

**RENSELAER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
25 Van Rensselaer Drive  
Rensselaer, New York 12144  
October 18, 2017**

The Vice President, Mr. Ed Burns, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Jennifer Leonard (on behalf of the RTA), Ms. Danielle Kennedy, Mrs. Colleen Multer, Mr. Jeffrey Palmer, Ms. Karen Urbanski, Ms. Meghan Heimroth, Mrs. Teri Hopper, Intern Annalisse Baker and Superintendent Sally Ann Shields were also present. There were no others in attendance.

By Mr. Pratt:

**RESO #1-10/18/2017  
Approve Minutes**

“RESOLVED, the Board approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education dated September 20, 2017.”

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

An addendum was distributed that included approval of CSE, CPSE and 504 minutes.

**Additional Items for  
the Agenda**

Mrs. Shields introduced Colleen Multer who is on the agenda tonight for appointment as our new Director of Pupil Personnel Services. Mrs. Multer comes to us from Rochester City Schools where she served as Coordinating Administrator of Special Education. Mrs. Multer has a diverse background in special education as a tenured administrator and a teacher. We welcome Colleen to RCSD!

**Welcome**

Mr. Burns thanked Colleen for providing us with a very detailed and rigorous entry plan.

By Mr. Pratt:

**RESO #2-10/18/2017  
Accept and File  
Account  
Reconciliations**

“RESOLVED, the Board hereby accepts and orders filed the June, July and August 2017 account reconciliations of the Extraclassroom Activity Fund submitted by Central Treasurer, Michael Toney.”

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

By Mr. Pratt:

“RESOLVED, the Board hereby accepts and orders filed the August and September 2017 Treasurer’s Reports submitted by the District Treasurer.”

**RESO #3-10/18/2017  
Accept & File  
Treasurer’s Reports**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

By Mr. Pratt:

“RESOLVED, the Board hereby accepts and orders filed the August and September 2017 Claims Audit Reports submitted by Michael Wolff.”

**RESO #4-10/18/2017  
Accept & File Claims  
Audit Reports**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

By Mr. Pratt:

“**WHEREAS**, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

**RESO #5-10/18/2017  
Authorize Electricity  
Cooperative Energy  
Purchasing Service  
Agreement**

**WHEREAS**, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

**WHEREAS**, Rensselaer City School District Board of Education (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May 2005 (the “Agreement”), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Rensselaer City School District Board of Education to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Superintendent Sally Ann Shields to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for electricity on its behalf; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board

for the purchase of electricity delivered to the delivery point of the local utility distribution company for the Participant's facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity electricity not to exceed \$.1048 (dollars) per kWh for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1,2018, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.”

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

By Mr. Pratt:

**“WHEREAS**, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

**RESO #6-10/18/2017  
Authorize Natural Gas  
Cooperative Energy  
Purchasing Service  
Agreement**

**WHEREAS**, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

**WHEREAS**, Rensselaer City School District Board of Education (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May, 2005 (the “Agreement”), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Rensselaer City School District Board of Education to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Superintendent Sally Ann Shields to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for natural gas on its behalf; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of natural gas delivered to the city gate of the local utility distribution company for the Participant’s facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity natural gas not to exceed \$1.134 (dollars) per therm for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2018, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

**PERSONNEL**

By Mr. Pratt:

**RESO #7-10/18/2017**  
**Approve Unpaid Leave**  
**– Sarah Agans**

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the request of Sarah Agans for an unpaid leave of absence on October 20, 2017.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

By Mr. Pratt:

**RESO #8-10/18/2017**  
**Appoint Director of**  
**Pupil Personnel**  
**Services – Colleen**  
**Multer**

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby appoints Colleen Multer to a probationary appointment as a Director of Pupil Personnel Services in the Director of Pupil Personnel Services tenure area, effective November 6, 2017, for a four-year term to conclude on November 5, 2021. Ms. Multer’s starting annual salary shall be \$87,000 (pro-rated for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

By Mr. Pratt:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby appoints Tammy Slingerland as School Nurse effective September 29, 2017. Ms. Slingerland will be paid at an hourly rate as per the negotiated agreement between the CSEA Unit and the RCSD Board of Education.”

**RESO #9-10/18/2017  
Appoint School Nurse  
– Tammy Slingerland**

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

By Mr. Pratt:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby appoints Amber Arduini as Food Service Worker effective October 19, 2017. Ms. Arduini will be paid at an hourly rate as per the negotiated agreement between the CSEA Unit and the RCSD Board of Education.”

**RESO #10-10/18/2017  
Appoint Food Service  
Worker – Amber  
Arduini**

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

By Mr. Pratt:

“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:

**RESO #11-10/18/2017  
Appoint Coaches and  
Advisors**

Girls Varsity Basketball	Kristin Alonzo
Girls JV Basketball	Kimberly Mooney
Girls Modified Basketball	Anna Culver
Boys Varsity Basketball	Matthew Nunziato
Boys Modified Basketball	Ryan Debrosky
Varsity Wrestling	Michael Quinn
Modified Wrestling	Scott Beiter
Varsity Bowling	Robert Stranahan

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

By Mr. Pratt:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves Seth Hendrick as substitute bus driver at the hourly rate of \$19.00, effective October 10, 2017.”

**RESO #12-10/18/2017  
Approve Substitute  
Bus Driver – Seth  
Hendrick**

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

By Mr. Pratt:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves Tiffany Rosario as a substitute teacher aide at the hourly rate of \$12.00, effective October 18, 2017.”

**RESO #13-10/18/2017**  
**Approve Substitute**  
**Teacher Aide – Tiffany**  
**Rosario**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

By Mr. Pratt:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves Theresa Zobre as a substitute teacher aide and substitute food service worker at the hourly rate of \$12.00, effective October 19, 2017.”

**RESO #14-10/18/2017**  
**Approve Substitute**  
**Teacher Aide / Food**  
**Service Worker –**  
**Theresa Zobre**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

**Use of Facilities**

By Mr. Pratt:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the request of Rensselaer CYO Basketball for use of the north and south gymnasiums on a not-to-interfere with school activities basis, weekdays from 5:30-8:30pm, commencing January 25, 2018 through March 30, 2018. A formal schedule will be determined by the District. This approval is contingent upon receipt of usage fee. A certificate of insurance is on file in the District Offices.”

**RESO #15-10/18/2017**  
**Approve Use of**  
**Gymnasiums**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

By Mr. Pratt:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the request of Albany Lady Falcons for use of the gymnasiums from 8am-9pm on December 29 & 30, 2017 for the purpose of hosting a basketball tournament. This approval is pending receipt of certificate of insurance, \$900 usage fee and \$48.60 hourly maintenance fees.”

**RESO #16-10/18/2017**  
**Approve Use of**  
**Gymnasiums**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

By Mr. Pratt:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the request of Albany Lady Falcons for use of the gymnasiums from 8am-9pm on April 14 & 15, 2018 for the purpose of hosting a basketball tournament. This approval is pending receipt of certificate of insurance, \$900 usage fee and \$48.60 hourly maintenance fees.”

**RESO #17-10/18/2017  
Approve Use of  
Gymnasiums**

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

**Committee on Special  
Education**

By Mr. Pratt:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the Committee on Special Education Minutes for meetings held from September 21, 2017 to October 13, 2017.”

**RESO #18-10/18/2017  
Approve CSE Minutes**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

By Mr. Pratt:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the Committee on Preschool Special Education Minutes for meetings held from September 26, 2017 to October 12, 2017.”

**RESO #19-10/18/2017  
Approve CPSE  
Minutes**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

By Mr. Pratt:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the Committee on 504 Education Minutes for meetings held from August 31, 2017 to October 6, 2017.”

**RESO #20-10/18/2017  
Approve 504 Minutes**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

By Mr. Pratt:

“RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves a Memorandum of Understanding with St. Joseph’s St. John’s Catholic Church with regard to establishing the church and school as a staging and sheltering area for students, staff and faculty during an emergency; and authorize the Superintendent and Board President to sign MOA.”

**RESO #21-10/18/2017  
Approve MOA with St.  
Joseph’s/St. John’s**

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

By Mr. Pratt:

“IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Memorandum of Agreement dated August 30, 2017 between CSEA and the Rensselaer City School District establishing a new collective bargaining agreement for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2021 is hereby approved.”

**RESO #22-10/18/2017  
Approve CSEA 2017-  
2021 Contract**

Second: Mrs. Endres

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

JSHS Announcements by Ms. Urbanski:

- This week is Spirit Week with many activities planned for our students. The elementary students were allowed to participate. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be joining us at the Pep Rally tomorrow. The Homecoming game is Friday night and the dance is Saturday night.
- The Annual Rensselaer County Youth Summit will be held here on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Bob Stranahan has a number of students from SADD participating in the summit at the high school level.
- On October 26<sup>th</sup>, Jen Haggerty from Rensselaer County has offered us a 45-minute student motivational speaker for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The speaker, Ty Sells from Youth to Youth Motivations will be here at 7:45AM to speak to students.
- On Monday our new SAPEP Counselor (through our partnership with Rensselaer County Department of Mental Health) will be starting. We targeted students in grades 4-9 for her to work with.
- On the 25<sup>th</sup> Capital Rep will be here to perform Shakespeare the Remix. They will also be working in Denise Wright’s room with our playwright students.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

VR Announcements by Mr. Palmer:

- An Ice Cream Social was held for the 330 students who completed their summer reading assignment. Thanks extended to Stewart’s for donating the



ice cream, Mrs. Baumeister for coordinating the event, and the Key Club members and football players for helping dish out the ice cream.

- Last Thursday we had about 50 parents attend the presentation at Annual Reading Night while their children participated in fun activities. A special thank you to Pam Goodwin for organizing the evening again this year.
- The PreK Parade will be held on Halloween Day.
- The Annual Veteran’s Day Assembly is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Family Bingo will be held at VR tomorrow evening.

Cafeteria Announcements by Mrs. Hopper:

- On October 6<sup>th</sup> we served 1002 reimbursable meals. That is our highest number ever.
- We are looking into replacing the tables in the elementary cafeteria. The tables that are in there now came up from the old VR.
- Teri is working with Ryan Morris and Matt Gasparly (Mosaic Architects) on planning for gates to be installed in front of the serving line.

Business Office Announcements by Ms. Heimroth:

- The Board will be seeing 2 sets of Treasurer’s Reports (TD Bank and Chase Bank) as we transition banks.
- I contacted Karl Stewart from Integra LED to see where they are with the Ram Sign/Light. He said he is waiting on design elements from the District. Some discussion was held.

By Mr. Spath:

“Motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.”

Second: Mr. Pratt

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

**RESO #23-10/18/2017  
Adjourn**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams  
Clerk to the Board of Education