

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
July 16, 2026
District Office Board Room**

The meeting may be viewed on the Rome City School District YouTube page.

Members Present: Mr. Capponi, Mrs. Carvelli, Ms. Rashid, Mr. Roland, Mrs. Safin, Mrs. Yoxall

Members Absent: Mr. DeMatteis

Note: None

Other School District Personnel in Attendance:

Ms. Anselme, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Gonzalez, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations
Dr. Carney, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Strategic Initiatives

Staff Excused: Mrs. DePerno, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

PRESIDENT CALLS MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Yoxall in the Boardroom at 409 Bell Road.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 15, 2026, Special Meeting of June 17, 2026, Special Meeting of June 24, 2026 by Mr. Roland, seconded by Ms. Rashid.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

- Additional Human Resources Action Item resolution
 - Resolution to appoint Interim Principal at Rome Free Academy

Motion to accept the Additional Business by Mrs. Carvelli, seconded by Ms. Rashid.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

BOARD RECOGNITION (ACHIEVEMENTS AND HONORS)

- RFA Graduation
 - Safin – It was a beautiful celebration. Having it on Friday night was great. Recommended giving families 2 tickets in the future to be sure they have seats and then open the gates to those without tickets later. There was seating for over 5,000 available. Families were saving seats and it kept others from sitting.
 - Roland – Great night overall. Students were the limelight and that should continue.
 - Rashid – Event went well and everyone did a great job. Concern with the amount of seating and families standing.
 - Yoxall – Seeing the excitement for all was great. Proud for all involved.
 - Carvelli – Last year there were complaints about people standing in front of those that arrived early and were seated in the front rows. Cooperation with all agencies to keep that area clear was great and appreciated.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

At this time the floor was opened for all public comment, not just those speaking about agenda items.

Tracy Melone – Cut in department

Gina Kierpiec – IEP concerns

Jennifer Roth – Follow up from June 2, 2026 meeting

Jacqueline Nelson – NAACP educational role

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Written/Oral Information
 - Welcome to the start of the 2026-2027 school year
 - Welcome to new Board member, Mr. Capponi
 - Congratulations to President Yoxall and Vice-President Carvelli
 - Reflecting on the 2025-2026 school year
 - Rome is Home: Progress in Action
 - Preparing for the 2026-2027 school year
 - Capital Improvement Planning update
 - Board learning and professional development
 - Appreciation to Board, administrators, teachers, staff, families, and community members for continued partnership and commitment to our students

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution to accept Consent Agenda:

Resolution by Mrs. Safin, seconded by Mr. Capponi:

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

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. Resignations/Terminations:

Name	Position (Title)	Reason	Effective Date
Alyssa Kiehn (John Joy)	Special Education Teacher	Resignation	07/02/2026
Rebecca Hoage (Denti)	Teacher Assistant	Termination	08/31/2026
Andrea Peterson (RFA)	Office Specialist, 12 months, 7.5 hrs./day	Resignation	08/03/2026
David Itzo (RFA)	Assistant Principal	Resignation	07/31/2026
Andrew Barton (RFA)	Principal	Resignation	08/03/2026
Dana Ely (District Office)	Coordinator of Special Education	Resignation	07/31/2026
Sandrine Copeland (Strough)	Food Service Helper 6.5 Hours/Day	Resignation (For Other Employment in the District)	08/31/2026

Tiffany O'Shea (RFA)	Food Service Helper 6.5 Hours/Day	Resignation (For Other Employment in the District)	08/31/2026
Renita Williams (RFA)	Cook 6.5 Hours/Day	Resignation (For Other Employment in the District)	08/31/2026

B. Leave of Absence:

Name	Position (Title)	Reason	Effective Date (s)
Erica Oshier (RFA)	Music Teacher	Unpaid Childcare Leave Year 1	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
Brianna Peterson (Ridge Mills)	Speech Therapist	Unpaid Childcare Leave Year 1	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027

C. Appointment of Student Teacher/Internship Personnel:

Name	Position (Title)	Effective Date(s)
Luis Ortiz	Student Teacher	09/08/2026 - 12/18/2026

D. Appointment of Non-Instructional Probationary Personnel:

Name	Position (Title)	Salary	Probationary Start Date	Probationary End Date
Michael Gibbs (Strough)	School Monitor 3.75 Hours/Day	\$17.59/Hour	09/01/2026	02/28/2027
Renita Williams (Bellamy)	Cook Manager 6.5 Hours/Day	\$27,475.00	09/01/2026	02/28/2027
Sandrine Copeland (Strough)	Cook 6.5 Hours/Day	\$20.91/Hour	09/01/2026	02/28/2027
David Rogers (Denti)	Custodial Worker (1st Shift M-F)	\$20.45/Hour	07/20/2026	01/19/2027
Rogan Nolan (Denti)	Custodial Worker (2nd Shift M-F)	\$20.45/Hour + Prorated Shift Differential	07/20/2026	01/19/2027

Marie Lamm (Strough)	Food Service Helper 3.75 Hours/Day	\$17.59/Hour	09/01/2026	02/28/2027
Tiffany O'Shea (RFA)	Cook 6.5 Hours/Day	\$20.91/Hour	09/01/2026	02/28/2027

E. Amend Hours of Non-Instructional Personnel:

Name	Position (Title)	Hours (From)	Hours (To)	Effective Date
Deborah Szarek (Bellamy)	Food Service Helper	6.5 Hours/Day	6 Hours/Day	09/01/2026

F. Appointment of Instructional/Non-Instructional Substitutes:

Name	Position (Title)	Salary	Effective Date(s)
Declan McCarthy	Custodial Worker	\$16.00/Hour	07/17/2026
Amber Asch	Nurse	\$164.49/Day	09/01/2026
Daniel House	Custodial Worker	\$16.00/Hour	07/17/2026
Andrea Peterson	Uncertified Teacher	\$143.26/Day	09/01/2026

G. Amend Appointment of Instructional Probationary Personnel:

Name	Position (From)	Position (To)	Tenure Area (From)	Tenure Area (To)
Anna Carnevale (Denti)	Elementary Teacher	Reading Teacher	Elementary	Literacy and Reading

H. Appointment of Instructional Probationary Personnel:

Name	Position (Title)	Tenure Area	Step	Salary	Probationary Start Date	Probationary End Date
Jessica Washnis (RFA)	Social Studies Teacher	Social Studies	BS60 Step 9	\$66,610.00 + Contractual Benefits	09/01/2026	08/31/2030

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.

Instructional hires with a 9/1/2026 start date will be eligible to participate in summer professional development beginning on 7/1/2026.

I. Appointment of Long Term Substitute:

Name	Position	Step	Salary	Effective Date
Tessa Zmudosky (Strough)	Special Education Teacher	BS Step 7	\$57,889.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
Jenna Manna (Strough)	Special Education Teacher	BS Step 11	\$61,889.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
Janine Johnson (Denti .5/John Joy .5)	Music Teacher	BS30 Step 7	\$61,140.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
Savannah Mays (Strough)	Science Teacher	BS30 Step 11	\$65,140.00	09/01/2026 - 06/30/2027

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Instructional hires with a 9/1/2026 start date will be eligible to participate in summer professional development beginning on 7/1/2026.

J. Amend Tenure Area of Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) Instructional Coach:

Name	Tenure Area (From)	Tenure Area (To)
Samantha Streiff (Stokes)	Secondary	Literacy and Reading

K. Appointment of Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) Instructional Coach:

Name	Tenure Area	Step	Salary	Probationary Start Date	Probationary End Date
Michele Evans (Strough)	Elementary	BS30 Step 16	\$70,840.00 + Contractual Benefits	09/01/2026	08/31/2030

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Instructional employees with a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2026, will be eligible to participate in summer professional development opportunities.

L. Rescind Appointment of Special Education Summer School Personnel:

Name	Position (Title)	Salary	Effective Date(s)
Alyssa Kiehn	Teacher Assistant	\$25.00/Hour	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026
Robert Yetter Jr.	Teacher Assistant	\$25.00/Hour	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026
Dale Fink	Teacher Assistant	\$25.00/Hour	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026

M. Amend Position of Special Education Summer School Personnel:

Name	From Position (Title)	To Position (Title)	Effective Date(s)
Theodore Swavely	APE Teacher .4	APE Teacher .6	07/06/2026 - 08/14/2026

N. Appointment of Per Diem Personnel For Summer Employment :

Name	Position (Title)	Salary	Effective Date(s)
Sara Fox	Student Support Specialist	\$274.59/Day	07/01/2026 - 08/31/2026
Michele Evans	TSI Instructional Coach	BS30 Step 16 + Contractual Benefits	07/01/2026 - 08/31/2026
Samantha Streiff	TSI Instructional Coach	BS30 Step 16 + Contractual Benefits	07/01/2026 - 08/31/2026

O. Appointment of Summer Regents Review Instructional Personnel:

Name	Position	Salary	Effective Date(s)
Diana Sharpstene	Math Teacher	\$50.00/Hour	08/03/2026 - 08/14/2026
Alexis Hammack	Math Teacher	\$50.00/Hour	08/03/2026 - 08/14/2026
Erin Corleto	ELA Teacher	\$50.00/Hour	08/03/2026 - 08/14/2026
Robert Wood	Science Teacher	\$50.00/Hour	08/03/2026 - 08/14/2026
Elaine Rotenberry	Lab Make-Up Teacher	\$50.00/Hour	08/03/2026 - 08/14/2026
Riccardo Dursi	US History Teacher	\$50.00/Hour	08/03/2026 - 08/14/2026
Daniel Dunn	Global History Teacher	\$50.00/Hour	08/03/2026 - 08/14/2026

P. Appointment of 2025-2026 Home Tutors:

Name	Position (Title)	Salary
Dixie Enos	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour

Q. Appointment of 2026-2027 Winter Coaching Personnel:

Name	Position (Title)	Salary
Nazie Adolfi	Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	\$6,630.00

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

July 16, 2026

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	3	
Deaf		
Deaf-Blindness		
Emotionally Disturbed	2	
Hearing Impaired		
Intellectual Disability	4	
Learning Disabled	44	
Multiply Disabled		
Orthopedically Impaired		
Other Health Impaired	14	
Speech Impaired	4	
Transfer Review		
Traumatic Brain Injury		
Visually Impaired		
Pre-School with disability		3
Non-Disabled	2	
Declassified	1	
Section 504	33	
Tabled		

FINANCE

Consent Agenda Action Items

No agenda items

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

FINANCE

Action Items

1. Resolution to approve consultant contract:

Resolution by Mr. Roland, seconded by Ms. Rashid:

WHEREAS, the Rome City School District ("District") has identified a need for specialized services in the coordination, management, and reporting of student data, and training/transitioning of district staff; and

WHEREAS, Wendy Ahles ("Consultant") has been identified as an independent contractor with the requisite expertise and qualifications to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, a Consultant Agreement ("Agreement") has been drafted between the Rome City School District and Wendy Ahles; and WHEREAS, the Agreement stipulates that the Consultant will be compensated at a rate of \$400 per day, two days per week, not to exceed \$42,000 for the year without prior written approval from the District, for services rendered from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the terms and conditions of the proposed Consultant Agreement and finds them to be fair, reasonable, and in the best interest of the Rome City School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rome City School District Board of Education hereby accepts and approves the Consultant Agreement between the Rome City School District and Wendy Ahles, effective July 1, 2026, for the services outlined therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools, or their designee, is hereby authorized to execute the Consultant Agreement on behalf of the Rome City School District and to take any and all actions necessary to implement the terms of said Agreement.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

FINANCE (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

2. Resolution to approve YMCA contract:

Resolution by Mr. Capponi, seconded by Mrs. Safin:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rome City School District recognizes the educational, recreational, and social benefits of providing students with access to enrichment, wellness, and extracurricular programming; and

WHEREAS, the YMCA of the Greater Tri-Valley offers a variety of instructional and recreational programs designed to support the physical, social, emotional, and creative development of school-age children; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to provide eligible Rome City School District students, ages 5 through 17, with opportunities to participate in such programs during the 2026–2027 school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rome City School District hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, or her designee, to enter into an agreement with the YMCA of the Greater Tri-Valley for the 2026–2027 school year to provide programs and services to eligible Rome City School District students, ages 5 through 17, including, but not limited to:

- Self-Defense
- Zumba Dance Class
- Swim Lessons
- School Break Programs
- Youth Sports Programs
- 12:1:1 Crafts
- Tumbling
- Music
- Singing Lessons
- Drama/Performative Club
- Archery

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total cost of the agreement shall not exceed Fifty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$58,000) for the 2026–2027 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools, or her designee, is authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this agreement.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Ms. Anselme spoke to say what an incredible job the YMCA has done with our youth and they provide opportunities for them during school breaks. Mr. Capponi feels that additional advertising can be done to assist in filling the available sessions offered to help maximize the use of the contract.

FINANCE (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

3. Resolution to approve ILO contract through BOCES:

Resolution by Mr. Roland, seconded by Ms. Rashid:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rome City School District seeks to enter into a contract with the ILO Group for Leadership Planning & Facilitation, AP & Dean Leadership Academy and Leadership Coaching & Capacity Building for the 2026-2027 school year;

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rome City School District plans to utilize the Capital Region BOCES Coser 598 to cover the cost of these services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rome City School District authorizes the district to enter into a contract with the ILO Group, for the provision of Leadership Institute Planning & Facilitation (\$16,000), AP & Dean Leadership Academy (\$20,000), Leadership Coaching & Capacity Building (\$45,000), and BOCES coordination fee (\$12,150) with a total cost not to exceed \$93,150, effective on or about July 27, 2026, and concluding on June 30, 2027.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Audit Committee Meeting: TBD

Finance Committee Meeting: TBD

Committee Report

A meeting will be scheduled now that the new committee has been established.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Action Items

1. Resolution to approve 2026-2027 School Comprehensive Education Plans:

Resolution by Mrs. Safin, seconded by Mr. Capponi:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the 2026-2027 School Comprehensive Education Plans (SCEP) for Bellamy, Gansevoort, Denti, Joy, Stokes, and Strough schools be approved by the Board of Education for the 2026-2027 school year.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

2. Resolution to approve 2026-2027 District Comprehensive Improvement Plan:

Resolution by Mr. Roland, seconded by Mrs. Carvelli:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the 2026-2027 District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP) be approved by the Board of Education for the 2026-2027 school year.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Action Items

1. Resolution to accept amendment to Affiliation Agreement:

Resolution by Mrs. Carvelli, seconded by Ms. Rashid:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Amendment to the Affiliation Agreement between the Rome City School District and Touro University, GSE dated September 3, 2025.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Action Items

2. Resolution to accept Memorandum of Agreement:

Resolution by Mrs. Safin, seconded by Mr. Capponi:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Rome City School District and Rome Teacher's Association for School Psychologist Interns.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

3. Resolution to appoint interim principal and approve additional compensation:

Resolution by Ms. Rashid, seconded by Mr. Roland:

WHEREAS, Karen Peek, currently serving as Assistant Principal of Denti Elementary School, assumed significant principal-level responsibilities beginning April 14, 2026, to ensure the continued operation and leadership of the school during the vacancy in the principal position; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes that the scope and duration of these responsibilities exceeded those normally expected of an Assistant Principal and wishes to acknowledge her leadership, flexibility, and commitment during this transition; and

WHEREAS, effective June 27, 2026, Karen Peek assumed the role of Interim Principal of Denti Elementary School pending the appointment of a Probationary Principal by the Board of Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Karen Peek to serve as Interim Principal of Denti Elementary School, effective June 27, 2026, until a Probationary Principal for Denti Elementary School has been appointed by the Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes a one-time stipend of \$2,000.00 in recognition of the significant additional principal-level responsibilities performed by Karen Peek during the period of April 14, 2026, through June 26, 2026; and

HUMAN RESOURCES (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

3. Resolution to appoint interim principal and approve additional compensation: (Continued)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that beginning June 27, 2026, Karen Peek shall receive an additional \$55.00 per day added to her daily rate of pay for serving as Interim Principal, with such additional compensation continuing until a Probationary Principal for Denti Elementary School has been appointed by the Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent or designee is authorized to take all necessary actions to process the stipend and additional compensation in accordance with District payroll procedures, budgetary appropriations, and applicable law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Clarification was given that Ms. Peek is receiving the additional compensation because she was working out of title while taking on the additional responsibilities.

HUMAN RESOURCES (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

4. Resolution to approve administrative personnel:

Resolution by Mrs. Carvelli, seconded by Mr. Roland:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the probationary appointment of Karen Peek for the position of Principal at Denti Elementary School, at a salary of \$111,842.00 plus contractual benefits (prorated), effective July 17, 2026 - July 16, 2030.

Voice vote. (1 No – Mr. Capponi)

By acclamation.

Mr. Capponi asked to table the resolution due to not having an opportunity to review the salary information in depth. Dr. Carney provided that the salary is determined through conversations with the union president prior to the posting, as well as through negotiations upon the actual hiring of the personnel. Salaries, elementary principals, length of service, annual base salary in comparison to regional rates and competitive salaries are all analyzed prior to making the determination. Mr. Capponi noted that the salary is slightly higher than the previous principal, who had more experience. Resolution was not tabled.

Ms. Peek was congratulated.

Ms. Peek was in attendance and thanked the board and superintendent for their confidence in her. She also stated that she is committed to building on a strong foundation, while ensuring every student feels safe, supported, and challenged, as well as inspired to succeed.

HUMAN RESOURCES (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

5. Resolution to appoint Acting District Treasurer and approve additional compensation:

Resolution by Mrs. Safin, seconded by Ms. Rashid:

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Sessions, currently serving as Deputy Treasurer of the Rome City School District, has been called upon to assume the duties and responsibilities of the District Treasurer to ensure the continued operation of the District's financial functions during the vacancy in the District Treasurer position; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes that the scope, complexity, and duration of these responsibilities exceed those normally expected of the Deputy Treasurer and wishes to acknowledge his professionalism, expertise, flexibility, and commitment during this transition; and

WHEREAS, effective June 29, 2026, Jeffrey Sessions assumed the role of Acting District Treasurer pending the appointment of a District Treasurer by the Board of Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Jeffrey Sessions to serve as Acting District Treasurer, effective June 29, 2026, until a District Treasurer has been appointed by the Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that beginning June 29, 2026, Jeffrey Sessions shall receive an additional \$176.58 per day added to his current daily rate for serving as Acting District Treasurer, with such additional compensation continuing until a District Treasurer has been appointed by the Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools or designee is authorized to take all necessary actions to process the additional compensation in accordance with District payroll procedures, budgetary appropriations, and applicable law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Mrs. Carvelli asked for an update regarding the process going forward to select a treasurer. Dr. Georgia Gonzalez stated that the position is being reposted for a third time. The candidates that have previously been offered the position have declined. The position is being reposted and will hopefully be filled by the beginning of September. Jeffrey Sessions will continue as the interim until the position is filled.

HUMAN RESOURCES (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

6. Resolution to appoint Interim Principal at Rome Free Academy:

Resolution by Mrs. Safin, seconded by Mr. Capponi:

WHEREAS, Kristie Boisen currently serves as the Assistant Principal of Rome Free Academy; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the position of Principal of Rome Free Academy **will occur effective August 4, 2026**; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to appoint Kristie Boisen to serve as Interim Principal of Rome Free Academy to ensure continuous leadership, stability, and operational oversight during this transition period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Kristie Boisen to serve as Interim Principal of Rome Free Academy, effective **August 4, 2026**, until a Principal for Rome Free Academy has been appointed by the Board of Education and assumes the duties of the position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that beginning **August 4, 2026**, Kristie Boisen shall receive additional compensation of \$79.13 per day added to her daily rate of pay for serving as Interim Principal, with such additional compensation continuing until a Principal has been appointed and she transitions out of the interim role; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent or designee is authorized to take all necessary actions to process this additional compensation in accordance with District payroll procedures, budgetary appropriations, and applicable law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Mrs. Carvelli asked for information regarding the filling of the Assistant Principal position. Dr. Carney stated that once Mrs. Boisen is approved for the interim principal position they will be able post for an interim assistant principal to fill her position until they are able to fill it with a probationary candidate. Mrs. Boisen will be filling the interim principal position until the principal position is filled. Dr. Carney clarified that those filling an interim position will fill that role until the position is filled permanently and any open positions will be backfilled utilizing additional interims where necessary.

POLICY

Action Items

No agenda items

Next Committee Meeting: TBD

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Resolution to approve combined contract referendum for Boys Varsity Swimming/Diving:

Resolution by Mr. Capponi, seconded by Mr. Roland:

WHEREAS, the Vernon-Verona-Sherrill School District has requested to enter into a combined sports agreement with the Rome City School District to allow their students continued participation in the Boys Varsity Swimming/Diving program for the 2026-2027 school year; And

WHEREAS, the proposed combined team will operate in accordance with Section III of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA), including submission and approval of the appropriate Combined Teams Application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the formation of a combined Boys Varsity Swimming/Diving program with Vernon-Verona-Sherrill School District for the 2026-2027 school year, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, or designee, to take all necessary steps to formalize this agreement, including execution of any required documents and coordination with Section III of NYSPHSAA.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Mrs. Yoxall noted that she appreciates that we collaborate with other districts in order to continue programs for all districts.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS *(Continued)*

2. Resolution approving easement:

Resolution by Mrs. Carvelli, seconded by Mr. Roland:

Mrs. Safin stepped out from 6:54 p.m. to 6:55 p.m.

WHEREAS, the County of Oneida (the “County”) seeks a temporary and permanent easement over a portion of property owned by the Rome City School District (the “District”), specifically that parcel within the City of Rome, County of Oneida, tax map number 224.018-0001-001 (409 Bell Road), for the purpose of installing a sewer line, a portion of which needs to be installed on or in close proximity to District property; and

WHEREAS, the County requires temporary and permanent access to District property for the installation of a sewer line in accordance with the proposed Easement and Right of Way Grant; and

WHEREAS, Section 405 of the N.Y. Education Law authorizes the Board, upon such consideration as the Board may determine, to convey an easement over school property for public utility services to any municipality without approval of its voters; and

WHEREAS, Board of Education determines that the transfer of an easement in the City of Rome, County of Oneida, tax map number 224.018-0001-001 (409 Bell Road) is an Unlisted Action under the regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed Easement and Right of Way Grant and desires to grant said easement in consideration for one dollar; and

WHEREAS, the location of the Easement does not interfere with the District’s educational programs or operations and the property subject to the Easement is not required for School District purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rome City School District as follows:

1. The grant of an easement in the City of Rome, County of Oneida, tax map number 224.018-0001-001 (409 Bell Road) is an Unlisted Action under the regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the Board designates itself as Lead Agency.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (Continued)

2. Resolution approving easement: (Continued)

2. Upon review of all information required to make a determination, the Board of Education determines that the action will not result in any large or important environmental impacts, and therefore, it is one which will not have a significant impact on the environment and a Negative Declaration will be prepared and filed with the District Clerk.
3. The Board approves the grant of the easement for utility purposes (specifically, the installing of a sewer line) to the County of Oneida, as described in the Easement and Right of Way Grant and attachment thereto. The Board further approved the Temporary Workspace Agreement providing access to facilitate installation of the sewer line.
4. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the Easement and Right of Way Grant instrument with such modifications and revisions (other than a change to the location or dimensions) as may be approved by the Board of Education and legal counsel, which approval shall be conclusively shown by the execution of the instruments, and take all actions necessary or convenient to assist the County complete the recording of the said instrument.
5. This resolution shall be immediately effective.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (Continued)

3. Resolution approving Physician Consultant Agreement:

Resolution by Mr. Capponi, seconded by Mr. Roland:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rome City School District (“District”) is responsible for ensuring that appropriate health and medical services are available to support students; and

WHEREAS, the District requires the services of a licensed physician to provide medical consultation and to support compliance with New York State Education Law and regulations governing school health services, including collaboration with the District’s Nurse Practitioner and Licensed Athletic Trainer; and

WHEREAS, Vivienne Taylor, M.D., is duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York and is qualified to provide such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Consulting Agreement between the District and Vivienne Taylor, M.D., for physician consulting services for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total compensation for such services shall be \$5,000 annually, plus reimbursement for reasonable travel expenses not to exceed \$100 per month, unless otherwise approved in advance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such services shall include, but not be limited to:

- Serving as the collaborating physician for the District’s Nurse Practitioner in accordance with New York State law;
- Serving as the supervising/collaborating physician for the District’s Licensed Athletic Trainer pursuant to required written protocols;
- Providing medical consultation, oversight, and support for District health services, programs, and staff, as requested;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools (or designee) is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement and any related documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education finds that the engagement of such services is necessary and appropriate to support the health, safety, and welfare of District students and to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Clarification was given that Dr. Taylor will be providing oversight to the Nurse Practitioner.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Upcoming events
 - Board Retreat - July 30, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at Strough Middle School

OLD BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Safin, seconded by Mrs. Carvelli, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. to discuss matters leading to the employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation; and matters relating to the medical, financial, or credit history of a particular person or corporation.

Voice vote.

By acclamation,

Motion by Mrs. Safin, seconded by Mr. Capponi, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs. Safin, seconded by Ms. Rashid, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. to the call of the President.