

January 23, 2018

The regular meeting of the Le Roy Central School Board of Education was called to order on Tuesday, January 23, 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 (remote attendance via video conference)  
Mrs. Denise Duthe  
Mr. Donald Hobart (remote attendance via video conference)  
Mr. Richard Lawrence  
Mr. Peter Loftus  
Mr. Lloyd Miller  
Mrs. Jacalyn Whiting

The following administrators were present:

Mr. Merritt Holly, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Tim McArdle, High School Principal (left meeting at 7:43 p.m.)  
Mrs. Carol Messura, Elementary Principal (left meeting at 7:43 p.m.)  
Mr. Brian Foeller, Business Administrator  
Mr. Robert Blake, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and  
Technology (left meeting at 7:43 p.m.)

For the “Something Special” segment of tonight’s meeting, the Board of Education visited the elementary cafeteria to see the transformation to the “Mighty Knights Café”. Over the weekend, the cafeteria space was turned into a knight’s castle and given decorative painting and artwork to create a special space for our K-6 students.

The following agenda changes were approved on a motion given by Mrs. Duthe and seconded by Mr. Loftus:

**ADD:            ITEM J.1.c.            ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF SCHOOL NURSE**

**ADD:            ITEM J.2.e.            APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER**

**ADD:            ITEM J.2.f.            APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF SPANISH TUTOR**

**ADD:            ITEM J.7.            ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR \$100,000 CAPITAL OUTLAY EXCEPTION PROJECT (BUS GARAGE LIFT #2)**

Voting: 7 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

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

1. Minutes of the January 9, 2018 regular meeting;
2. Warrants for the following accounts and bills contained thereon, as presented:

<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>181,789.03</b>
<b>CAFETERIA ACCOUNT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,677.04</b>
<b>FEDERAL ACCOUNT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,683.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>45,080.25</b>

3. Treasurer's Reports for the following accounts for the period from September 1 – September 30, 2017:

<b>AWARDS ACCOUNT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,422.45</b>
<b>AWARDS CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>450,000.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(\$</b>	<b>2,301.63)</b>
<b>CAPITAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,038,336.13</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,900,826.15</b>
<b>EXTRACLASSROOM ACCOUNT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>64,190.83</b>
<b>FEDERAL FUND ACCOUNT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>34,616.23</b>
<b>GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,703,292.76</b>

<b>GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 3,397,897.63</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND-TAX COLLECTOR</b>	-	<b>\$ 5,064,541.62</b>
<b>PAYROLL ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 1,585.17</b>
<b>SCHOOL LUNCH CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 25,940.82</b>
<b>LUNCH SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 245,791.28</b>
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 17,388.09</b>

4. Treasurer's Reports for the following accounts for the period from October 1 – October 31, 2017:

<b>AWARDS ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 29,973.35</b>
<b>AWARDS CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT</b>	-	<b>\$ 450,000.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 50,267.95</b>
<b>CAPITAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 488,366.27</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 1,928,448.30</b>
<b>EXTRACLASSROOM ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 61,181.57</b>
<b>FEDERAL FUND ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>(\$ 11,227.27)</b>
<b>GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 309,106.78</b>
<b>GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 8,548,365.57</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND-TAX COLLECTOR</b>	-	<b>\$ 351,431.80</b>
<b>PAYROLL ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 575.79</b>
<b>SCHOOL LUNCH CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 14,970.99</b>
<b>LUNCH SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 245,795.59</b>
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY ACCOUNT</b>	-	<b>\$ 17,108.69</b>

5. September and October 2017 Budget Transfers

[SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2017 BUDGET TRANSFERS ATTACHED HERETO]

6. Recommendations of the Committee for Special Education.

Voting: 7 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION:** 2017-18 Mid-Year Goals Update: The administrative team provided the Board of Education with the Mid-Year Updates on the district and building level goals, with a focus on providing quality Tier I instruction for all students.

Mr. McArdle discussed the implementation of Response to Intervention (“RtI”) at the high school. The high school launched the program in early November, piggybacking off of what the elementary school has offered. The faculty can now access documents on google drive to provide a checklist for teachers prior to and leading into the RtI process.

Mr. McArdle also discussed the Professional Learning Communities (“PLC”) initiative. This has evolved from the data meetings to the PLCs, allowing teachers to work in teams to focus on each student’s learning. The PLCs meet once a month with each grade level team. Mr. McArdle reported that three students will attend the next round of meetings for each team to facilitate a question and answer session with teachers about how that student is best learning, how the district can help facilitate that learning process and what is the best learning classroom and how does that look in our district.

Mrs. Messura is continuing the reading initiative and striving to improve Tier 1 instruction in reading at Wolcott Street School. Balanced literacy has many components and this year’s focus is on the small group reading piece. The district has purchased a new reading benchmarking system, with a comprehension rubric that allows teachers to grade all writing pieces based on the same rubric. The reading benchmarking takes place in the beginning of the school year and usually takes upwards of three weeks to complete

for each student. Mrs. Messura reported that all informal and formal teacher observations at the elementary school this year are centered on small group reading lessons.

**PRESENTATION:** Mr. Foeller, Business Administrator, outlined the custodial/maintenance/grounds and transportation areas of the preliminary 2018-19 budget.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mr. Bonacquisti, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Mrs. Mannelle Dawley from her position as a special education teacher effective June 30, 2018 for purposes of retirement. Voting: 7 Yes, 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 accepted the resignation of Mrs. Barbara Speed from her position as an Occupational Therapist effective June 30, 2018 for purposes of retirement. Voting: 7 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Mrs. Diane Walton from her position as a School Nurse effective June 30, 2018 for purposes of retirement. Voting: 7 Yes, 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 substitute teacher appointments, as outlined below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Fingerprinting</u>	<u>Status</u>
Jessica Hensley	Sub Teacher K-6 (eff. 1/8/18)	None	Yes	40 days or less per school

				year
Tori Budd	Sub Teacher	None	Yes	40 days or less
	7-12 (eff. 1/24/18)			per school
				Year

Voting: 7 Yes, 0 No. 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 following probationary Genesee County Civil Service appointment:

Name:	Jessica Adams
Position:	Regular School Bus Driver
Effective Date:	January 24, 2018
Salary:	75% of full contract rate
Terms:	Successful completion of 90 working day probationary period
Benefits:	Per SEIU Contract

Voting: 7 Yes, 0 No. 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 approved the appointment of Ms. Nicole Kochmanski to the Genesee County Civil Service non-competitive position of substitute bus driver effective January 24, 2018 at a rate of \$16.75 per hour. Voting: 7 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

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 appointment of Mr. Brian Moran to the Genesee County Civil Service non-competitive position of substitute school monitor (lunch) effective January 24, 2018 at a rate of \$11.80 per hour. Voting: 7 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board of Education approved the following long-term substitute elementary teaching position:

Name:	Chelsie Hixenbaugh
Type of Appointment:	Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher
Effective Dates:	January 25, 2018 - June 22, 2018
Salary:	1/200 <sup>th</sup> of Step 1 of LTA Contract
Benefits:	7 sick days (non-cumulative) 1.5 personal days (non-cumulative)

Voting: 7 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

Upon a motion given by Mrs. Duthé, and seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board of Education tabled action on Item J.2.f., Approval of Appointment of Spanish Tutor, until after Executive Session. Voting: 7 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mrs. Duthé and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education approved a change in the employment status of Angie Moore from probationary Food Service Worker to permanent Food Service Worker effective January 26, 2018. Voting: 7 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board of Education approved the second reading of revised policy #5660, School Food Service Program (Lunch and Breakfast), as presented. Voting: 7 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mrs. Duthé and seconded by Mr. Hobart, the Board of Education adopted the following

resolution regarding emergency repairs to the Junior/Senior High School Auditorium stage lighting, on a roll call vote, as follows:

**RESOLUTION**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**LEROY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS, the District has discovered that the Jr/Sr High School auditorium stage lighting system has become unreliable and inoperable at times due to electrical and computerized failure; and**

**WHEREAS, upon information and belief, the Jr/Sr High School auditorium stage lighting system requires immediate repair due to the impending annual musical performances ; and**

**WHEREAS, the District needs to perform certain lighting equipment replacement and electrical repair in the Jr/Sr High School auditorium including, but not limited to, the removal of the current computerized lighting controls and replacement with current updated equipment; and**

**WHEREAS, the District estimated the total cost of the Renovation Work will be approximately \$90,000;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1. The Renovation Work is necessary to meet the time deadline for the annual Jr/Sr High School musical performance and to otherwise be in good repair as the emergency repairs affect a public building and property of the District, which need to be addressed as soon as possible to bring the equipment within compliance.**
  
- 2. The Superintendent of the District, or his designee, is authorized to take such other and further steps necessary, within the best interest of the District, to cause the Jr/Sr High School auditorium stage lighting system to be repaired.**

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

**NAYES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education adopted the following Resolution, on a roll call vote, for a referendum on March 20, 2018 for purchase of district vehicles:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LE ROY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, GENESEE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSITION TO BE VOTED UPON BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID DISTRICT ON MARCH 20, 2018**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:**

**A meeting of the qualified voters of the Le Roy Central School District, Genesee and Livingston Counties, State of New York, shall be held in the Library/Media Center at the Wolcott Street School in said District, Le Roy, New York, on March 20, 2018, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. with polls to be open between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting upon the proposition described in the notice of meeting hereinafter set forth.**

**Said meeting shall be called by giving the following notice thereof:**

**TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF LE ROY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Genesee and Livingston Counties, New York:**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Education of Le Roy Central School District, Genesee and Livingston Counties, New York, has scheduled a meeting of the qualified voters of said District to be held in the Library/Media Center at the Wolcott Street School in said District, at 2-6 Trigon Park, Le Roy, New York, on March 20, 2018, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. with polls to be open between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting upon the following proposition:**

**PROPOSITION**

*Shall the Board of Education of Le Roy Central School District, Genesee and Livingston Counties, New York be authorized to purchase (i) two 65-passenger school buses with interior surveillance equipment and a two-way radio package at an estimated maximum cost of \$104,000 each; (ii) one 28-passenger mini bus with interior surveillance equipment and a two-way radio package at an estimated maximum cost of \$55,000; and (iii) two Dodge Pacifica LX, with a two-way radio package at an estimated maximum cost of \$25,000 each, for a total aggregate estimated maximum purchase cost not to exceed \$313,000, such cost to be raised by tax upon the taxable property of said District to be levied and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, with such tax to be partially offset by State aid available therefore, and in anticipation of such tax, by obligations of said District as may be necessary?*

**NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that applications for absentee ballots for voting on the above-referenced proposition may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk, 2-6 Trigon Park, Le Roy, New York 14482. Any such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the date of the vote on the above-referenced proposition if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such vote if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the office of the District Clerk through the date of the election. Absentee ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on March 20, 2018.

The District Clerk is hereby directed to publish a copy of said notice of meeting in *The Batavia Daily News*, the newspaper of general circulation within the District, in the manner prescribed by law.

**Dated: January 23, 2018 BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
LE ROY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**

**By: Jacalyn Whiting  
Vice President, Board of Education**

**AYES: Mr. Bonacquisti, Mrs. Duthe, Mr. Hobart,  
Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Loftus, Mr. Miller,**

**Mrs. Whiting**

**NAYES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education accepted the following bid for the 2017 Capital Outlay Exception Project (\$100,000 Project):

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alternate #1</u>
Filtrec Corporation 5440 Lockwood Road Auburn, NY 13021 (315) 253-9266	\$59,000.00	\$20,800/00

Voting: 7 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Budget and Finance:** The committee will schedule a meeting to review the next components of the 2018-19 preliminary school budget – curriculum, technology, athletics and music – in preparation for the February 13, 2018 board meeting.

**Negotiations:** Mr. Holly will open discussions with the LTA with regard to a new advisor position for the newly-formed district trapshooting team.

Mrs. Duthe provided some sobering statistics from the Genesee Valley School Boards Association Dinner Institute on “Suicide Prevention and the Role of the Board of Education”. The guest presenter was Pat Breux, RN, BSN and the New York State Coordinator of School and Youth Initiatives at the Suicide Prevention Center of New York. Ms. Breux reported that suicide is the tenth leading cause of death for all age

groups. However, in the youth age group of 10-24, suicide is the second leading cause of death. Thus far in this year, there have been 1,700 suicide deaths in New York State for youth aged 10-24. Particular attention must be given to providing connections for youth – whether it is to family, friends, school, or outside groups – as that have proved to be an important deterrent to teen suicide.

On a motion given by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education entered into executive session at 8:30 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: 7 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:40 p.m.

The Superintendent withdrew his recommendation for Item J.2.f., Approval of Appointment of Spanish Tutor.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Mrs. Duthe and seconded by Mr. Lawrence at 9:40 p.m. Voting: 7 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

Lori E. Wrobel  
District Clerk