

January 10, 2017

The regular meeting of the Le Roy Central School Board of Education was called to order on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. by President Donald Hobart in the Board of Education conference room.

The following members were present:

Mrs. Denise Duthé
Mr. Donald Hobart
Mr. Richard Lawrence
Mr. Peter Loftus
Mr. Lloyd Miller
Mrs. Jacalyn Whiting

The following member was absent:

Mr. Lawrence Bonacquisti

The following administrators were present:

Mrs. Kim Cox, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Brian Foeller, Business Administrator

Michael Farrell, Esq. of Genesee Valley Educational Partnership was also present.

On a motion given by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board of Education entered into executive session at 6:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of collective negotiations (LTA Contract). Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Farrell left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The following administrators joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.:

Mr. Tim McArdle, High School Principal
Mrs. Carol Messura, Elementary Principal
Ms. Beth Russ, Director of Special Education
Mr. Robert Blake, Director of Curriculum, Instruction

& Technology

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

**ADD: ITEM K3g. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF
LTS SCHOOL COUNSELOR**

**ADD: ITEM K.9. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO
TEACHER RETIREMENT INCENTIVE**

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

During “Open Forum”, Mr. Scott Keister addressed the Board of Education about promoting student participation in both school sports and club sports.

Superintendent’s Report: Mrs. Cox reported that she met with the NYS Comptroller’s Office and reviewed the results of the payroll audit. She was very pleased with the results. Some very minor issues need to be addressed and a Corrective Action Plan is to be submitted by February 2nd.

The safety committee met and reviewed the lead water testing report received from Leader Environmental Services. A letter to parents will be sent out this week and she will also put a notice in this week’s Pennysaver. Tests conducted at Wolcott Street School and the Jr./Sr. High School showed an elevated level of lead in water samples from a variety of sink faucets. Tests were conducted on 299 devices and 42 showed an elevated level of lead in water. All evaluated areas were found in sinks and faucets, many not even in use. There were **no drinking fountains** identified.

The Owner-Architect-Contractor Meeting took place on Monday, January 9, 2017. The parties came to an agreement on the remediation process and cost for the ongoing flooring issue. The shading issue with the tiles is still under review. Armstrong

Tiles will be sending a representative from Texas to the district on January 11th to inspect the tiles and make a recommendation.

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 consent items, as listed:

1. Minutes of the December 13, 2016 regular meeting, as presented.
2. Minutes of the December 20, 2016 special meeting, as presented.
3. Minutes of the December 21, 2016 special meeting, as presented.
4. Warrants for the following accounts and bills contained thereon, as presented:

GENERAL ACCOUNT	-	\$ 817,539.28
CAFETERIA ACCOUNT	-	\$ 12,988.47
FEDERAL ACCOUNT	-	\$ 32,737.00
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	-	\$ 508,305.25
AWARDS ACCOUNT	-	\$ 554.21

5. Treasurer's Reports for the following accounts for the period from November 1 – November 30, 2016:

AWARDS ACCOUNT	-	\$ 464,121.12
CAPITAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	-	\$ 52,897.09
CAPITAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT	-	\$ 3,944,791.83
DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT	-	\$ 1,495,536.31
EXTRACLASSROOM ACCOUNT	-	\$ 56,806.06
FEDERAL FUND ACCOUNT	-	\$ 38,376.71
GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	-	\$ 2,775,794.61

GENERAL FUND-TAX COLLECTOR	-	\$ 5,001,062.07
GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT	-	\$ 1,050,676.94
LUNCH SAVINGS ACCOUNT	-	\$ 143,224.95
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	-	\$ 276.43
SCHOOL LUNCH CHECKING ACCOUNT	-	\$ 9,297.94
TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT	-	\$ 181,380.52

6. October and November 2016 Budget Transfers

[OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2016 BUDGET TRANSFERS ATTACHED HERETO]

7. 2016-17 School Tax Collector's Report, as presented.

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

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

Presentation: Mr. Michael Battaglia presented to the Board of Education the details of a proposed spring 2017 varsity girls softball spring training trip. The trip would take place from April 8-14, 2017 to The Cal Ripken Experience in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The team will be able to practice every day and play 2-3 unofficial scrimmage/games while there. The team has had many fundraising events to offset the cost of the trip.

Presentation: Smart Schools Initiative: Mr. Blake presented information to the Board of Education on the Smart Schools Initiative that was passed by the voters of New York State in November of 2014. The initiative awarded \$2 billion to New York State schools to be used to make improvements in the following areas: classroom connectivity, classroom technology, community connection, pre-K classroom improvements, school security and safety. Funds may also be used if a district wishes to eliminate any

temporary/trailer classrooms. As per the regulations, Le Roy Central School established a Smart Bond Committee comprised of students, staff, administrators, Board of Education members, parents and community members to review proposals for expenditures. The goal for Le Roy's plan was to provide a strong network infrastructure to support 21st century learning for all students. The committee's approved recommendations including the following expenditures:

1. To upgrade existing network infrastructure by replacing existing wireless access points with more current models at a cost of \$181,740 to be funded through Federal e-rate funding and Smart Schools funding. This priority will include the addition of extra access point to underserved areas or areas that do not currently have wireless service.
2. To upgrade existing copper and fiber optic networking to contemporary standards to support today's traffic demands at a cost of \$150,060, also to be funded through a combination of federal and Smart Schools funding.

The Smart Schools Initiative Plan committee approved these recommendations and the Board of Education will entertain acceptance of these proposals at tonight's meeting. Once accepted by the Board of Education, the Plan must be published on the district's website and be open for public comment for thirty days. A public hearing will be held prior to the Board of Education meeting on February 14th to receive any public comment. The Plan will be on the agenda for Board of Education approval at the February 14th meeting, with submission to New York State Education Department pending that approval.

Upon approval of the Plan by New York State Education Department, Le Roy will be able to complete over \$300,000 in network improvements with zero cost to the taxpayers. Additionally, the district will still have \$844,331 in SSIP funding that can be spent on additional Smart Schools Project. The district's total allotment of \$1.1million may be spent over ten years.

Presentation: 2017-18 Budget: Mr. Foeller reported that the budget process will mirror past years' practice in that the Budget and Finance Committee will meet with department heads and then report back to Board of Education. Staffing discussion has started with the administrative team. The Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled to meeting on January 11th to discuss the transportation, custodial/maintenance, debt service and general support areas of the budget. Mr. Foeller and Mrs. Cox reiterated that the budget outlook this year has not been positive. The Governor has not included any information on public school funding in his roadside addresses.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mrs. Whiting and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Mr. Roger Caldwell from his position as a Director of Facilities II effective March 31, 2017 in order to accept a position with another school district. Voting: 5 Yes, 1 No (Mr. Miller), 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mrs. Whiting and seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Mrs. Julie Hart from her position as a school bus monitor effective January 10, 2017. This resignation is pending her appointment to a regular school bus driver position at tonight's meeting. Mrs. Hart will remain on the district's active list as a

substitute school bus monitor. Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti).

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 creation of a temporary financial records control clerk position from 1/4/17 through 3/4/17. Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). 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 following long-term substitute appointment:

Name:	Jennifer Wolcott-Dean
Type of Appointment:	Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher (to fill the leave of Ms. Jennifer Weaver)
Effective Dates:	January 19, 2017 through Ms. Weaver's return from leave
Salary:	1/200 th of Step 1 of LTA Contract

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

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mrs. Whiting and seconded by Mrs. Duthe, the Board of Education approved the following appointment:

Name:	Jadwiga Syfert
Position:	Temporary Part-Time Financial Records Control Clerk
Appointment Date:	January 4, 2017-not to exceed three months)
Salary:	\$25.00 per hour
Benefits:	N/A

Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). 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 approved the following 2016-17 extra-curricular appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Matthew Nordhausen	Ski Club Advisor	Per LTA Contract
Kate Cross	Ski Club Chaperone	Per LTA Contract
Billy Wood	Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach	N/A
Jeff Condidorio	Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach	N/A

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

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Whiting, the Board of Education approved the following substitute teacher appointments, as delineated below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Fingerprinting</u>	<u>Status</u>
Alanna Driscoll	Sub Teacher Pre K- 6	None	No	Pending NYS fingerprint clearance & 90 days or less per school year
Jenna Essig	Sub Teacher Grades 7-12	None	No	Pending NYS fingerprint clearance & 90 days or less per school year

Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). 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 probationary Genesee County Civil Service appointment:

Name:	Gerald Hart
Position:	Regular School Bus Driver
Effective Date:	January 11, 2017
Salary:	75% of full contract rate
Terms:	Successful completion of 90 working day probationary period

Benefits: Per SEIU Contract

Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). 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 probationary Genesee County Civil Service appointment:

Name: Julie Hart
Position: Regular School Bus Driver
Effective Date: January 11, 2017
Salary: 75% of full contract rate
Terms: Successful completion of 90 working day probationary period
Benefits: Per SEIU Contract

Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). 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 long-term substitute appointment:

Name: Evan Carrier
Type of Appointment: Long-Term Substitute School Counselor (to fill the leave of Mrs. Rebecca Pokracki)
Effective Dates: January 11, 2017 through Mrs. Pokracki's return from leave
Salary: 1/200th of Step 1 of LTA Contract

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

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mrs. Duthe and seconded by Mrs. Whiting, the following appointment of tenure is made:

Appointee: Robert Blake
Tenure area: Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology
Date of commencement of service on tenure: January 12, 2017
Certification Status: Professional in School District Leader

Initial in School Building Leader
Permanent in English 7-12

Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). 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 following changes in employment status from probationary to permanent as outlined below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date of Permanent Status</u>
Hazel Merica	Food Service Helper	January 18, 2017
Tammy Tiberio	Food Service Helper	January 18, 2017

Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). 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 varsity girls softball trip to The Ripken Experience in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from April 8 – 14, 2017, as presented. Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion given by Mrs. Whiting and seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board of Education authorized the sale of the following surplus district equipment through Auctions International:

List of Excised Equipment January 10, 2017:

- Lot 1 - Stainless Steel Work Table
- Lot 2 - Wire Racks
- Lot 3 - Refrigerator
- Lot 4 - Stainless Steel Serving Line
- Lot 5 - Miscellaneous Kitchen Items (coffee maker, lettuce chopper, pans and warming crock)
- Lot 6 - Hanging Projector Screens
- Lot 7 - Basketball Rebound Stand
- Lot 8 - Smartboard Adjustable Hanger

Lot 9 - Metal Cabinets

Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). 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 adopted the following resolution regarding the Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan, as presented:

LE ROY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

***RESOLUTION APPROVING PRELIMINARY SMART SCHOOLS
INVESTMENT PLAN***

WHEREAS, The Smart Schools Bond Act (the “Act”) was passed as part of the 2014-15 enacted state budget and was approved by voter referendum during the 2014 general election; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes New York State to issue \$2 billion in general obligation bonds to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure projects for public schools; and

WHEREAS, the District was allocated \$1,079,488 to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure projects in the District; and

WHEREAS, the monies allocated are paid out as refunds to the District upon expenditure of funds under an approved Smart Schools Investment Plan (“SSIP”); and

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to its allocation of funds through the Act, has developed a preliminary SSIP to expend \$109,206 for a Wireless Access Point upgrade, \$107,113 for network wiring upgrades, and \$17,947 for fiber optic cable upgrades.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the preliminary SSIP and determined that approval of the preliminary SSIP is in the best interest of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan for a total expenditure of \$224,266 as more fully described in the District Plan is hereby approved.

AYES: Mrs. Duthe, Mr. Hobart, Mr. Lawrence,

Mr. Loftus, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Whiting

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Mr. Bonacquisti

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 an amendment to the Teacher Retirement Incentive, as presented. Voting: 5 Yes, 1 No (Mrs. Whiting), 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Facilities: Mr. Miller expanded on the Owner-Architect-Contractor meeting of January 9th. The elementary library/media center is still slated for a completion date of January 31st, with the exception of the delivery of some furniture. The Wolcott Street School small gymnasium has had duct work with heating installed this week. The gymnasium flooring is slated for installation in February. The new LED lights at the high school and the tile in the cafeteria are expected to be done by the end of March. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for February 6th at 1:00 p.m.

Negotiations: The status of the LTA negotiations was discussed in executive session prior with Mr. Farrell prior to tonight's meeting. The board negotiations committee will meet on Friday, January 13th in preparation for the continuation of negotiations with the union on January 24th.

Policy: The policy committee will meet on January 11th at 3:30 p.m.

Safety: Mrs. Whiting reported on the safety committee meeting of January 9th. The public component of the district safety plan has been posted on the school's webpage

for access by the community. The committee reviewed the status of the required evacuation drills at the elementary and high school, including, fire drills, evacuation drills, shelter-in-place and lockdown. The committee reviewed the lead testing update on the district's water sources. The main topic of discussion, was the ongoing safety issues surrounding the pick-up and drop off of elementary students in the back parking lot, the Stanley Place loop and the Trigon Park loop. Also discussed was the possibility for increased security measures, including security cameras, which could be funded through the Smart Schools Initiative. The committee reviewed the current placement of cameras and its appropriateness and potential additional camera locations on the two campuses and Hartwood Park. The high school will sponsor a text free driving assembly on January 23rd. Some members of the police departments will have lunch with the students on January 25th. Plans are underway for the DWI drill prior to prom in June.

On a motion given by Mrs. Whiting and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education entered into executive session at 8:41 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. Bonacquisti). Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 9:10 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. Loftus at 9:10 p.m. Voting: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Mr. Bonacquisti). Motion carried.

Lori E. Wrobel
District Clerk