

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Rome Board of Education
January 27, 2022

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Members Present: Ms. Davis, Dr. Fontana, Mr. Hagerty, Mrs. Herbowy, Ms. Megerell, Mr. Mellace, Mr. Nash, Ms. Reddick, Ms. Iacovissi

Members Absent: Mr. Ferretti

Note:

Other School District Personnel in Attendance:

Mr. Blake, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Brewer, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Mezza, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Management

Staff Excused: Mr. Morton, Director of People Operations

Motion by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Ms. Davis, to adjourn to executive session at 5:15 P.M. for the purpose of hearing a student discipline appeal, discussing legal matters and to discuss the employment of particular individual (s).

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Motion by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Ms. Davis, at 5:49 P.M. to adjourn executive session.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

6:00 P.M. Regular meeting called to order.

PRESIDENT CALLS MEETING TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

On the motion of Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Mellace, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2022 were ordered approved as distributed.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

1. Additional Miscellaneous Business

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

1. Press Box naming
2. Budget Update-timeframe
3. Audio Enhancement Training
4. ASSA mini grant \$2500, 1 of 28 school districts
5. Redistricting postponed

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

1. Musical Update
2. Rhapsody performance
3. Nightly News

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Paul Fitzpatrick-Redistricting/ETF
2. Maria Ritchie-Honor Society
3. Joanne Cook-safety
4. Jacqueline Nelson-NAACP
5. Heather Sestito-Redistricting
6. Anya Colon-AGG
7. Keri Campbell-Overcrowding
8. AJ Spado-Redistricting

WORK STUDY SESSION

Redistricting Presentation-postponed

6:42 P.M. Ms. Reddick stepped out.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution to accept Consent Agenda:

Resolution by Mr. Nash, seconded by Mrs. Herbowy:

That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Consent Agenda be accepted by the Board of Education.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS

Consent Agenda Action Items

1. Resolution to approve personnel changes as listed below:

RESOLVED: That the permanent appointments, transfers, resignations, salary adjustments, leaves of absence, et al, contained below, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools be, and are, hereby approved.

The Superintendent certifies that the requirements of the New York State Education Department, the Civil Service of the City of Rome, and the Board of Education have been met in all cases.

A. Leave of absences:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kristin Leonard (Teacher)	unpaid LOA (childcare)	01/31/2022-02/01/2023
Vanessa Curley (Teacher/Bellamy)	FMLA	01/28/2022 (up to 12 weeks)

B. Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Brenna Kosicki (Director/Supported Learning)	Resignation	03/02/2022
Brittinie Marshall (Teacher Asst./Strough)	Resignation	01/21/2022
Cheyenne Smith (Teacher Asst./RFA)	Resignation	01/26/2022
Megan Grinnell (Food Service Worker/Bellamy)	Resignation	02/01/2022
Madison DeCarolis (Teacher Asst./ECP)	Resignation	01/19/2022
Shannon Cortese-Artigiani (Teacher Asst./Joy)	Resignation	02/28/2022

PEOPLE OPERATIONS

Consent Agenda Action Items

C. Rescind position:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Michael Lacey	Economics, Personal Finance & Investment Club Advisor	09/01/2021

2. Appoint instructional/non-instructional substitutes:

A. <u>Instructional/Non-Instructional</u>	<u>Fingerprint Clearance Date</u>
Adam Jackson	01/19/2022
Roxanne Thomas	01/26/2022

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Consent Agenda Action Items

1. Resolution of initial placements, annual reviews, reevaluations, manifestation determinations, amendments, program reviews and/or transfers of students with disabilities:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the placement of children based upon the CSE/CPSE meeting recommendations be approved.

ROME CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT CSE/CPSE

January 27, 2022

PART 200 REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Part 200.2, Section (d)

...The board of education or board of trustees of each school district shall, upon completion of its review of the IEP in accordance with section 200.4(d)(2) of the Part, arrange for the appropriate special education programs and services to be provided to a student with a disability as recommended by the committee on special education.

Part 200.2, Section (d) (2)

...arrange for appropriate special education programs and services for a preschool student...

DISABILITY	CSE	CPSE
Autistic	11	
Deaf		
Deaf-Blindness		
Emotionally Disturbed	1	
Hearing Impaired		
Intellectual Disability	12	
Learning Disabled	60	
Multiply Disabled	3	
Orthopedically Impaired	2	
Other Health Impaired	27	
Speech Impaired	24	
Transfer Review		
Traumatic Brain Injury		
Visually Impaired	1	
Pre-School with disability		9
Non-Disabled	2	3
Declassified	2	
Section 504	11	
Tabled		

FINANCE

Consent Agenda Action Items

1. Resolution to declare equipment obsolete or for sale per District policy #4520:

RESOLVED: That the following equipment be declared obsolete/surplus and be disposed of in accordance with policy #4520:

Location	Item	Number			Quantity	Reason	
		Serial	RCSD ID	RIC		Damaged/Disposal	Sale
						✓	
Stokes	Books	List in Business Office				✓	
Denti	Filing Cabinet				1	✓	
RFA	Classroom Student Chairs		QC007161, QC014517, QC888510, QC007728, QC013102, QC014388		6	✓	
	Lobby Chairs		QC011111, QC011109, QC008060		3	✓	
	Teacher Chair		QC014080		1	✓	
	Student Stool		QC012979		1	✓	

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

6:44 P.M. Ms. Reddick returned.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

FINANCE

Action Items

1. Resolution to authorize district credit card for fuel purchases:

Resolution by Mr. Nash, seconded by Ms. Megerell:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rome City School District is authorized to maintain a credit card for fuel purchases not to exceed \$20,000 per month for school buses and not to exceed \$10,000 per month for facilities vehicles in the name of the Rome City School District.

Voice vote.

By resolution.

Mr. Mezza clarified the reason, separation of account, credit limit.

2. Resolution to accept donation:

Resolution by Mr. Nash, seconded by Ms. Megerell:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the donation of the \$1,000 from the Great American Rivarly Series for the school's athletic program.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Committee Reports

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 8th at 10:00 A.M. (Audit and Finance)

FACILITIES

Action Items

No agenda items

Committee Reports

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 15th at 4:30 P.M.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Action Items

No agenda items

Committee Reports

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, February 7th at 4:30 P.M.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS

Action Items

1. Resolution to appoint instructional personnel (long term substitute):

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Ms. Megerell:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following instructional personnel long-term substitute:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Cynthia Marchione (Stokes)	Reading Teacher	BS90Step4+ MS	\$57,829 (pro-rated)	01/11/2022- 06/30/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

2. Resolution to appoint instructional personnel (probationary):

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Mrs. Herbowy:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following instructional personnel (probationary):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Lydia Atwell (Clough)	Teacher Assistant	\$17,604 (pro-rated)	01/18/2022-01/17/2026
Melissa Gokey (DWF)	Registered Nurse	\$28.26/hr.	02/18/2022-10/17/2022
Olivia Hall (DWF)	Registered Nurse	\$27.00/hr.	02/20/2022-10/19/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

3. Resolution to appoint instructional personnel:

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Dr. Fontana:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following instructional personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jennifer Wolak (DWF)	Speech-Language Pathologist	Speech	BS60Step15+ MS	\$65,810 (pro-rated)	03/07/2022-03/06/2026

* The expiration date of the above probationary appointment for classroom teaching position is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 2509 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure a classroom teacher or principal must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either “effective” or “highly effective” in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the classroom teacher or principal receives an “ineffective” composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.”

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

4. Resolution to appoint extracurricular personnel:

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Mrs. Herbowy:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following extracurricular personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jennifer Schaffauer	Strough	Co-Advisor	GSA	\$500	01/28/2022-06/30/2022
Stacy Finney	Strough	Co-Advisor	GSA	\$500	01/28/2022-06/30/2022
Amanda Allen	Strough	Advisor	Yearbook	\$1,000	09/01/2021-06/30/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

5. Resolution to appoint non-instructional personnel (probationary):

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Dr. Fontana:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following non-instructional personnel (probationary):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
LaRaine Galster (Strough)	Teacher Aide 1:1	\$15,694 (pro-rated)	01/25/2022-09/24/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

6. Resolution to accept retirement:

Resolution Mr. Mellace, seconded by Mrs. Herbowy:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts, with regret, the retirement of the following individuals:

Mary "Carol" VanCourt	Principal Account Clerk	Health Insurance	Effective Date 08/01/2022
Barbara Richards	Special Education Teacher	Strough	Effective Date 06/30/2022

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

The Board and Mr. Blake offered their gratitude and congratulations.

7. Resolution to create position:

Resolution by Ms. Davis:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby creates the following position:

District Clerk (40%)

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Ms. Davis offered her gratitude to People Operations for moving this position forward.

PEOPLE OPERATIONS (Continued)

Action Items

8. Resolution to appoint interim director:

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Ms. Megerell:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following interim Director:

Cristin Checchia	Interim Director of Supported Learning	\$119,000 (pro-rated)	Effective Date 11/05/2021
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Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Committee Reports

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 8th at 4:30 P.M.

POLICY

Action Items

No agenda items

Committee Reports

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 2nd at 4:00 P.M.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Action Item

1. SEQRA Resolution:

Resolution by Mr. Mellace, seconded by Ms. Davis:

WHEREAS, the Rome City School District (the “District”) seeks to undertake a district wide construction/renovation project, including, but not limited to the following:

Interior and exterior renovations, improvements and upgrades, as well as site improvements to physical education and recreational facilities, and various infrastructure upgrades to school buildings and campuses within the Rome City School District. A new multi-purpose baseball/softball physical education field complex with artificial turf, grandstands, parking, lighting, sidewalks and dugouts, in addition to resurfacing and associated enhancements at the tennis courts at the Rome Free Academy.

WHEREAS, the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the regulations thereunder require the Board to undertake a review of the potential environmental impacts, if any, associated with the project before approving same; and

WHEREAS, this project is an Unlisted action within the meaning of SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2021 a notice was transmitted to all involved agencies of the Board’s desire to act as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, no agency has objected to the designation of the Board as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Section 617.7 requires a lead agency to issue a written determination of significance with respect to any proposed Unlisted action;

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed Project, as prepared by the District’s architect and as set forth in the Full Environmental

Assessment Form prepared with respect to such action, and makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves:

Interior and exterior renovations, improvements and upgrades, as well as site improvements to physical education and recreational facilities, and various infrastructure upgrades to school buildings and campuses within the Rome City School District. A new multi-purpose baseball/softball physical education field complex with artificial turf, grandstands, parking, lighting, sidewalks and dugouts, in addition to resurfacing and associated enhancements at the tennis courts at the Rome Free Academy.

2. The proposed action is classified under SEQRA as an Unlisted action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR §617.2(ak).

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (Continued)

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3. Upon consideration of the action, review of the Full Environmental Assessment Form, the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR 617.7, and all other supporting information, the Board identifies the following relevant areas of environmental concern, as set forth hereafter, and analyzes whether the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
4. The development and use of the property will have a small impact upon land which will be mitigated during construction.
5. The proposed development and use of the property will have a small impact upon geological features which will be mitigated during construction.
6. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact surface water.
7. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact ground water.
8. The proposed development and use of the property will have a small impact upon flooding which will be mitigated during construction.
9. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact air quality.
10. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact the habitat of native plants and animals.
11. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact nearby agricultural resources.
12. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact aesthetic resources.
13. The proposed development and use of the property will have a small impact on historic or archeological resources. SHPO has been consulted to address concerns related to sites designated as sensitive for archaeological sites or sites in close proximity to National or State registered historical places.
14. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact open space and recreation areas.
15. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact critical environmental areas, either onsite or nearby.
16. The proposed development and use of the property will have no impact on transportation.
17. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact energy.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (Continued)

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18. The proposed development and use of the property will have a minimal impact upon aesthetics, noise, odor and light during the period of construction. Mitigation measures will be undertaken during the period of construction in accordance with requirements of applicable rules and regulations.
19. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact human health.
20. The proposed development and use of the property is consistent with community plans.
21. The proposed development and use of the property is consistent with community character.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is an Unlisted action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.2(ak); and it is further

RESOLVED that the Board hereby declares itself lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that upon consideration of the foregoing, the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse impacts to the environment; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby issues a Negative Declaration with respect to the proposed action; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes and directs the Superintendent or his designee to file this Negative Declaration with the appropriate parties and agencies.

Voice vote.

By acclamation. (One no Fontana)

Discussion held by the whole Board concerning their thoughts and concerns for this and the reasons for the way they will vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (Continued)

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2. Recital Resolution:

Resolution by Mr. Nash, seconded by Mrs. Herbowy:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Rome (the “District”) has proposed a project consisting of interior and exterior renovations, improvements and upgrades, site improvements to physical education and recreational facilities, and various infrastructure upgrades at Rome Free Academy, Lyndon H. Strough Middle School, Stokes Elementary School, Ridge Mills Elementary School, Louis V. Denti Elementary School, John E. Joy Elementary School, Gansevort Elementary School, Francis Bellamy Elementary School and Jerry C. Clough Pre-K School and the construction at Rome Free Academy of a new multi-purpose baseball/softball physical education field complex with artificial turf, grandstands, parking, lighting, sidewalks and dugouts, and the resurfacing of and associated enhancements at the tennis courts, including, for all of the foregoing, construction, site improvements, original furnishings, fixtures and equipment required for such purposes, architectural fees, and all other necessary costs incidental to such work (the “Project”), at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$21,608,018 and to pay for the costs of the Project by using \$3,410,000 from the Capital Reserve approved by the District voters on December 18, 2019 and, for the balance of the project costs, by the levy of a tax in installments upon all the taxable real property of the District to the extent necessary for such purposes and, in anticipation of such tax, the issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes is authorized in the principal amount not to exceed \$18,198,018, together with the levy of a tax to pay the interest on said obligations; and

WHEREAS, the District is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), ECL Section 8-0101, *et seq.*, and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “Regulations”); and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Education reviewed the impact of the Project upon the environment, as required by the Regulations, and concluded by resolution adopted on January 27, 2022 that the Project is an Unlisted Action as defined in SEQRA that will not have any significant adverse impacts on the environment and issued a negative declaration; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED, THIS 27TH DAY OF JANUARY 2022 BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT, (by favorable vote of not less than three-fifths of all the members of said Board of Education) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subject to approval by the District’s qualified voters and the completion of all regulatory requirements, the Board of Education hereby grants its preliminary approval to the Project and the expenditure therefore of an amount, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to financing thereof, not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of \$21,608,018, and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The estimated total cost of said specific objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$21,608,018 and the plan of financing includes using \$3,410,000 from the Capital Reserve approved by the District voters on December 18, 2019 and, for the balance of the project costs, the levy of a tax in installments upon all the taxable real

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (Continued)

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property of the District to the extent necessary for such purposes and, in anticipation of such tax, the issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized in the principal amount not to exceed \$18,198,018, together with the levy of a tax to pay the

interest on said obligations subject to applicable amounts of state assistance available or to any revenues available for such purpose from any other source.

Section 2. Bonds and bond anticipation notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Local Finance Law"), in a principal amount not to exceed \$18,198,018 to finance said appropriation for the Project.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

- (a) Under the Local Finance Law, the period of probable usefulness of the Project is thirty (30) years;
- (b) Current funds are not required by the Local Finance Law to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof authorized by this resolution;
- (c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years; and

Section 4. The temporary use of available funds of the District, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the capital purposes described in Section 1 of this resolution. The reasonably expected source of funds to be used to initially pay for the expenditures authorized by Section 1 of this resolution shall be from the District's General Fund. It is intended that the District shall then reimburse expenditures from the General Fund with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution and that the interest payable on the bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such bonds shall be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. This resolution is intended to constitute the declaration of the District's "official intent" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 to reimburse the expenditures authorized by this resolution with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are reasonably expected to be, received, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the objects or purposes described herein.

Section 5. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District without limitation of rate or amount. The full faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the District of appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (Continued)

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notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. As permitted by Section 56.00 of the Local Finance Law, the power to issue and sell the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, including all powers or duties pertaining or incidental thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, as Chief Fiscal Officer, except as herein provided. The bonds shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer, pursuant to the Local Finance Law. The Chief Fiscal Officer is authorized to execute and deliver any documents and to take such other action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and provisions hereof.

Section 8. The full faith and credit of the District is hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such years, and such debt service payments may be made in substantially level or declining amounts as may be authorized by law.

Section 9. A Special Meeting of the qualified voters of the City School District of the City of Rome, County Oneida, State of New York, will be held on March 22, 2022 from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., prevailing time at the District's election district polling places as set forth in the Notice of Special District Meeting, for the purpose of voting on the proposition described in the Notice of Special District Meeting hereinafter set forth.

Section 10. The business to be acted upon at said Special District Meeting shall be as stated in the Notice thereof, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of said Special Meeting to be published in the Daily Sentinel, a newspaper having general circulation within the District, such publications to be made four (4) times in said newspaper within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such Special District Meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said Special District Meeting. The District Clerk is further authorized to cause publication of all other notices as necessary to effect the purposes and intent of this resolution and, upon the advice of school counsel, to make such changes and edits to this resolution as are advisable to accomplish the purposes set forth herein.

Section 11. Said Special District Meeting shall be called by giving the following notice thereof:

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
OF THE VOTERS OF THE
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ROME**

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ROME HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the District on January 27, 2022, a special meeting of the qualified voters of said School District County of Oneida, State of New York, will be held in said District on March 22, 2022, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. prevailing times, for the purpose of voting upon the following proposition:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Bond Resolution adopted by the Board of Education authorizing a project consisting of interior and exterior renovations, improvements and upgrades, site improvements to physical education and recreational facilities, and various infrastructure upgrades at Rome Free Academy, Lyndon H. Strough Middle School, Stokes Elementary School, Ridge Mills Elementary School, Louis V. Denti Elementary School, John E. Joy Elementary School, Gansevort Elementary School, Francis Bellamy Elementary School and Jerry C. Clough Pre-K School and the construction at Rome Free Academy of a new multi-purpose baseball/softball physical education field complex with artificial turf, grandstands, parking, lighting, sidewalks and dugouts, and the resurfacing of and associated enhancements at the tennis courts, including, for all of the foregoing, construction, site improvements, original furnishings, fixtures and equipment required for such purposes, architectural fees, and all other necessary costs incidental to such work at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$21,608,018 and to pay for the costs of the Project by using \$3,410,000 from the Capital Reserve approved by the District voters on December 18, 2019 and, for the balance of the project costs, by the levy of a tax in installments upon all the taxable real property of the District and, in anticipation of such tax, the issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes in the principal amount not to exceed \$18,198,018 and the levy of a tax to pay the interest on said obligations be approved.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that voting upon the foregoing Proposition will be by voting machine or paper ballot and will take place on March 22, 2022, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. prevailing time at the District's election district polling places hereinafter described. A description of the boundaries of the school election districts is on file and may be inspected in the Business Office of the District, Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. through 4:00 P.M.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 2606 of the Education Law, personal registration of voters is required and no person shall be entitled to vote at said special election whose name does not appear on the register of the election district in which he or she claims to be entitled to vote or who does not register.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Registration of the Rome City School District will convene at the Office of the Board of Education, 409 Bell Road, on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 and Wednesday, March 9, 2022 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of preparing a voting register for each school election district within the Rome City School District. Any person shall be entitled to have his or her name placed upon such register, provided that he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the members of the Board of Registration and the times specified to be then, or thereafter, entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which the register is prepared. The register prepared by the Board of Registration shall be filed in the District Clerk's Office and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (Continued)

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that qualified voters of the District may obtain applications for an absentee ballot from the office of the Clerk of the District. Completed applications must be received by the Clerk of the District no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 21, 2022 and must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 15, 2022 if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 4:00 p.m. on March 15, 2021 will require the voter to personally appear at the office of the Clerk of the District to receive an absentee ballot. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter in the office of the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during each of the 5 days prior to the election, except Sundays, and shall also be posted at the polling place at the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military ballots may be applied for by qualified voters by requesting an application from the District Clerk at 315-338-9997 or kfontana@romecsd.org. Completed applications for military ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 25, 2022. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. An individual will qualify as a military voter if he or she (1) is a qualified voter of the State of New York, who is in actual military service, and by reason of such military service is absent from the District on the day of the election, or is a voter who is discharged from military service within 30 days of an election; or (2) a spouse, parent, child, or dependent of such service member who is a qualified voter and is absent due to accompanying or being with the military service member.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the place in each election district where said special election will be held, including a description of each Election District, is as follows:

- First Ward: Rome City School District – 409 Bell Rd. S.
- Second Ward: Rome City School District – 409 Bell Rd. S.
- Third Ward: Redeemer Church – 129 N. Washington St.
- Fourth Ward: Gansevoort School – 758 W. Liberty St.
- Fifth Ward: Strough Middle School - 801 Laurel St.
- Sixth Ward: St. Paul’s Catholic Church - 1807 Bedford St.
- Seventh Ward: Copper City Community Connection – 305 E. Locust St.
- Eighth Ward: Stokes School – 9095 Turin Rd.
- Ninth Ward: Stokes School – 9095 Turin Rd.
- Tenth Ward: Westernville Library – 9172 Main St, Westernville

An accurate description of the boundaries of the School District’s Election Districts is on file and may be inspected in the office of the Board of Education, Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. through 4:00 P.M.

DATED: January 27, 2022

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Karen Fontana, District Clerk

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (Continued)

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Section 12. The vote upon the propositions to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by voting machine or paper ballot and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballots printed in form corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law.

Section 13. This Resolution shall take effect upon the conclusion of voting on March 22, 2022, if it is approved, at the regular scheduled board meeting on January 27, 2022.

Section 14. The law firm of Trespasz & Marquardt, LLP is appointed bond counsel for the Project.

Voice vote.

By acclamation. (One no-Fontana)

Motion to add additional business to the agenda:

Motion by Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Mellace, to add the additional business to the agenda:

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

3. Resolution to accept the resignation of a Board of Education member:

Resolution by Mr. Nash, seconded by Mrs. Herbowy:

RESOLVED: With the submission of his resignation, the Board of Education hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation of Craig Ferretti, from the Board of Education, effective January 27, 2022.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

4. DEI Discussion – *The whole Board had a discussion, decision was decided to move forward with a RFP for an outside consultant. Business Office will refine the list of what is needed and requirements. They will present the draft at the next Finance Committee meeting.*
5. *The whole Board discussed the replacement of the current Board of Education member. The decision was made that interested parties should send a letter of interest by Monday, February 7th to Board President, John Nash c/o District Office. Mr. Nash will have a discussion with Attorney Budmen to discuss the process.*

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Mellace, seconded by Ms. Davis, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M. to the call of the President.