

ROCKPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING
Wednesday August 28, 2019

Chairperson Michael Kelley called the regular meeting of the Rockport School Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle/High School Library. Present were Nicole Altieri, Richard Drost, Michael Kelley, and Cathy Reilly, Colleen Coogan was absent. Also, present were Superintendent Robert Liebow and Recording Secretary Ingrid Keating.

I. Opening of Regular Meeting

Re-organization, nomination of Chair and Vice-Chair

Superintendent Liebow requested a nomination for the position of chairperson.

Chairperson Michael Kelley requested a nomination for the position of vice-chairperson.

Motion: Richard Drost nominated Nicole Altieri as vice-chairperson.
Seconded: Cathy Reilly seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion carried 4-0.

Sub-committee appointments:

Budget: Mike Kelley/Richard Drost
Website: Nicole Altieri/Michael Kelley
Technology/Communications/Advocacy: Nicole Altieri/Colleen Coogan
Policy: Cathy Reilly/Rick Drost
School Building/Facilities: N/A
Negotiations: (RTA):
Negotiations: (Support):
EL Council: Nicole Altieri
MS Council: Rick Drost
HS Council: Cathy Reilly
Health and Wellness: Nicole Altieri/Cathy Reilly
Override: Nicole Altieri/Colleen Coogan

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Nicole Altieri nominated to approve the regular minutes from June 11, 2019
Seconded: Richard Drost seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion carried 4-0.

B. Personnel Actions

Resigned in 2019:

- Clark, Molly (EL SPED Teacher)
- Covelli, Anthony (MS/HS Music)
- Elinskas, Sarah (EL Maternity Leave Sub 8/26-10/28)
- Gould, Nick (MS Drama/Reading)
- Harvey, Karen (EL Para)
- Nangle, Gini (Community Schools Mgr)
- Murphy, Heather (HS Guidance)
- Orlando, Jamie (PreK)
- Pelletier, Abbey (Director of Food Services)
- Sclafani, William (HS Social Studies)

Leave

- McGovern, James (1 year from grade 5 teacher to Paraprofessional)
- Jylkka, Daniel (maternity leave 8/26-10/28)

Return from Leave

- Amuzzini, Chris

Sabbatical

- Cohen, Nathan (see agreement)

Contract ended:

- Boisvert, Garrett (1 yr. long-term sub HS English)
- Hood, Abby (1 yr long-term EL Para sub)
- Muise, Jessica (Long-term Sub McAuliffe)
- Hoague, Sarah MS/HS Psychologist (Waiver expired not Certified)

New Faculty/Staff 2019-2020

- Asaro, Lindsey (MS Paraprofessional)
- D'Antonio, Amy (MS/HS .52FTE Spanish)
- Elinskas, Sarah (EL Longterm Sub Teacher)Jylkka 8/26-10/15
- Gagnon, Daniel (HS SS) Sclafani
- Gubicza, Kihana (PreK) Orlando
- McCarthy, Aedan (.5 HS Physics) Waller reducing to .3
- McCarthy, Seania (EL Permanent Sub)
- McGovern, James (EL Para)
- Montana, Nicole (MS/HS Psychologist) Hoague
- Mulkern, Kristy (One Yr EL Para)
- Nokes, Debbie (Director of Food Services) Pelletier
- O'Connell, Joy (.36FTE MS SPED Teacher) Rich
- Osier, Amanda(Community Schools Mgr) Nangle
- Reynolds, Rebekah (EL SPED Teacher)
- Rich, Amy (MS .2 Drama/.8 Reading) (Gould)
- Spencer, Natalie (Grade 5 one year)
- Strzemiloski, Henry (Permanent Daily MS Sub)
- Teague, Caroline(MS Interventionist)
- Vavruska, Tara (HS Guidance) Murphy
- (.5 MS/HS Spanish)

II. Community Participation

A. Student Advisory Representative

Nathaniel Kirby and Patrick Morin reported that the Student Council Advisory Committee met three times over the summer. They reviewed “what works” and “what doesn’t work” and are working to develop a website page. The high school guidance department worked really well for the students this first day of school. The Freshmen Seminar ran smoothly and will help them transition to the high school. Overall the first day for students was very successful.

B. Public Participation

N/A

III. Discussion and Recommended Action

A. Association of Cafeteria Employees MOA

Motion: Richard Drost motioned to approve the Uniform Allowance MOA for the Association of Cafeteria Employees as presented.

Seconded: Cathy Reilly seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried 4-0.

B. SRO MOU and Operating Procedures

Mr. Liebow presented the School Resource Officer MOU, that he and Chief Horvath signed, and a Standard Operating Procedures Regarding the School Resource Officer Program in the Rockport Public Schools. The school committee would like some clarification for #5 Interviewing Students (b) ii. e) 1 & 2 regarding students under the age of 14 years old and the parent's participation. Is this section based on law or can it be modified.

Motion: Richard Drost motioned to approve the continuation of the School Resource Officer MOU with the Rockport Police Department with a follow up question to be answered regarding any laws, if any, that pertain to procedure #5 Interviewing Students (b) ii. e) 1 & 2.

Seconded: Cathy Reilly seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried 4-0.

C. RPS Communication Plan FY20

Nicole Altieri presented the Communication Plan which will foster strong relationships with district stakeholders, provide focus and direction. This years focus will be on an anticipated override, website development and the CASE study. The committee discussed preparing a calendar for communications activities including alternate off school site outreach that would offer food and socialization along with a student musical performance.

D. School Committee Handbook Review

The committee reviewed the school committee handbook, making no changes.

E. Field Trip N/A

F. Policy Revise/review

The Policy Sub-committee offered the following policies for a first reading:

File IMG A – Therapy Dogs in School (this policy needs to be reviewed within twelve months of the initial introduction.

File JRA – Student Records

G. Warrants and Payroll

IV. Information and proposals

A. School Council Update N/A

B. Donations

Linda Johanneson donated an Alto Saxophone to be used by the RPS music department.

Andrew Campbell donated 2 boxes of assorted sheet music books to be used by the K-12 music students.

C. Updates

Sub-committee reports: N/A

Superintendent Report:

The first day for staff professional development speaker Charlie Applestein was excellent; his topic is "There is no such thing as a bad kid". He has a strength based model dealing with students with trauma,

highlighting on how to approach the student, accentuating their strengths, and talked about what you say and how it is said. First day for students went very well. Principal Rose and Dean Luster talked to the seniors regarding the importance of their leadership roles. They will also hold weekly meetings with student input.

D. Other Business

V. Correspondence N/A

VI. Future Agenda Items

- A. School Opening Report (9/4)
- B. State Representatives (9/4)
- C. Superintendent's Report/FundFlow (TBA)

VII. Calendar

- A. September 9, 2019, Fall Town Meeting
- B. September 28, 2019, regular meeting
- C. October 2, 2019, regular meeting

VIII. Executive Session

Motion: At 8:31 pm Nicole Altieri motioned to adjourn the regular meeting and enter executive session and will return to open session.

Seconded: Richard Drost seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried 4-0.

Roll call:	Nicole Altieri	yes
	Richard Drost	yes
	Michael Kelley	yes
	Cathy Reilly	yes

At 8:44 pm the committee returned to open session.

Motion: At 8:45 pm Nicole Altieri motioned to adjourn the regular meeting

Seconded: Richard Drost seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Liebow
Superintendent of Schools