

**RENSELAER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
25 Van Rensselaer Drive
Rensselaer, New York 12144
August 2, 2017**

The President, Mr. John Mooney, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. John Mooney, Mr. Ed Burns, Mrs. Dana Endres and Mr. Tim Spath were present. Mr. Ken Pratt was absent from the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Meghan Heimroth and Superintendent Sally Ann Shields were also present. There were 4 others in attendance.

By Mr. Spath:

**RESO #1-08/02/2017
Approve Minutes**

“RESOLVED, the Board approves the minutes of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education dated July 12, 2017.”

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

William Spath as a volunteer football coach will be added to the agenda for this evening.

**Additional Items for
the Agenda**

Rensselaer Pop Warner submitted a facilities use request for the football fields and outdoor restrooms. Discussion was held regarding what would be available to them as per the updated policy and guidelines from the District’s insurance carrier. Keys to the outdoor restrooms will not be distributed to Pop Warner. An employee of the District must be on-site to open and close the outdoor restrooms for all practices and games. The football fields and the north and south gyms will be available for them. They will not be allowed to use the wrestling room. There was no request for the concession stand as in past years. The fee collected will cover the 12-week period of August 1, 2017 through August 24, 2017. If their season is extended, another request must be submitted along with the additional fee.

By Mrs. Endres:

**RESO #2-08/02/2017
Accept Resignation –
Stephanie Gardenier**

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby accepts the resignation of Stephanie Gardenier effective August 18, 2017.”

Second: Mr. Spath

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

By Mrs. Endres:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the request of Theodore Turmel for an unpaid leave of absence for the week of August 7-11, 2017.”

RESO #3-08/02/2017
Approve Unpaid Leave
– Theodore Turmel

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spath

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

By Mrs. Endres:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby appoints William Spath to a probationary appointment as a teacher in the Physical Education tenure area effective September 1, 2017, for a four-year term tentatively scheduled to conclude on August 31, 2021, contingent upon his successful completion of the probationary term and having received composite or overall APPR ratings of either “Effective” or “Highly Effective” in at least three of the four preceding years and a rating higher than “Ineffective” at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Spath will be paid at a salary of Masters – Level A of the negotiated agreement between the RTA and the RCSD Board of Education.”

RESO #4-08/02/2017
Appoint Physical
Education Teacher –
William Spath

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spath

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

By Mrs. Endres:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby appoints Rachna Shankar to a probationary appointment as a teacher in the Special Education tenure area effective September 1, 2017, for a four-year term tentatively scheduled to conclude on August 31, 2021, contingent upon her successful completion of the probationary term and having received composite or overall APPR ratings of either “Effective” or “Highly Effective” in at least three of the four preceding years and a rating higher than “Ineffective” at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. Ms. Shankar will be paid at a salary of Masters+30 – Level A of the negotiated agreement between the RTA and the RCSD Board of Education.”

RESO #5-08/02/2017
Appoint Special
Education Teacher –
Rachna Shankar

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spath

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

By Mrs. Endres:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby appoints Kelly Thomas to a probationary appointment as a teacher in the Art tenure area effective September 1, 2017, for a four-year term

RESO #6-08/02/2017
Appoint Art Teacher –
Kelly Thomas

tentatively scheduled to conclude on August 31, 2021, contingent upon her successful completion of the probationary term and having received composite or overall APPR ratings of either “Effective” or “Highly Effective” in at least three of the four preceding years and a rating higher than “Ineffective” at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. Ms. Thomas will be paid at a salary of Masters – Level A of the negotiated agreement between the RTA and the RCSD Board of Education.”

Second: Mr. Spath

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

By Mrs. Endres:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby appoints Rita Fisher to a probationary appointment as a teacher in the Special Education tenure area effective September 1, 2017, for a four-year term tentatively scheduled to conclude on August 31, 2021, contingent upon her successful completion of the probationary term and having received composite or overall APPR ratings of either “Effective” or “Highly Effective” in at least three of the four preceding years and a rating higher than “Ineffective” at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. Ms. Fisher will be paid at a salary of Masters – Level A of the negotiated agreement between the RTA and the RCSD Board of Education.”

RESO #7-08/02/2017
Appoint Special
Education Teacher –
Rita Fisher

Second: Mr. Spath

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

By Mrs. Endres:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby appoints Lauren Ryder as a long-term substitute teacher, at the daily rate of \$140, to fill the position held by Meghan Spath who has been granted a leave of absence. Ms. Ryder’s appointment will begin on or about October 10, 2017 and is intended to continue for the term of Mrs. Spath’s leave, but no later than December 23, 2017.”

RESO #8-08/02/2017
Appoint LTS – Lauren
Ryder

Second: Mr. Spath

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

By Mrs. Endres:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby appoints Miriam Vargas as a long-term substitute teacher, at the daily rate of \$140, to fill the position held by Shannon Hotaling Del Carmen who has been granted a leave of absence. Ms. Vargas’ appointment will begin

RESO #9-08/02/2017
Appoint LTS – Miriam
Vargas

on or about September 14, 2017 and is intended to continue for the term of Mrs. Hotaling Del Carmen’s leave, but no later than November 17, 2017.”

Second: Mr. Spath

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

By Mrs. Endres:

**RESO #10-08/02/2017
Appoint Coaches &
Advisors**

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby appoints the following coaches and advisors for the 2017-2018 school year at stipends as per the negotiated agreement between the RTA and the RCSD Board of Education:

Varsity Soccer	Kristin Alonzo
Modified Soccer	Sarah Agans
Jr/Sr Intramurals	Bob Stranahan
Yearbook Co-Advisors	Tracy Foust
	Christina Lane
Central Treasurer	Mike Toney
Vocal Music (JSHS)	Emma Ladouceur
Instrumental Music (JSHS)	Mike McGough
Senior Class Advisor	Kimberly Mooney
Junior Class Co-Advisors	Marcy Dillon
	Mike Toney
Key Club Advisor	Tracy Farley
FBLA Advisor	Will DeRuve
NHS Co-Advisors	Shannon Hotaling Del Carmen
	Meghan Murphy
Student Council (JSHS)	Rob Hoffman
District Health Coordinator	Bob Stranahan
9 th Grade Team Leader	Kelly Connor
8 th Grade Team Leader	Ashley Renda
Drama Club	Debra Sklar
Creative Writing	Denise Wright
Builders Club	Mary Mahar
HS Team Leader	Rob Hoffman
SADD Advisor	Bob Stranahan
Sophomore Class Advisor	Beth Anne Tamburrino
Instrumental Music (VR)	Rob Hosley
Vocal Music (VR)	Rob Hosley
Yearbook (VR)	Patty Baumeister
Student Council (VR)	Brad Endres
Senior Seminar Co-Advisors	Tricia Steck
	Mike Toney
	Marcy Dillon
Junior Seminar Co-Advisors	Laura Frasco

Tricia Steck
 District Mentor Coordinator Patty Baumeister
 Pre-Engineering Enrichment Ed Bryden
 Arts in Education Coord. Kristin Crouch
 Masterminds Coach Rob Hoffman
 Minecraft Club Coordinator Scott Beiter
 Volunteer Football Coaches Todd Newton
 Bill Spath

Second: Mr. Spath Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Motion Carried Unanimously

By: Mrs. Endres:

RESO #11-08/02/2017
Approve Student Teachers

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the following student teacher/cooperating teacher pairings:

Cooperating Teacher	Student Teacher	College	Term
Kristina Fountain	Carly Wood	St. Rose	09/05/17-10/20/17
Jackie Lindemann	Crystal Plowinske	St. Rose	09/05/17-10/20/17
Kim Mooney	Molly Macfie	St. Rose	10/23/17-12/08/17
Kirstin Carr	Fiona Lyons	St. Rose	10/23/17-12/08/17
Kristin Crouch	Emily Meister	St. Rose	10/23/17-12/08/17
Kelly Connor	Adrianna Delker	SUNY Oneonta	10/30/17-12/15/17
Bob Stranahan	Andy Betor	Sage	09/07/17-10/27/17

Second: Mr. Spath Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Motion Carried Unanimously

By Mrs. Endres:

RESO #12-08/02/2017
Approve Craft Fair

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the request of the Class of 2018 to host a fund-raising craft fair on Saturday, November 4, 2017.”

Second: Mr. Spath Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Motion Carried Unanimously

By Mrs. Endres:

RESO #13-08/02/2017
Approve Use of Gymnasiums

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the request of Positive Impact NY, Inc. for use of the gymnasiums for the purpose of hosting a girls basketball college showcase on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 7:30am-5:00pm. This approval is pending receipt of \$450 usage fees and certificate of insurance. Additional maintenance fees will be billed by the District.”

Second: Mr. Spath Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Motion Carried Unanimously

By Mrs. Endres:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the request of Positive Impact NY, Inc. for use of the gymnasiums for the purpose of hosting a girls basketball skills training on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 8:00am-1:00pm. This approval is pending receipt of \$450 usage fees and certificate of insurance. Additional maintenance fees will be billed by the District.”

RESO #14-08/02/2017
Approve Use of
Gymnasiums

Second: Mr. Spath

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

By Mrs. Endres:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the request of Rensselaer Pop Warner for use of the practice field (for practices), the football field (for games), lights on the practice field (September 1st through the end of season), the north and south gymnasiums for cheerleading practice (weeknights on an as-available basis from September 5th through October 24th) and outdoor restrooms beginning August 1, 2017 through October 24, 2017 on weekdays from 5:30-8:00 p.m. and weekend days, on a not-to-interfere with school activities basis. The District has collected a \$400 usage fee. A certificate of insurance is on file in the District Offices.”

RESO #15-08/02/2017
Approve Use of
Football Fields and
Gyms

Second: Mr. Spath

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

By Mrs. Endres:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the Committee on Special Education Minutes dated June 20, 21 & 23, 2017.”

RESO #16-08/02/2017
Approve CSE Minutes

Second: Mr. Spath

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

By Mrs. Endres:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the Committee on Preschool Special Education Minutes dated June 8, 20, 21 & 22 and July 13, 2017.”

RESO #17-08/02/2017
Approve CPSE
Minutes

Second: Mr. Spath

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

By Mrs. Endres:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves a Service Agreement with Access Therapy Group for special education related services for the 2017-2018 school year.”

RESO #18-08/02/2017
Approve Service Agreement

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spath

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

By Mrs. Endres:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves a Tuition Contract with St. Coleman’s Home for the 2017-2018 school year.”

RESO #19-08/02/2017
Approve Tuition Contract

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spath

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

By Mrs. Endres:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves a Tutorial Contract with Four Winds Saratoga for the 2017-2018 school year.”

RESO #20-08/02/2017
Approve Tutorial Contract

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spath

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

By Mrs. Endres:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves a Service Provider Agreement with Dynamic Minds for the 2017-2018 school year.”

RESO #21-08/02/2017
Approve Service Provider Agreement

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spath

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

By Mrs. Endres:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby accepts donations in the amount of \$8.51 and \$2.89 from the Kula Foundation; and authorize adjustment to the school district budget.”

RESO #22-08/02/2017
Accept Donations

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Spath

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

By Mr. Burns:

**RESO #23-08/02/2017
Executive Session**

“Be it resolved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 6:37 p.m. during which time matters concerning personnel will be discussed.”

Second: Mr. Spath

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 7:30 P.M.

By Mrs. Endres:

**RESO #24-08/02/2017
Adjourn**

“Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.”

Second: Mr. Burns

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams
Clerk to the Board of Education