

**RED HOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MARCH 8, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Mercier at 7:01 p.m. in the K-2 Library at the Mill Road Elementary School followed by the Pledge to the Flag. **CALL TO ORDER**

Board members present were: E. Mercier, D. Morrison, R. McCann, and M. Rothwell. J. Moore was absent. Jenny Rowland, student Board Member, was also present. Administration present were: P. Finch, B. Martin, K. Summers, D. Seelbach, and E. Maskell, District Clerk.

Scheduled: 2017-18 budget discussions

**BUDGET
DISCUSSION**

- Technology – D. Seelbach gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Technology Department.
- First Draft of Budget – Bruce Martin gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the budget.

Motion made by D. Morrison and seconded by R. McCann to recommend that the following resolution be approved:

Adopt Legal Notice for May 16, 2017 Annual Meeting and Election

**ADOPT LEGAL
NOTICE**

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing on the proposed 2017-2018 Budget for the Red Hook Central School District shall be held in the 3-5 Cafeteria at the Mill Road Elementary School in the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York, on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time. Copies of the budget will be available for review beginning on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at all School District building offices.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the election of candidates to the Red Hook Central School Board of Education and the budget vote will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the 3-5 Cafeteria at the Mill Road Elementary School, 9 Mill Road in the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine and/or paper ballot on the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the Red Hook Central School District for the fiscal year 2017-2018 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education to terms of three (3) years each to begin on July 1, 2017 and to expire on June 30, 2020.
3. To adopt the following propositions:

PROPOSITION #2

SHALL the Board of Education of the Red Hook Central School District be hereby authorized to (1) acquire school buses and school vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$330,000 which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof, (2) expend such sums for such purpose, (3) levy the tax necessary therefor, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account state aid received, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the

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principal amount not to exceed \$330,000 and to levy a tax to pay the interest on such obligations when due?

PROPOSITION #3 – Red Hook Public Library

SHALL the annual appropriation to support and maintain the Red Hook Public Library be increased by \$20,010, to the total amount of \$136,000, which sum shall be separate and apart from the Red Hook Central School District annual school district budget, and be raised annually by a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, and which appropriation shall be the annual appropriation for the library until changed by further vote of the electors of the school district, and such tax shall be levied and collected yearly as are other general taxes and to pay such monies to the trustees of the Red Hook Public Library?

PROPOSITION #4 – Student Board Member

SHALL a high school student be allowed to serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the Red Hook Central School District Board of Education subject to the requirements of the Education Law?

4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York.

The election and budget vote shall be by machine, paper ballot or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots.

AND FUTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required by the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual District Election except Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays, at the Central Administration Office, Senior High School, the Linden Avenue School, and the Mill Road School between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., prevailing time and also at said District Election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has already registered pursuant to the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District pursuant to the Education Law at the Mill Road Elementary School, Intermediate Wing Foyer area on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 between the hours 12:00 Noon and 9:00 p.m., at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared.

Please take further notice that the register prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be filed in the Office of the District Clerk; that such register shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District, on each of the five days prior to the day of the election, except Sunday, May 14, 2017 and that the hours during which such register shall be open for inspection shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., prevailing time and by appointment on Saturday, May 13, 2017.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that applications for absentee ballots for election of Board Members and voting on the budget and propositions may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk beginning April 18, 2017. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at

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least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in said office of the District Clerk at 9 Mill Road, Red Hook, New York on each of the five days prior to the day of the election, except Sunday, May 14, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, and by appointment on Saturday, May 13, 2017.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of Member of the Board of Education to fill two (2) expired terms of three years each, must be filed with the District Clerk no later than the thirtieth day preceding the Annual Election of May 16, 2017. (Petitions to be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time on Monday, April 17, 2017). Each petition must be directed to the District Clerk, must be signed by at least thirty (30) qualified voters of the District stating the residence of each signer and must state the name and residence of the candidate. A copy of such petition may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk at 9 Mill Road, Red Hook, New York during regular school hours.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said vote and election, must be filed with the Board of Education on or before April 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least seventy-five (75) of the qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain or place before the voters any proposition if its purpose is beyond the power of the voters or is illegal, or any proposition requiring the expenditure of moneys which fails to include specific appropriations for all such expenditures required by the proposition.

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

Motion made by R. McCann and seconded by D. Morrison

- Acknowledge Tax Cap Calculation as filed by the Business Administrator

TAX CAP

Recommend that the following resolution be approved: Acknowledge the filing of the property tax cap calculation with the office of the state Comptroller producing a tax levy limit of \$32,746,980.

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

There were 3 visitors and no members of the press present.

**VISITOR
RECOGNITION**

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

Nancy Keeny Thanked the Board Members for their service.

Student Board of Education Member Jenny Rowland said that the week of March 27-31 there is a coin drive for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. There is also a bake sale next week.

**STUDENT
BOE REPORT**

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

- Dutchess County BOCES Minutes from December 2016 and January 2017
- Dutchess BOCES Spring Expo
- RHEF 2016-2017 Grievance #1 Stage 3 Response
- First Draft of 2017-2018 RHCS D Calendar
- Annual Spring Social Flier

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

- Assistant to the Superintendent/Curriculum & Instruction: K. Summers
- Director of Pupil Personnel Services: J. DeCaro
- Director of Technology: D. Seelbach
- Director of PE/Health/Athletics: T. Cassata
- Director of Facilities: P. Sheldon

Motion by R. McCann, seconded by E. Mercier to approve the following Business Consent Agenda items 1, 2 and 4 pulling agenda item number 3 for further discussion in Executive Session: **BUSINESS**

To approve Business Consent Agenda items as follows: **BUSINESS**

1. Approve Board of Education Minutes for meeting held on February 22, 2017. **BOE MINUTES**
2. Approve District payment of \$2,100 to match funds for Model UN under the Academic Team Status, pursuant to a resolution passed by the Board of Education on November 5, 2014, wherein certain extra-curricular clubs designated as Academic Teams may receive financial support from the District and approved on a case by case basis by the Superintendent of Schools. **ACADEMIC TEAM FUNDING ALLOCATION**
3. PULLED FOR DISCUSSION IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
4. Approve the following field trip request: **FIELD TRIP**
 - Intro to Broadcast TV Grades 11-2, Trip to NYC on May 19, 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.

All were in favor with none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Rothwell, seconded by R. McCann that the following personnel consent agenda items 1-6 be approved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools: **PERSONNEL**

1. Increase the hours of Tammy Garcia, part-time Food Service Helper, from 3.5 hours per day to 4.5 hours per day, effective March 9, 2017. Ms. Garcia is to **INCREASE PT HOURS**

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remain on the same pay schedule of RHSSSA Schedule I, Step 1, \$11.01 per hour.

2. Approve the following Coaching Appointment for Spring 2017: COACHES

LACROSSE

Varsity Assistant Coach (Boys') Jan Bonanza \$2,918

- Approve the following Coaching Appointment for Fall 2017:

FOOTBALL

Varsity: Quintin Johnson \$4,391

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

BOE REVIEW – 2/22/17

**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. Videotaping BOE Meetings

President Mercier invited the visitors again to ask questions or make statements at this time.

**VISITOR
RECOGNITION**

Barbara Shoemaker Short on substitute teachers, and comments on Mill Road losing power and phones twice in a month.

Motion made by M. Rothwell and seconded by D. Morrison to approve the following:
That the Board of Education move to Executive Session at 8:20 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**

President Mercier declared the Board returned to open session at 9:16 p.m.

Upon returning from Executive Session, a motion was made by R. McCann and seconded by D. Morrison to accept the following item which was pulled previously from the Business Consent Agenda Item number 3:

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Red Hook Central School District approves the Stipulation of Settlement Agreement with regards to Student No: 10421, and authorizes the Board of Education President to execute said Release and Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Red Hook Central School District. APPROVE
STIPULATION
OF
SETTLEMENT

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

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ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURN

Motion made by R. McCann and seconded by E. Mercier to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM. All were in favor with none opposed. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Rae Maskell
District Clerk