

February 13, 2018

The regular meeting of the Le Roy Central School Board of Education was called to order on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 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 (arrived via videoconferencing at 7:50 pm)
Mrs. Denise Duthé
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. Brian Foeller, School Business Administrator
Mr. Tim McArdle, High School Principal
Mr. Robert Blake, Director of Curriculum, Instruction
and Technology

The Board of Education held a formal public hearing on the Smart Schools Initiative Plan. There was no comment from the public.

The following agenda changes were approved on a motion given by Mr.

Lawrence and seconded by Mrs. Duthé:

ADD TO: ITEM F. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS
ITEM F.1. Approval of January 2018 Graduate

REPLACEMENT: ITEM H.3. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER AND
DECEMBER 2017 TREASURER'S
REPORTS (December 2017 Awards
Account only)

ADD: ITEM J.8. APPROVAL OF EXTRA-

CURRICULAR APPOINTMENT

Voting: 5 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti, Mr. Hobart), 0 No. Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board of Education approved Brennan Colella as having completed a course of study prescribed by the Board of Education and approved him as a January 2018 graduate of Le Roy Central High School. Voting: 5 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti, Mr. Hobart), 0 No. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Holly, Mrs. Duthe and Mrs. Whiting provided updates on the Genesee Valley School Boards Association Legislative Breakfast they attended on February 3rd. This year's format was different in that each legislator met with smaller groups of representatives, providing for a much more personal approach. Mrs. Whiting reported that she met with New York State Senator Cathy Young. Senator Young discussed the looming shortage of teachers in New York State and the possibility of a loan forgiveness program for people going into the education field. Senator Young also reported that she is trying to pass legislation to set up a reserve fund for districts to utilize for unexpected, high cost programs for special needs students. She also touched upon the apparent disconnect among school districts, BOCES, employers and the community. She outlined a need to "rebrand and remarket" the BOCES program while changing the mindset of young people who believe they must leave New York State to find a good job.

Mrs. Duthe reported on her meeting with Senator Ranzenhofer. He also expressed concerns about the rising costs of special education programs and the ability of districts to cover these costs. The Senator discussed his position against caps imposed on

aids and expenses. He shared concerns about the rising costs and lack of programs for mental health services and the opioid crisis. Senator Ranzenhofer indicated that he introduced legislation for loan forgiveness for teachers in rural areas. He is putting increased pressure on the New York State Education Department for the delays districts encounter in receiving approval on bond projects. Finally, he reported that he was confident that there would be an increase in overall foundation aid this year.

Mr. Holly reported on his meeting with Assemblyman Hawley. He reiterated that he is vigorously pursuing the ongoing battle over budget shortfalls and its impact on Le Roy and the surrounding districts. He also indicated his confidence in increased aid packages for education during this election year. Assemblyman Hawley shared concerns of the constituents with regard to the number of unfunded mandates from New York State to school districts, but did not yet have a resolution to help districts with those costs. Finally, the group discussed stimulating the economy to draw people back into this region.

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

1. Minutes of the January 23, 2018 regular meeting, as presented and amended.
2. Warrants for the following accounts and bills contained thereon, as presented:

GENERAL ACCOUNT	-	\$	748,614.51
CAFETERIA ACCOUNT	-	\$	51,739.91
FEDERAL ACCOUNT	-	\$	5,596.15
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	-	\$	513.20

TRUST AND AGENCY ACCOUNT - \$ 241.56

3. Treasurer's Reports for the following accounts for the period from November

1 – November 30, 2018, as presented:

AWARDS ACCOUNT	-	\$ 39,424.45
AWARDS CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	-	\$ 450,000.00
CAPITAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	-	\$ 49,270.28
CAPITAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT	-	\$ 488,366.27
DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT	-	\$ 1,928,559.25
EXTRACLASSROOM ACCOUNT	-	\$ 66,918.45
FEDERAL FUND ACCOUNT	-	\$ 17,784.94
GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	-	\$ 1,064,539.18
GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT	-	\$ 5,948,946.89
GENERAL FUND-TAX COLLECTOR	-	\$ 351,222.60
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	-	\$ 576.66
SCHOOL LUNCH CHECKING ACCOUNT	-	\$ 37,533.00
LUNCH SAVINGS ACCOUNT	-	\$ 195,799.25
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT	-	\$ 321,935.78

4. Treasurer's Reports for the following accounts for the period from December

1 – December 31, 2017, as corrected and amended:

AWARDS ACCOUNT	-	\$ 484,474.45
CAPITAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	-	\$ 26,245.52
CAPITAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT	-	\$ 263,388.00
DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT	-	\$ 1,928,687.65

EXTRACLASSROOM ACCOUNT	-	\$	67,623.42
FEDERAL FUND ACCOUNT	-	(\$	3,576.82)
GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	-	\$	260,222.55
GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT	-	\$	4,834,289.58
GENERAL FUND-TAX COLLECTOR	-	\$	351,234.30
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	-	\$	570.15
SCHOOL LUNCH CHECKING ACCOUNT	-	\$	49,496.76
LUNCH SAVINGS ACCOUNT	-	\$	145,803.51
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT	-	\$	24,909.55

5. November and December 2017 Budget Transfers, as presented.

[NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2017 BUDGET TRANSFERS ATTACHED HERETO]

6. Recommendations of the Committee for Special Education, as presented.

Voting: 5 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti, Mr. Hobart), 0 No. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION: Mr. McArdle provided the Board of Education with information from the district's New York State School Report Card. He reported that in 2016-17, Le Roy had a graduation rate of 96%. That rate is the highest rate in recent years. In 2017, the district graduated 60% of its students with an Advanced Regents Diploma, 26% left with a Regents Diploma and 10% received their Local Diploma.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Foeller presented the preliminary 2018-19 budgets for the following areas: Curriculum, Technology, Athletics and Music.

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 resignation of Mrs. Kristen Hake from her position as a School Psychologist effective

February 28, 2018 to accept a position with another school district. Voting: 6 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Hobart), 0 No. Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mrs. Duthe and seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board of Education approved the following volunteer coaching appointment for the 2017-18 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Kari Piazza	Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach	N/A

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

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Loftus and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education approved the following appointments for the March 20, 2018 bus vote:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Marianne Garigen	Poll Clerk	\$10.40/hour
Brian Foeller	Election Official	N/A

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

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Ms. Ashley Braaten to a probationary Genesee County Civil Service position as a food service helper effective February 14, 2018 at a salary of \$11.80 per hour. Voting: 6 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Hobart), 0 No. Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mrs. Duthe, the Board of Education approved the appointments of Ms. Jessica Adams and Ms. Robin Horn to the Genesee County Civil

Service labor positions of substitute food service helper effective February 14, 2018 at a rate of \$10.40 per hour. Voting: 6 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Hobart), 0 No. Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mrs. Duthé and seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Mrs. Phyllis Ehrmentraut to a position as a substitute teacher/teaching assistant for grades K-12 effective February 14, 2018, pursuant to the district policy for substitute teachers. Further, this appointment is pending successful completion of NYS fingerprinting clearance. Voting: 6 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Hobart), 0 No. Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Loftus and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, that the Board of Education adopted the following resolution approving the final Smart Schools Investment Plan, as follows, on a roll call vote:

LE ROY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL SMART SCHOOLS INVESTMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the District accepted a preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan (“SSIP”) on January 9, 2018 pursuant to The Smart Schools Bond Act (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, the preliminary SSIP was posted on the District’s website for at least 30 days, and the District included an address to which any written comments on the preliminary SSIP should be sent; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education conducted a public hearing that enabled stakeholders to respond to the preliminary SSIP, for which adequate notice of the public hearing was provided through local media and the District website for at least two weeks prior to the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has considered all public comments, completed a final SSIP, and determined that approval of the final SSIP is in the best interest of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the final Smart School Investment Plan including \$24,548 for door security and \$270,080.65 for video security.

AYES: Mr. Bonacquisti, Mrs. Duthe, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Loftus, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Whiting

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Mr. Hobart

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Le Roy Central School District and the Le Roy Teachers' Association regarding the Clay Target Team Advisor position. Voting: 5 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Hobart), 1 No (Mrs. Duthe). 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 authorized the sale of the following surplus district equipment/furniture through Auctions International:

List of Excised Equipment February 13, 2018:

- Lot 1 Industrial Band Saw
- Lot 2 Commercial Cooler/Freezer
- Lot 3 Floor Machine
- Lot 4 Walk-in Cooler

Further, the Board of Education also excised an assortment of boys and girls outdated, unused basketball uniforms for donation to the Le Roy Junior/Senior High School Rotary Interact Club for fundraising purposes. Voting: 6 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Hobart), 0 No. Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Loftus and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education approved an overnight trip for the Le Roy High School Winterguard team to Jamestown, New York from March 30-31, 2018, as presented. Voting: 6 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Hobart), 0 No. Motion carried.

Mr. Holly and the Board of Education reviewed the draft 2018-19 Genesee Valley Educational Partnership instructional calendar and the proposed 2018-19 Le Roy Central School District instructional calendar.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education approved the following extra-curricular appointment for the 2017-18 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Lauren Clifford	Clay Target Team Advisor	Per LTA Contract

Voting: 5 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Hobart), 1 No (Mrs. Duthe). Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance: The committee will meet next to review the High School, Wolcott Street School and Special Education portions of the preliminary 2018-19 budget.

Negotiations: Mr. Holly reported that Vanessa Hanks, Esq. of Genesee Valley Educational Partnership will be district negotiating attorney for SEIU contract negotiations.

Policy: Mr. Holly informed the Board of Education of a change to Regulation 7680, Independent Educational Evaluations, which will place a cap on the district's contributions toward these evaluations.

On a motion given by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board of Education entered into executive session at 8:37 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 and discussion of collective negotiations. Voting: 6 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Hobart), 0 No. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:45 p.m.

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 Discipline Agreement and Reprimand regarding the personnel matter discussed in Executive Session. Voting: 6 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Hobart), 0 No. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Loftus at 9:46 p.m. Voting: 6 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Hobart), 0 No. Motion carried.

Lori E. Wrobel
District Clerk