

May 23, 2017

President Donald Hobart called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Le Roy Central School Board of Education to order on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in Board of Education conference room.

The following members were present:

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

The following member was absent:

Mr. Richard Lawrence

The following administrators were present:

Mr. Merritt Holly, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Carol Messura, Elementary Principal
Mr. Robert Blake, Director of Curriculum, Instruction
& Technology
Ms. Beth Russ, Director of Special Education
Ms. Chelsea Eaton, Assistant Elementary Principal

For the “Something Special” segment of tonight’s meeting, Mr. Holly honored Mr. Robert Gately, retired business teacher and wrestling coach from Le Roy High School, who was recently named as an inductee into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Mr. Holly also introduced Mr. Patrick Fannon, newly appointed Director of Facilities, to the Board of Education.

Open Forum: Mr. Greg Condidorio addressed the Board of Education with regard to the basketball program.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Holly reminded the Board of Education that registration opens on June 15th for the New York State School Boards Association Annual Conference. The conference will take place from October 12-14, 2017 in Lake Placid.

Mr. Holly distributed a draft of proposed board meeting dates for 2017-18. Further discussion and adoption will take place at the June 13th board meeting.

A proposal to form a shared services board committee to look at proposals for shared services/programs/sports requests was discussed with the Board. The Board will entertain establishment of that committee at its Reorganization Meeting in July.

Mr. Holly reported that the funding by New York State of the Universal Pre-K program remains unchanged for 2017-18. The allotment has remained at \$85,000 since its inception in 2008.

Mr. Holly provided opt out numbers for the 2017 ELA and Math assessments. The number of students opting out the ELA assessment decreased by two, from 80 in 2015-16 to 78 for 2016-17. The number of students opting out of the Math assessment dropped by five, from 85 in 2015-16 to 80 in 2016-17. Currently, the district is anticipating approximately five opt outs on the science assessment.

Mr. Holly discussed the Western New York STAMP Project, which is the proposed New York State development in Alabama for nanotech-oriented manufacturing, advanced manufacturing and large scale bio-manufacturing projects. The Project is seeking commitment from area schools and colleges that, through STEM classes and college degree programs, the area would be able to provide the skilled workers in these

fields. The district understands that this connection to students is imperative to the success of these nanotech companies.

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 following consent items, as listed:

1. Minutes of the May 9, 2017 regular meeting, as corrected;
2. Minutes of the May 16, 2017 special (budget vote and election) meeting, as corrected;
3. Warrants for the following accounts and bills contained thereon, as presented:

GENERAL ACCOUNT	-	\$	100,514.68
CAFETERIA ACCOUNT	-	\$	17,377.31
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	-	\$	177,735.15
FEDERAL ACCOUNT	-	\$	1,148.45
AWARDS ACCOUNT	-	\$	2,369.36

4. Recommendations of the Committee for Special Education.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Proposal for Le Roy High School Trap Shooting Club: Mr. Kyle Canfield, a 2007 graduate of Le Roy High School and carpentry teacher at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES, along with Zach Boneberg and Jake Armitage, juniors at Le Roy High School, presented information on the New York State High school Clay Target League. The students are exploring a spring 2018 league. A minimum of five students at the high school must participate to fulfill the requirements for affiliation. The students are seeking

approval from school administration and the Board of Education to use the school name to join NYS High School Clay Target League. The coach must be approved by Board of Education also. The season takes place over nine weeks in the spring. The registration is \$35 per team and each student must take either a hunter safety course or a league safety course and undergo a safe range training conducted by the gun club. The cost per student would be around \$200-300 per season to cover the cost of shells, equipment and range time. Mr. Canfield discussed the possibility of holding a sanctioned event at local club to offset the costs per student. Transportation would be provided by the student/parent and teams would only travel to a local club, shoot and enter their scores online to compete against other New York State high school teams. This is considered an “extracurricular club” not a sport. To date, nineteen teams have committed to the program for Spring of 2018. Registration must be completed by March 1, 2018. The students were seeking permission from the Board of Education to recruit and host a meeting to gauge interest in the program. The Board of Education and Superintendent Holly agreed to allow the recruitment and the meeting to take place.

Wolcott Street School Library/Media Center: The Board of Education relocated to the Wolcott Street School Library/Media Center and were provided a tour of the space by Mrs. Cindy Frisch. The Board returned to the conference room and Mrs. Bertrand outlined some exciting news for the instructional technology department.

A committee charged with reviewing and updating the website has chosen “Edlio” to be the website manager. The committee provided an outreach survey to the students, staff and community and received around 140 responses. The top

recommendations from the surveys included a desire to maintain the calendar, the drop down organization and school links, teacher website, board minutes, and search bar features. Some improvements and recommendations for improvement included adding a link to teacher pages from the homepage, updating the appearance of the site, updating the staff directory, removing dead links, making the site more user friendly for elementary students and generally making the navigation simpler. After reviewing the surveys and several website products, the committee endorsed “Edlio”.

Mrs. Bertrand was also pleased to announce the district winners at the 11th Annual DIGIES (Digital Media Festival). The DIGIES is an annual festival run by Genesee Valley BOCES for students in pre-K through 12th grade. Submissions are accepted in each of the following four categories: Audio, Graphic Arts, Interactive and Video. Le Roy Central School District had six winners in this year’s DIGIES. Congratulations to the following students: Ruby Schmidt and Charlotte Blake, 6th Grade, “Bubbles”; Jude Biviano, 5th grade, “Battle of the Bulge Documentary”; Lillian Herrick and Eleah Dowell, 4th grade, “The Meteor”; Nadja Emmendorfer, 4th grade, “Interview at WSS”; Andrew Greene, Alex Spezzano and Matthew Covert, 4th grade, “Mysteries of the World”; Morning and Afternoon Pre-Kindergarten Classes, “Pre-K Construction Video”.

Mrs. Bertrand also announced that Le Roy was the recipient of two awards: Mr. Kleehammer, high school technology teacher, received a \$3,500 Lowe’s Toolbox for Education Grant that will be used for a “Builder’s Club” for the school and community. The district was also awarded a \$500 Makerspace Grant, along with five free Ozobot Evo’s.

Open Forum: Mr. Ron Piazza, Jr. addressed the Board of Education with comments on the high school basketball program.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion made by Mrs. Duthe and seconded by Mr. Bonacquisti, the Board of Education approved the following probationary teaching appointment:

Name:	Austin Dwyer
Tenure Area:	School Counselor
Type of Appointment:	Four-year probationary
Effective Date:	September 1, 2017
Tenure Date:	September 1, 2021
Salary:	Step 1 of LTA Contract

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

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion made by Mr. Bonacquisti and seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board of Education approved the following probationary teaching appointment:

Name:	Taylor Netchke
Tenure Area:	Social Studies
Type of Appointment:	Four-year probationary
Effective Date:	September 1, 2017
Tenure Date:	September 1, 2021
Salary:	Step 4 of LTA Contract

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

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion made by Mrs. Whiting and seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board of Education approved the following probationary teaching appointment:

Name:	Melissa Grossman
Tenure Area:	Elementary Education
Type of Appointment:	Four-year probationary
Effective Date:	September 1, 2017
Tenure Date:	September 1, 2021
Salary:	Step 5 of LTA Contract

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

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion made by Mrs. Duthe and seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Ms. Ashley Braaten to the Genesee County Civil Service labor position of substitute food service helper effective May 24, 2017 at a rate of \$9.96 per hour. This appointment is pending successful completion of NYS fingerprinting clearance. Voting: 6 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Lawrence), 0 No. Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion made by Mrs. Duthe and seconded by Mrs. Whiting, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Mrs. Patricia Will to a position as a K-12 tutor for the Le Roy Central School District effective May 24, 2017. Voting: 6 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Lawrence), 0 No. Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion made by Mr. Loftus and seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board of Education approved the following appointments for 2017 Elementary Summer Academy:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Hrs/Day</u>
Linda Merrill	Teacher	\$27.00 per hour	4.5
Brandie Rogoyski	Teacher	\$27.00 per hour	4.5
Josh Baker	Teacher	\$27.00 per hour	4.5
Kristen Krzewinski	Teacher	\$27.00 per hour	4.5
Jamie Turman	Teacher	\$27.00 per hour	4.5
Katie Williams	Teacher	\$27.00 per hour	4.5
Amber Taylor-Burns	Teacher	\$27.00 per hour	4.5
Kate Cross	Teacher	\$27.00 per hour	4.5
Diane Graham	Teacher	\$27.00 per hour	4.5
Stacy Post	Teaching Assistant	\$15.70 per hour	4
Carolyn Friend	Teaching Assistant	\$15.70 per hour	4
Sheila Mortimer	Teaching Assistant	\$15.70 per hour	4
Susan Brumber	Teaching Assistant	\$15.70 per hour	4

Substitutes

Stacie Wilson	Sub. Teacher	Summer Academy rate of pay
Lauren Williams	Sub. Teacher	Summer Academy rate of pay
Dorreen Caldwell	Sub. Teacher	Summer Academy rate of pay
Jessica Pcioneck	Sub. Teacher	Summer Academy rate of pay
Helene Beswick	Sub. Teacher	Summer Academy rate of pay
Deb Hertzler	Sub. Teacher	Summer Academy rate of pay
Jo Anne Hart	Sub. Teaching Asst.	Summer Academy rate of pay
Erica Jermy	Sub. Teaching Asst.	Summer Academy rate of pay

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

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion made by Mrs. Whiting and seconded by Mrs. Duthé, the Board of Education approved the following 2016-17 extra-curricular appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Meredith Skyer	Elementary Art Show Supervision	Per LTA Contract (retro to 2/1/17)
Jennifer Bertrand	Elementary Art Show Supervision	Per LTA Contract (retro to 9/1/16)

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

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion made by Mr. Bonacquisti and seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board of Education approved the reinstatement of Ms. Jessica Strollo to a position as a substitute teacher/teaching assistant effective May 24, 2017, pursuant to the district policy for substitute teachers. Voting: 6 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Lawrence), 0 No. Motion carried.

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Bonacquisti, as approved with the passage of the 2017-18 school district budget on May 16, 2017:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education abolish one (1.0) FTE Mathematics

teaching position effective June 30, 2017 due to retirement and a reduction in program needs.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education reduce one Physical Education teaching position from 1.0 FTE to 0.50 FTE effective June 30, 2017 due to retirement and a reduction in program needs.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the creation of one (1.0) FTE Building Maintenance Worker position through Genesee County Civil Service effective July 1, 2016.

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

Acting upon a recommendation of the Superintendent and on a motion made by Mr. Loftus and seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board of Education approved the 2017-18 Le Roy Hockey Team merger with Batavia City School District. Voting: 6 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Lawrence), 0 No. Motion carried.

The Superintendent withdrew his recommendation on Item J.5., Approval of Spring 2018 Music Trip to Washington, D.C., and upon a motion given by Mrs. Duthe and seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board of Education tabled action on this item pending receipt of additional information with regard to music performances in the Capitol during the trip.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit: The committee will meet on June 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Budget and Finance: Mrs. Duthe and the Board of Education wished to extend their gratitude to Mr. Foeller for his work on the 2017-18 budget.

Facilities: The committee will meet on June 12th . Mr. Holly informed the Board that the hardware should be installed on elementary security doors by next week.

On a motion given by Mr. Bonacquisti and seconded by Mrs. Duthe, the Board of Education entered into executive session at 7:51 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, 1 Absent (Mr. Lawrence), 0 No. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 8:34 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Bonacquisti and seconded by Mr. Loftus at 8:34 p.m. Voting: 6 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Lawrence), 0 No. Motion carried.

Lori E. Wrobel
District Clerk