

October 10, 2017

The regular meeting of the Le Roy Central School Board of Education was called to order on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Jacalyn Whiting in the Board of Education Conference Room.

The following members were present:

Mr. Lawrence Bonacquisti  
Mrs. Denise Duthe  
Mr. Richard Lawrence  
Mr. Peter Loftus  
Mr. Lloyd Miller  
Mrs. Jacalyn Whiting

The following member was absent:

Mr. Donald Hobart

The following administrators were present:

Mr. Merritt Holly, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Tim McArdle, High School Principal  
Mrs. Carol Messura, Elementary Principal  
Ms. Beth Russ, Director of Special Education  
Mr. Brian Foeller, Business Administrator  
Mr. Robert Blake, Director of Curriculum, Instruction  
and Technology

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Holly shared an idea that was floated by Mr. McArdle about hosting a substitute recruitment night. Le Roy, as most districts in New York, is in desperate need of substitutes in all categories – teachers, teaching assistants, bus drivers, cleaners and cafeteria.

Mr. Holly discussed the October 6<sup>th</sup> Superintendent's Conference Day activities. Mrs. Lindsey Dailey and Mrs. Renee Price were instrumental in planning a Community Action Poverty Simulation for the entire district. This activity provided the participants with an opportunity to assume the role of a low-income family member trying to live on a

limited budget. The experience was divided into four 15 minutes sessions, each representing one week that the participant must provide for their family and maintain their home. The activities are designed to promote poverty awareness, increase understanding and inspire local change. In Genesee County, the poverty rate continues to rise. In 2015, 12.6% of the population lived in poverty and in 2016 it jumped to 13.6%, with children under the age of 18 making up 20.2% of that percentage. As a character education piece, the high school is collecting gently used clothing to be offered during a “Knight’s Closet” on October 30<sup>th</sup> during school hours and October 31<sup>st</sup> after school. Leftover items will be donated to the YWCA of Genesee County and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program.

Mr. Blake linked the poverty simulation with the instructional steps for the changing demographic. The faculty collaborated to review data and resources available, to continue with curriculum writing and to tie together the prioritized standards work and literacy/numeracy work to develop practical plans for upcoming unit instruction.

The district’s teaching assistants attended a workshop at Genesee Community College that focused on student management.

Mrs. Bertrand worked with special subject teachers on digital portfolios and technology needs.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Bonacquisti, the Board of Education approved the following consent items, as listed:

1. Minutes of the September 26, 2017 regular meeting.
2. Warrants for the following accounts and bills contained thereon:

<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 596,296.24</b>
<b>CAFETERIA ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 16,632.06</b>

Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Hobart). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mrs. Duthe and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education accepted the resignation Mr. Peter Greene from his positions as an elementary teacher and elementary math curriculum coordinator effective October 13, 2017 in order to accept a position with Genesee Valley Educational Partnership. Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Hobart). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Bonacquisti and seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Mrs. Michelle Kolassa from her position as a cook effective December 1, 2017 or sooner, if possible, for personal reasons. Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Hobart). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Duthe, the Board of Education approved the following long-term substitute appointment:

Name:	Tracy Bekridakis
Appointment:	Category II Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher (to fill vacancy created by resignation of Mr. Greene)
Appointment Date:	October 16, 2017, plus an additional 8 days of shadowing from October 3, 2017 – October 13, 2017 to be paid at 1/200 <sup>th</sup> of Step 5 of LTA Contract (\$200/day)
Salary:	Step 5 of LTA Contract (pro-rated)
Sick/Personal Days:	Per LTA Contract (prorated to start date)
Health Insurance:	N/A

Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Hobart). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Loftus and seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board of Education approved the appointments of Ms. Jessica Adams, Ms. Rachel Hunter and Mrs. Sherry Roberts-Snell to the Genesee County Civil Service non-competitive positions of substitute bus driver effective October 10, 2017 at a rate of \$16.75 per hour. Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Hobart). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Bonacquisti and seconded by Mrs. Duthe, the Board of Education approved the proposed trip to New York City for the high school musical participants on April 14-15, 2018, as presented. Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Hobart). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board of Education accepted the following bids received through Auctions International and other disposition for the auction that concluded on Wednesday, October 4, 2017:

<b><u>Lot</u></b>	<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>High Bid</u></b>	<b><u>Bidder</u></b>
2	Upright Storage Cabinets	\$ 77.50	keeley33
3	Tall Wooden Sectional Desk w/ Laminate Top	\$ 62.50	happycamper
8	Hanging Projector Screens	\$ 28.00	agar4654
10	Various Storage Cabinets	\$ 65.00	drbarber
11	Various Storage Cabinets	\$160.00	drbarber
12	Stand Up Drafting Desks	\$ 28.0	jstr145
13	Speakers	\$185.00	RadioSites

Items that did not receive bids and will be discarded:

- 0001 Various Wooden Desks
- 0004 Various Laminate Cabinets
- 0005 Various Student Chairs

- 0006 Student Poly Seat Chairs
- 0007 Various Office Cloth Chairs
- 0009 Rolling Computer Tables

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit: The audit committee met at 4:00 p.m. on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The auditors will present the final external audit to the full Board of Education at its October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

On a motion given by Mr. Bonacquisti and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education entered into executive session at 7:28 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation. Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Hobart). Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:35 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. Miller at 9:35 p.m. Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Hobart). Motion carried.

Lori E. Wrobel  
District Clerk