

**RED HOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JANUARY 25, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Morrison at 7:02 p.m. in the K-2 Library at the Mill Road Elementary School followed by the Pledge to the Flag. Board members present were: J. Moore, D. Morrison, R. McCann, and M. Rothwell. Jenny Rowland, student Board Member, was also present. E. Mercier was absent. Administration present were: P. Finch, B. Martin, K. Summers, T. Cassata, and D. Seelbach. **ALL TO ORDER**

Motion made by J. Moore and seconded by R. McCann to appoint M. Martin as Clerk Pro-Tempore for the remainder of the Board meeting in the absence of E. Maskell, District Clerk. All were in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 4-0.

PRESENTATIONS

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- 2017-2018 Budget Discussion - Interscholastic Athletics – T. Cassata
- 2017-2018 Budget Discussion - BOCES Initial Service Request – B. Martin
- Student Achievement Overview – K. Summers

There were 2 visitors and no members of the press present.

VISITOR RECOGNITION

Vice President Morrison welcomed the visitors and invited them to ask questions or make statements at this time.

Barbara Shoemaker Urged Members to vote on a resolution opposing DeVos nomination

Student Board of Education Member Jenny Rowland gave an update on the high school.

STUDENT BOE REPORT

The following Superintendent communications were received and reviewed by the Board of Education:

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- Governor’s Executive Budget
- Grievance Response
- State Aid
- International Field Trips

The following monthly reports were received and reviewed by the Board of Education:

ADMIN REPORTS

- K-2 Principal’s Report, Newsletter – E. Hayes
- 3-5 Principal’s Report, Newsletter – B. Boyd
- LAMS Principal’s Report – K. Zahedi & J. Berardi
- High School Principal’s Report – P. Campbell & A. Greene

Motion by J. Moore, seconded by R. McCann to approve the following Business Consent Agenda items 1-6: **BUSINESS**

1. Acknowledge the minutes from the January 11, 2017 Board of Education meeting. **MINUTES**

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2. Acknowledge the recommendation from the Committee on Special Education & the Committee on Preschool Education for meetings held on the following dates: 01/17/17. CSE/CPSE
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3. Approve the following field trip request: FIELD TRIP
 - 7TH Grade Trip to Grade Escape on June 7, 2017 contingent upon the successful completion of the required administrative guidelines and subject to cancellation at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools at any time for safety reasons.

4. Approve the following revised school tax bill: REVISED TAX
BILL

17 Glen Pond Drive LLC		
Grid # 6272-00-402448		
2016-17 Assessment	\$ 1,247,000	
2016-17 Revised Assessment	\$ 1,147,000	
Present 2016-2017 Tax Bill:	\$ 26,315.18	Assessment
Reduction		
Revised 2016-2017 Tax Bill:	\$ 24,204.90	
Savings/Reduction/Refund	\$ 2,110.28	refund

5. Approve the Dutchess BOCES 2017-2018 initial Service Request in the approximate amount of \$ 2,567,513. BOCES INTL
SERV REQ

6. Accept donation from Red Hook Education Foundation, with thanks and appreciation, in the amount of \$368.90 to Larra Agate, LAMS Teacher, to fund a Red Hook-Rhinebeck Middle School Science Fair. DONATION

7. WHEREAS President Donald Trump's nomination of Betsy DeVos to be secretary of education poses an existential threat to the American system of public education, including higher education, and makes it clear that his administration's education policy will be about privatizing, defunding and destroying public education in America, from early childhood education through college; and

WHEREAS, DeVos and her track record are antithetical to public education; she has no meaningful connection with public schools, having sent her children to exclusive private schools and lacking experience in the classroom, has close ties with and has prioritized funding anti-LGBT groups, and has described her crusade for vouchers as "advancing God's kingdom"; and

WHEREAS, DeVos' record demonstrates that, if confirmed, she poses a threat to students' access to affordable, quality higher education because she would turn back the clock on curbing the predatory practices of for-profit colleges; and

WHEREAS, DeVos and her family for decades have wielded their billions in wealth to undermine public education, while promoting private, for-profit schooling with little or no regulation, transparency, accountability or respect for civil rights or the Constitution's separation of church and state—an approach that has done little or nothing to improve the education of children in her home state of Michigan, while draining resources from the schools that most students attend.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that Red Hook Central School District opposes the nomination of Betsy DeVos to become secretary of education because of her unquestioned record as an anti-public-education activist and her long history in the public arena supporting policies that isolate, outsource and abandon the American vision for public education at every level. Her confirmation would exact a terrible and unconscionable cost from America's public schools and institutions of higher education, and from the students, families and communities that rely on them.

All were in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by J. Moore, seconded by M. Rothwell that the following personnel consent agenda items 1-3 be approved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools: **PERSONNEL**

1. Approve change in employee status of David Morgan to the position of full-time (8.0 hours per day) Custodial Worker to be paid at RHSSSA Schedule D, Step 1, \$28,618 per year, pro-rated, effective January 26, 2017. This position has a six-month probationary period commencing on January 26, 2017 and ending on July 26, 2017. Mr. Morgan was previously hired as a substitute Custodial Worker. **APPROVE STATUS CHANGE**

2. Appoint Jennifer Becker to the position of Temporary Secondary Special Education Teacher, to be paid at RHFA Master's Step 3, \$62,027 (pro-rated), effective January 30, 2017 through June 23, 2017. Ms. Becker's appointment includes a four-day non-paid leave as part of her teaching assignment due to a pre-existing commitment. **TEMPORARY TEACHING ASSIGNMENT**

3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Red Hook Central School District, Location Code 71301 hereby establishes the following as standard work days for its employees and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the District Clerk: **STANDARD WORK DAY FOR EMPLOYEES**

TITLE	STANDARD WORK DAY (HRS/DAY)	TITLE	STANDARD WORK DAY (HRS/DAY)
Bus Driver	6.0	Personnel Assistant	6.0
Food Service Helper	6.0	Senior Account Clerk	6.0
Clerk	6.0	Secretary to Business Admin	6.0
Teacher Aide	6.0	Secretary to Supt of Schools	6.0
Typist	6.0	Secretary to Dir of PPS	6.0
Part-time Custodial Worker	6.0	Secretary to Dir of Facilities	6.0
Building Monitor	6.0	Director of Food Services	6.0
Groundskeeper	6.0	Director of Transportation	6.0
Bus Monitor	6.0	Dir of Instructional Technology	6.0
Secretary to Asst Supt and Director of Technology	6.0	Micro Computer Network Support Specialist	6.0
Payroll Clerk	6.0	Director of Facilities	6.0

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BOE REVIEW – 9/21/16

**BOE
REVIEW**

1. Grading
2. Academic Audit
3. Post Graduation Study
4. BOE Goals
5. HS Performance Space
6. Athletic Fields Study/Exploration
7. Developing List of Events Allowable for Expenditure by BOE
8. Field Trip Policy or Procedure

Vice President Morrison invited the visitors again to ask questions or make statements at this time. There were no comments.

**VISITOR
RECOGNITION**

Motion made by R. McCann and seconded by J. Moore to approve the following:

That the Board of Education move to Executive Session at 8:46 PM for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular individual(s)
All were in favor with none opposed. Motion carried.

**EXEC
SESSION**

Vice President Morrison declared the Board returned to open session at 9:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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Motion made by R. McCann and seconded by J. Moore to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 PM. All were in favor with none opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Martin
District Clerk Pro-Tempore