES through its regular monthly billing cycle over the three-year period to commence during the 2017-2018 school year.

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

MOTION CARRIED

6.15 Motion by d'Albertis, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the appointment of additional Enrichment Program advisor substitutes for Chancellor Livingston Elementary School for the 2016-17 school year. (See attached.)*

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

MOTION CARRIED

7.0 Proposed Executive Session

Motion by d'Albertis, seconded by Burns, the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 9:20 pm for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations with the Rhinebeck Teachers' Association.

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

MOTION CARRIED

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by d'Albertis, seconded by Burns, the Board voted to return to Regular Session at 10:18 pm.

VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Savolainen, 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 10:19 pm.

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

MOTION CARRIED

RHINEBECK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 23, 2017
Regular Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Torres
District Clerk

Joseph Phelan
Clerk Pro Tempore