

ROCHESTER-STOCKBRIDGE UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018 6:30 PM
STOCKBRIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES

Board Members Present: Ethan Bowen, Carl Groppe, Megan Payne, Janie Feinberg, Amy Wildt, Jenny Austin

Administration Present: Bruce Labs

Members of the Community: Jessica Arsenault, Pat Harvey

Proceedings-

1. Call to Order – 6:45pm by Bruce Labs

37912032. Adjustments to the Agenda - None

82887568. Consent Agenda – None

4. Organize

1. Elect a Chairperson – Megan Payne nominated **Carl Groppe**, Ethan Bowen 2nd. No other nominations, the ayes have it.
2. Elect a Vice Chairperson – Ethan Bowen nominated **Amy Wildt**, Janie Feinberg 2nd. No other nominations, the ayes have it.
3. Elect a Clerk – Janie Feinberg nominated **Jenny Austin**, Megan Payne 2nd. No other nominations, the ayes have it.
4. Appoint 3 Members to the WRVSU Full Board – Carl Groppe, Megan Payne, and the third appointee will rotate between Amy Wildt, Ethan Bowen, and Janie Feinberg.
5. Appoint 1 Member and 1 Alternate to the WRVSU Executive Board – Carl Groppe, Megan Payne (alt)
6. Appoint a Recording Secretary – Jenny Austin
7. Appoint 1 Member and 1 Alternate for signing of A/P and Payroll – Janie Feinberg, Amy Wildt (alt)
8. Appoint 2 Members to the Negotiation Board – Carl Groppe, Ethan Bowen
9. Appoint Truant Officer – Mark Belisle
10. Designate Newspaper and Radio Station for Official Notices – Herald (Randolph), WDEV 96.1
11. Set Date, Time and Location of Regular School Board Meetings – **1st Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm rotating between Stockbridge & Rochester** (starting after March since Town meeting is the 1st Tuesday)
12. Designate Posting places – Both Schools, Town Clerks, Post Offices, and Social Media. Discussion of developing a better approach to reaching out on Facebook continued. It was decided to keep the Rochester Stockbridge School Community Discussion Group Facebook page, rename it and invite Stockbridge parents and community members.
13. Other – Janie motioned to approve minutes of the last meeting (Jan 31, 2018), Megan 2nd.

37937200. Discussion Items

1. Mission and Vision Discussion

Board members discussed how the vision will be shaped by the to-do list.. Megan gave an update on the educational steering committee that met to discuss educational philosophy as it relates to both the mission and vision as well as overall educational model. The SU has a mission and vision statement and the RSUD mission and vision can/should be consistent with the SU mission and vision. The educational steering committee discussed three items for further discussion: (1) identifying community partners, (2) how to welcome families, and (3) identifying core values.

2. To Do list

- Building structure in Rochester is a high priority- where will the kids attend class, which wings will be closed, heating plans, possible office space for rent, etc. It was decided to bring this to Rochester principal Bonnie Bourne as she gets comfortable with the campus she will know best what works for teachers and students.
- Leadership is another big item for the list; discussion continued about what leadership may look like at both campuses. The board will have a discussion with Rochester interim principal Bourne and Bruce Labs about the position next year.
- Megan Payne will talk to Martha Slater of the Herald to try and get a write up in the paper clarifying upcoming meetings. There are 2 current school boards and 1 new school board with both Towns having annual meetings in the coming months. Members then discussed marketing the new district – what would make a family pick these schools and the need to improve the current school perceptions. Focusing and building on the positives of each school, outdoor programming, community involvement (Janie to research the name of a foundation that helps with community outreach and education), and social media engagement including photos of the students in action, were some of the ideas.
- Preparation of school budget once the board gets a draft from the SU.

6. Confirm Next Meeting Date(s) – March 7, 6:30pm at Rochester School

7. Adjourn – Motioned by Janie at 8:30pm, 2nd by Carl.

Minutes submitted by Jessica Arsenault