

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**DEIRDRE BURNS
DEIRDRE d'ALBERTIS
MARK FLEISCHHAUER
DIANE LYONS
LISA ROSENTHAL
LAURA SCHULKIND
RICHARD WALKER**

OTHERS PRESENT:

**JOSEPH PHELAN, THOMAS BURNELL,
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS, MEMBERS
OF THE PUBLIC**

REGULAR MEETING

1.0 Call to Order

President Fleischhauer called the meeting to order in the High School/Middle School Library at 7:34 pm.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 Motion by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2015 Regular Meeting.*

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

2.2 Motion by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2015 Annual Meeting*

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

3.0 Public Comment

None

4.0 Reports and Discussion

4.1 Principals' Reports

Chancellor Elementary School

Mr. King invited the Board to the "Meet the Young Authors" event on June 19th as part of the "Book's Journey" program sponsored by Arts in Education where students meet with publishing professionals to create and illustrate books. In PE news, Chancellor won \$1,000 in the first round of the "Get Moving" grant and is now in the second round. Mr. Yarnell and Mr. Edson met with local PE teachers in a "Meeting of the Minds Summit" in an attempt to share units and teaching practices with colleagues. Fourth grade students presented their research on mythology projects while dressed in costume to their peers, as well as third grade. Mr. King invited the Board to visit the "Rejuvenation" exhibition at Montgomery Row to view work by Rhinebeck students from all three buildings. Special Friend's Day was a great success, with Parent/Teacher conferences scheduled in the

afternoon. The “Color Run” event in Queens for homelessness awareness was attended by 15 people from CLS (nine of them were CLS Teachers).

Upcoming events include Engineer’s Week, Clermont Poetry Trail, Field Days, Rail Trail Bike Trip, Kindergarten graduation, and Fifth Grade Moving Ceremony.

The Board had a short discussion on the 3-5 ELA/Math State Assessments and discussed the upcoming ELA writing field test for third grade. Mr. King reported that computer technology at CLS is constantly being used, particularly the deployed laptop and iPad carts.

Bulkeley Middle School

Dr. Davenport reported in Mr. Kemnitzer’s absence. Earlier this month, members of the Peer Leadership club spent four afternoons reading to Kindergarten students at CLS in honor of National Book Week. Eighth grade students will be performing their work for fifth grade students with performers from the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival. Seventh grade students took part in the Walking History Tour of Rhinebeck. Students learned about the history of Rhinebeck from Pre-Revolutionary Wars times to the present through a variety of hands-on activities at several locations throughout town. Following the program’s success, Mr. Frischknecht began working with CLS teachers to put a similar program together for second grade students, with 15 seventh grade students helping serve as tour guides. Seventh grade students traveled to the Esopus Meadows Environmental Center to participate in the Clearwater shore-side program. Eighth grade students sat for the performance portion of the NYS Science Assessment last week and will complete the written portion on June 1. Seventh and eighth grade band members will travel to NYC to view a performance of “Something Rotten”. Seventeen BMS students performed at the New York State School Music Association solo festival.

Upcoming events include the eighth grade Ice Cream Social, eighth grade Moving-Up Ceremony, Field Day and fifth grade Parent Orientation

Rhinebeck High School

Dr. Davenport reported that the Environmental Club went on a field trip to count amphibians and egg masses and assess the health of woodland ponds with staff from Scenic Hudson. Drama Club members participated in the HV Aids Walk. The Junior Senior Prom was attended by 160 students. In BLPT news, the Welcome Back BBQ for last year’s graduates will be held this Friday, where they will be asked to complete a short survey on their experience. The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Company presented a performance of Macbeth for all students. The High School hosted a presentation by Holocaust Survivors for all students. In Social Studies, the Dutchess County Board of Elections presented to our students on voter registration. In Art news, Painting classes will visit R & F Paints, and Art students will travel to the Museum of Modern Art. Band and Chorus students will attend adjudication festivals at Lake Compounce. With the support of the District’s SROs and the PTSO, RHS held Safe Driving Week, where students in PE classes learned about the importance of wearing seatbelts, and competed in a seatbelt contest. Juniors heard from motivational speaker John Mueller, and seniors met with Dr. Davenport and the SROs.

Upcoming events include Academic and Athletic Awards Ceremonies and commencement on June 27th.

Ms. Burns stated that the Holocaust Survivor Assembly was a very powerful presentation and of tremendous value. Dr. Davenport reported that the computers and laptops are in high demand in the high school, and that the staff is using the hardwired computer lab more often than in the past.

4.2 Board Committee Reports (Personnel, Audit)*

Finance Committee

Ms. Burns reported that the Finance Committee discussed food service participation and financials. It is important to note that over 15% of the student population is eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch (FRLP) and the numbers continue to increase. Breakfast participation and sales are up in the high school and, although lunch participation is flat, the District is seeing savings in improved management of food purchases with less food waste. The program is still seeing losses, but at a much lower rate. The Committee discussed changing over to biodegradable products, in response to a student-generated petition, and the sorting/composting of products. The Committee discussed the possibility of increasing breakfast and lunch prices at the middle and high schools by an extra 25 cents due to larger portions given to students at these schools.

The Committee discussed the Smart Schools Bond Act program. The State has informed the District on how those funds may be spent, with many parameters, including submitting an application identifying the needs of the District and demonstrating stakeholder engagement in the planning process.

The Committee discussed the NYS Government Efficiency Plan submitted to the state as part of a consortium of Dutchess County school districts, demonstrating a 3 year savings/efficiencies of well over the minimum of \$6.1 million. If the plan is approved by the State, the plan will result in a property tax credit to homeowners.

5.0 Comments

5.1 Good News

The Board expressed their thanks to the community for supporting the District once again with the budget vote. Additionally, the Board wished to congratulate and thank Diane Lyons and Mark Fleischhauer in their re-election to the Board and for their continued service.

The Choral concert last week was wonderful and a great opportunity for high school seniors to perform solos. The Board congratulated the students who participated in the Scholastic Achievement dinner.

5.2 Old Business

None

5.3 Public Comment

None

5.4 Other

Superintendent Phelan asked Board members to be thinking about which committees they would like to serve on for the coming year. President Fleischhauer reported that at Senator Serino's Education Advisory Board, they discussed and shared input regarding an urgent matter regarding a bill introduced by Senator Flanagan. Superintendent Phelan reported that New York State has a new Commissioner of Education.

6.0 Action Items

6.1 Motion by Burns, 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 Treasurers' Report (General Fund and Extra Classroom Fund, April 2015).*

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

6.1.3 Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to declare the attached items as surplus for disposal.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 Motion by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to grant tenure to Laura Natalie, in the tenure area of Music, effective September 1, 2015, and may be revoked by the Board of Education up until that time.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

6.3 Motion by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to grant tenure to Nicole Sandoval, in the tenure area of Foreign Languages, effective September 1, 2015, and may be revoked by the Board of Education up until that time.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

6.4 Motion by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to grant tenure to Jenna Peters, in the tenure area of Elementary, effective September 1, 2015, and may be revoked by the Board of Education up until that time.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

- 6.5 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to grant tenure to Justin Randall, in the tenure area of Mathematics, effective September 1, 2015, and may be revoked by the Board of Education up until that time.*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

- 6.6 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to accept grant awards from the Rhinebeck PTSO in the total amount of \$554.83, as stipulated. (See attached.)*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

Prior to the vote, the Board expressed their thanks to the PTSO for their donation.

- 6.7 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the BOCES Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement between the Rhinebeck Central School District and the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Board of Cooperative Educational Services (“Questar III BOCES”) and to authorize the Board of Education President to execute this agreement on their behalf. (See attached.)*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

- 6.8 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, 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 2015-2016 school year, with a total principal cost of \$201,001.75; 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 2015-2016 school year.*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

- 6.9 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to accept a donation of a red maple tree, valued at \$150-\$200, from parents Sarah Wheeler, Julianne Klasen-Daoud, and

Sarah Norwood, to be planted at the Chancellor Livingston Elementary School, in memory of Emily Caigan.*

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

MOTION CARRIED

Prior to the vote, the Board commented on the lovely tribute and expressed their appreciation.

7.0 Proposed Executive Session

Motion by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 8:35 pm for the purpose of discussing a vendor contract.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board appointed Joseph Phelan as Clerk Pro Tempore.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to return to Regular Session at 8:59 pm.

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

MOTION CARRIED

8.0 Adjournment

Motion by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Bovee
District Clerk

Joseph Phelan
Clerk Pro Tempore