

MEMBERS PRESENT: **DEIRDRE d'ALBERTIS**
 MARK FLEISCHHAUER
 STEVE JENKINS
 DIANE LYONS
 LIZ RAUM
 JACLYN SAVOLAINEN
 LAURA SCHULKIND

OTHERS PRESENT: **JOSEPH PHELAN**
 THOMAS BURNELL

REGULAR MEETING

1.0 Call to Order

President d'Albertis called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2017 Regular Meeting.

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

3.0 Public Comment

None

4.0 Reports and Discussion

4.1 Annual Independent Audit Report (EFPR Group - J. Klimek & M DuBois)

Joseph Klimek and Matthew DuBois from the auditing firm of the EFPR Group, highlighted several aspects of their Annual Report for the Board. They reviewed their audit responsibilities and outlined how the audit was conducted. The audit included a review of the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the fiduciary funds of Rhinebeck Central School District for the year ended June 30, 2017. They noted no transactions entered into by the District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statement in the proper period. They recommend the District create a succession plan for a required new accounting software package, as the software package currently in use is in the late stages of operating life.

4.2 Board Committee Reports (Policy, Finance, Audit, Long Range Planning)*

Policy Committee: Diane Lyons reviewed the minutes of the September 28th meeting. The Committee has been reviewing all of the District policies. They are currently reviewing the 6000 series. Diane reported how policies are made, revised, and reviewed.

Finance Committee: Liz Raum reported that the committee reviewed three main topics:

- Computer lease from BOCES - The computer lease from BOCES had an unexpected cost increase of \$15,000. It was decided that the increase did not add sufficient benefit, so the cost of the lease was recommended to be reduced.
- Potential state aid money due - There are companies that can research if there are any funds due back to the district. However, they do not guarantee the timeline for the District to retrieve the underpaid money.
- State mandated long range financial plan – There is now a State-mandated Long Range Financial Plan, which is to forecast finances for 3 to 5 years. The Committee is looking at how to track data with software. They will look at Forecast 5 software and other companies while at the upcoming convention.

Audit Committee Meeting: Stephen Jenkins reviewed the auditor’s report with the Board. He stated that the numbers were accurate and they are comfortable with the changes. The Committee recommends for the Board to adopt the audit report.

Long Range Planning Committee: The minutes from September 27th and October 10th were discussed. The Committee will design an introductory postcard to be mailed to the Rhinebeck community prior to sending out the first targeted survey. The balance of the meeting was spent discussing what the greatest cost savings would be while preserving the strengths of the District. Benchmarks and the Committee’s to-do list was reviewed.

4.3 2017 NYSSBA Proposed Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions

Mark Fleischhauer and Superintendent Phelan attended the October 5, 2017 Dutchess County School Boards Association meeting. They discussed the NYSSBA Resolutions. Mark stated that there wasn’t a strong feeling either way on the Proposed Bylaw Amendment A – Article 6 and 8.

5.0 Comments

5.1 Good News

Superintendent Phelan informed the board that Dr. Helfand, who spoke to the Rhinebeck High School last spring regarding the anti-nuclear movement, is a Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. His group, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), won the Nobel Peace Prize for this year.

The Andy Bennett tournament over the weekend went well.

5.2 Old Business

None.

5.3 Public Comment

None.

5.4 Other

Superintendent Phelan shared a field questionnaire from the State. The length of the school year is still 180 days, but what has changed is how minutes and days are counted toward the minimum requirement. Rhinebeck Central School District schedules 184 school days. The State said they never changed how they count days, but their interpretation of regulations is unclear. Dr. Richard Hooley, District Superintendent, Dutchess BOCES sent a list of questions to the State to clarify how they count the days in the school year. This school year, the parent teacher conferences were in separate weeks to prevent being short school days. The State said they wouldn't look back, but are looking to revise the regulations for 2018/19. The way the State counts days in the school year is very restrictive right now.

6.0 Action Items

6.1 Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools 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 Treasurer's Report (General Fund, August 2017; Extraclassroom Fund, August 2017).*

6.1.3 Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to accept the resignation of Gideon Moor as 9th Grade Class Advisor.*

6.1.4 Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Laurie Bathrick from the position of Typist, effective January 1, 2018.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the appointment of additional advisors for Rhinebeck High School for the 2017-18 school year. (See attached.)*

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

MOTION CARRIED

6.3 Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to appoint 2017-18 BMS After-School Program instructors and Mentors. (See attached.)*

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

MOTION CARRIED

6.4 Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the list of additional emergency conditional substitute teachers and substitute non-instructional staff for the 2017-18 school year.*

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

- 6.5 Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to accept the grant award from the Rhinebeck Science Foundation (RSF), in support of funding for the Fun With Energy presentation, submitted by William Morrissey, in the amount of \$765, as stipulated.*

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

The Board wished to thank the Rhinebeck Science Foundation for their support of this program.

- 6.6 Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to accept the following grant awards from the Rhinebeck Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO), as follows:

- Huguenot Street Field Trip, submitted by Erin O'Brien, in the amount of \$608; as stipulated; and
- Math Tools, submitted by Jill Simmons, in the amount of \$100, as stipulated.*

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

The Board wished to thank the PTSO in support of these programs.

- 6.7 Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to accept the grant award from the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, in support of funding for the Bard College/Rhinebeck High School Reading and Writing Workshop, submitted by Stephanie Baird, in the amount of \$342, as stipulated.*

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

The Board wished to thank the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley for their support.

- 6.8 Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve additional Summer 2017 program work. (See attached.)*

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

- 6.9 Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to appoint Laura D’Attore as a 1-1 Teacher Aide, assigned to a .43 FTE (3 hour per diem) position with a Rhinebeck student at Dutchess BOCES, effective Oct 10, 2017, at the pleasure of the Board of Education, at a salary of Step 1 (\$21,652, prorated), in accordance with the ANIE Salary Schedule for 2016-17.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

- 6.10 Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to accept the Independent Auditor’s report for the 2016-17 school year.

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

MOTION CARRIED

- 6.11 Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, to approve the 2017-18 Superintendent’s Administrative Goals.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

- 6.12 Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee to appoint Lisa Rosenthal as a volunteer community member of the Board of Education Audit Committee for the 2017-18 school year.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board is grateful for the continuing service to the community and this committee.

- 6.13 Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby approves the reduction in 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 an original total principal cost of \$66,785.66, to \$32,904.92, a reduction of \$33,880.74.

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 (d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Jenkins, Schulkind, Raum, Savolainen); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

- 6.14 Motion** by Savolainen, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the appointment of additional Enrichment Program advisors for Chancellor Livingston Elementary School for the 2017-18 school year. (See attached.)*

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

- 6.15 Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the donation of four (4) boxes, approximately 50 books, of American Association of Advancement for Science (AAAS) award-winning science titles, age- appropriate for elementary students, from Ruge’s Subaru as part of the “Subaru Loves Learning” program, in recognition of the importance of STEM learning and CLS’s success in educating the community’s children.*

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

The Board is grateful for the generous donation.

7.0 Proposed Executive Session

Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 8:52 pm for the purpose of discussion of a particular individual.

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

Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, for Joseph Phelan as clerk pro tempore.

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

Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, to return to Regular session at 9:20 pm.

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

8.0 Adjournment

Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, the Board voted to adjourn at 9:21 pm.

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

RHINEBECK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 10, 2017
Regular Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Whitney Druker
District Clerk

Joseph Phelan
Clerk Pro Tempore