

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
October 5, 2026
District Office Board Room**

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

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

Student Members Present: Noah Riolo

Members Absent: Mr. DeMatteis

Student Members Absent: Jholai Howard

Note: None

Other School District Personnel in Attendance:

Ms. Anselme, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Carney, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Strategic Initiatives

Mrs. DePerno, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Staff Excused: Dr. Gonzalez, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations

**5:15 p.m. - Public Hearing for the Code of Conduct; and
The Proposed Naming of the Stokes Gymnasium after a Former Student**

Public Hearing was opened at 5:15 p.m.

Mrs. Jennifer DePerno, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, spoke about the updated to the Code of Conduct.

There was discussion regarding cell phones and the guidelines of having them and how discipline works for having one.

Makenzie Enos and Kaitlyn Maxim spoke to the Board of Education regarding the naming of the Stokes Elementary School Gymnasium after Ayla Sharmay Griffiths.

Public Hearing was closed at 5:34 p.m. by President Yoxall.

PRESIDENT CALLS MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. by President Yoxall in the Boardroom at 409 Bell Road.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion of Mrs. Safin, seconded by Mr. Roland, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 21, 2026 and the Special Meeting of September 29, 2026 were ordered approved as distributed.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None

BOARD RECOGNITION (ACHIEVEMENTS AND HONORS)

- ENL Recognition for students who have reached “Commanding”
 - Students were recognized and given a certificate for achieving Commanding on the New York State English Language Proficiency Assessment by Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Jennifer DePerno, English New Language Coordinator, Mrs. Diane Stevenson, and teachers, Ms. Taryn Gleasman and Ms. Paulina White.
 - Students recognized:
 - Jablin Aidoo (present)
 - Giorgio Aidoo (present)
 - Jackie Aidoo (present)
 - Hansel Baffour (present)
 - Emmanuel Bekoe (family present)
 - Luis Benscosme (not present)
 - Chrysanthemum Htoo (not present)
 - Alazne Htoo (not present)
 - Andy Incoom (family present)
 - Safwana Manha (present)
 - Vida Owusu (not present)
 - Glorymar Pagan Rodriguez (present)
 - Yariel Vargas Liranzo (not present)
 - Jia Ying Zi (present)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

- Dennis Perfetti – Nonsense

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Written/Oral Information
 - World Teachers Day
 - Capital Improvement Project 2026 - December 8, 2026 vote
 - Continuing to prepare
 - Clough renovations, Demolition of Staley, Grandstand improvements
 - No additional tax impact – State building aid, FEMA grant, Capital Reserve funds, Insurance recovery funds, any other available resources
 - Community Information Sessions
 - October 14 – Connected Community Schools – 6:00 p.m.
 - November 17 – Rome Free Academy – 6:00 p.m.
 - FAQ’s will be available soon
 - Information added to the website weekly

Mrs. Safin asked for clarification regarding the money from FEMA and if we have already received the money from them. Superintendent Anselme stated that the FEMA money is a reimbursement and

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Continued)

we will not receive the money unless all of the project is completed by December 2029. We have been approved for up to a total of \$19 million dollars, and we do not receive the money until we show where the money has been spent. Demolishing Staley is a requirement to be able to be reimbursed the money.

Mr. Capponi asked for clarification after reviewing the audit from last year that Staley was written off for \$2.5 million out of the assets for sale category. The Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations was not in attendance to answer the questions. Superintendent Anselme stated that she would get him an answer and also be sure it was talked about at the next meeting for the public to also have the information.

- Social Media Litigation
 - New York as won some money through this litigation and it will be shared with districts
- Educational highlights
 - National Bullying Prevention Month
 - National Disability Employment Month
 - National Principals Month

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORT

- District Safety – Safin
 - First meeting is coming up
 - Appreciation given to those that are taking on extra duties to help out
- School Boards Institute – Roland
 - Next meeting is in two weeks
- Parent Partnership –
 - First meeting is on Oct 29 in the library at Strough Middle School at 6:00 p.m.
- Sports – Safin
 - Football team beat Proctor after almost 14 years
 - Everyone is doing great
- Wellness Council – Roland
 - Updates needed to the website
 - Ways to let staff know about student allergies quickly is being discussed
- BOCES Report – Carvelli
 - Open House on October 17, 2026 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Spring Road campus
 - Rome has approximately 400 students throughout the BOCES programs
 - Read a letter written by Dr. Matthew Williams, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for MOBOCES regarding the positive impact Superintendent Anselme made on those listening to her Ignite keynote address at the NYSCOSS Fall Leadership Summit.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

- STASS Community Tailgate on October 16, 2026, 3:30-5:30 p.m. before the Football game
- Fundraisers
 - Seniors – Texas Roadhouse rolls & Christmas wreaths
 - Juniors – Crumble Cookie
 - Sophomores – Utica Coffee
 - Freshmen – Halloween grams
- Girls tennis playing in Sectionals today
- RFA Select Choir held tryouts
- Art Club & French Club will host Haunted Hallways on October 24 from 6-9 at RFA

WORKSHOP

- 2025-2026 Significant accomplishments – Presentation given by Mrs. Jennifer DePerno, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
 - Executive Summary: Overall District Growth Highlights
 - Significant Accomplishments: Grades 3-8 NYS Testing
 - Significant Accomplishments by Cohort
 - Significant Accomplishments by Building

Mrs. Safin stepped out at 6:44 p.m. and returned at 6:46 p.m.

- Significant Accomplishments: 3-Year Trend (District Data)
- Regents Examination Accomplishments

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
Mary Saunders (RFA)	Teacher Tutor	Resignation	09/14/2026
Lorraine Bassett (RFA)	Food Service Helper 3.5 Hours/Day	Resignation	09/16/2026
Melissa O'Rourke (RFA)	Teacher Coordinator – Health	Resignation	06/30/2026
Ann-Marie Burgdorf (Denti)	School Monitor 3.75 Hours/Day	Resignation	09/17/2026
Elaine Donovan (Gansevoort)	Teacher Assistant	Resignation	10/04/2026
Jenny Vera Bustamante (Clough)	Teacher Aide	Resignation	09/25/2026

B. Leave of Absence:

Name	Position (Title)	Reason	Effective Date(s)
Alexandra Poppleton (Gansevoort)	Music Teacher	FMLA Unpaid Leave of Absence	11/03/2026 - 12/04/2026
Steven Yaddaw (RFA)	Custodian F	Unpaid Leave of Absence (for other employment in District)	10/06/2026 - 04/05/2027

C. Appointment of Non-Instructional Probationary Personnel:

Name	Position (Title)	Salary	Probationary Start Date	Probationary End Date
Lori Ferrare (Ridge Mills)	School Monitor 3.75 Hours/Day	\$17.59/Hour	10/06/2026	04/05/2027
Steven Yaddaw (Denti)	Custodian B	\$59,300.96 (prorated)	10/06/2026	04/05/2027
Angela Filey (John Joy)	Teacher Aide	\$20,645.00 (prorated)	10/06/2026	04/05/2027
Samantha Gotti (Ridge Mills)	School Monitor 3.75 Hours/Day	\$17.59/Hour	10/06/2026	04/05/2027
Sharon Kerst (Strough)	Teacher Aide (To become a Teacher Assistant within 6 months)	\$20,645.00 (prorated)	09/21/2026	03/20/2027
Katlyn Larmon (Strough)	Teacher Aide (To become a Teacher Assistant within 6 months)	\$20,645.00 (prorated)	09/21/2026	03/20/2027

D. Amend Position of Non-Instructional Personnel:

Name	From Position (Title)	To Position (Title)	Effective Date
Carrie Smith (Gansevoort)	Teacher Aide	Teacher Aide (To become a Teacher Assistant within 6 months)	09/18/2026 - 03/17/2027

E. Appointment of Instructional Probationary Personnel:

Name	Position (Title)	Tenure Area	Step	Salary	Probationary Start Date	Probationary End Date
Corinne Tudman (Strough)	School Psychologist	School Psychologist	BS90 Step 24 + 11 years of service at \$1,650.00 per year of service	\$108,729.00 + Contractual Benefits (prorated)	09/28/2026	09/27/2029
Mark Mack (Ridge Mills)	Art Teacher	Visual Arts	BS30 Step 4	\$58,140.00 + Contractual Benefits (prorated)	10/06/2026	10/05/2030

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.

F. Appointment of Administrative Probationary Personnel:

Name	Position (Title)	Tenure Area	Salary	Probationary Start Date	Probationary End Date
Ashley Rose (Bellamy)	Dean of Students	Dean of Students	\$75,000.00 + Contractual Benefits (prorated)	11/02/2026	11/01/2030

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It was noted that the Dean of Students positions are grant funded due to the building being identified. When the building is no longer identified and the grant goes away the Dean position could also go away. A school could have both an Assistant Principal and a Dean of Students.

G. Appointment of Instructional/Non-Instructional Substitutes:

Name	Position (Title)	Salary	Effective Date(s)
Erin Sanford	Occupational Therapist	\$164.49/Day	10/06/2026
Maureen Zackowski	Certified Teacher	\$164.49/Day	09/30/2026
Lisa Mumpton	Retired Certified Teacher	\$196.32/Day	10/06/2026
Gary Stack	Custodial Worker	\$16.00/Hour	10/06/2026
Theresa Mendiola	School Monitor, Teacher Aide, Teacher Assistant	\$16.00/Hour	10/06/2026
Christina Greiner	Teacher Aide, Teacher Assistant, School Monitor	\$16.00/Hour	10/06/2026
Andrea Peterson	Clerical Substitute	\$16.00/Hour	09/21/2026
Elizabeth Salerno	Teacher Aide, Teacher Assistant	\$16.00/Hour	10/06/2026

H. Appointment of Non-Instructional Provisional Personnel:*

Name	Position (Title)	Salary	Effective Date(s)
Samantha Smith (RFA)	Office Specialist 11 Months, 7.5 Hours/Day	\$30,807.80 (prorated)	10/15/2026
Donna Decker (RFA)	Office Specialist 12 Months, 7.5 Hours/Day	\$35,475.05 (prorated)	10/15/2026
Megan Graves (Strough)	Office Specialist 11 Months 7.5 Hours/Day	\$30,807.80 (prorated)	10/15/2026
Laura Kinney (RFA)	Office Specialist 12 Months, 7.5 Hours/Day	\$35,475.05 (prorated)	10/15/2026
Amber Jo Slawson	Substitute Security Aide	\$23.03/Hour	10/15/2026
Samantha Morgam	Substitute Security Aide	\$23.03/Hour	10/15/2026

**** Employment contingent on Rome City Civil Service Commission Approval***

I. Appointment of Student Teacher/Field Experience/Internship Personnel:

Name	Position (Title)	Effective Date(s)
Alanna Fragapane	Fieldwork	10/06/2026 - 12/07/2026
Kelly Smith	Fieldwork	10/06/2026 - 12/07/2026

J. Appointment of 2026-2027 Extracurricular Clubs Personnel:

Name	Building	Position (Title)	Club	Salary
Jeremy Sweet	RFA	Co-Set Builder	RFA Musical	\$700.00
Mathew DePasquale	RFA	Co-Set Builder	RFA Musical	\$700.00
Kristen Meiss	RFA	RFA Musical Producer	RFA Musical	\$1,000.00

K. Appointment of 2026-2027 Fall Coaching Personnel:

Name	Position (Title)	Salary
Sierra Raux	Football Equipment Manager	\$4,202.00

L. Appointment of 2026-2027 Winter Coaching Personnel:

Name	Position (Title)	Salary
Melissa O'Rourke	Alpine Ski Varsity Head Coach	\$6,314.00
Mark Rushton	Alpine Ski Varsity Assistant Coach	\$5,906.00
Nicholas Facciolo IV	Boys Basketball Varsity Assistant Coach	\$4,186.00
Ryan McAndrew	Boys Basketball JH Head Coach (Black)	\$3,734.00
Michael Harrison	Boys Basketball JH Head Coach (Orange)	\$3,134.00
Kevin Campbell	Boys Basketball JV Head Coach	\$6,728.00
Evan Howard	Girls Basketball JH Head Coach (Black)	\$6,314.00
Matthew DeDominick	Girls Basketball JH Head Coach (Orange)	\$6,134.00
Kelsey McCaskill	Girls Basketball JV Head Coach	\$3,515.00

Nikki Jo Vescio	Girls Basketball Varsity Assistant Coach	\$4,186.00
Alfred C. Bevilacqua	Girls Basketball Varsity Head Coach	\$9,330.00
Evelyn Luce	Girls Bowling Varsity Head Coach	\$3,434.00
David Nimmo	Boys Bowling Varsity Head Coach	\$6,314.00
Kim Luczak	Cheerleading Varsity Head Coach	\$6,091.00
Jason Nowicki	Ice Hockey Varsity Head Coach	\$7,830.00
David Petrelli	Ice Hockey Varsity Assistant Coach	\$7,928.00
Theodore Swavely	Boys Indoor Track Varsity Assistant Coach	\$7,928.00
Billie Mays	Boys Indoor Track Varsity Head Coach	\$9,330.00
Nicholas Jeror	Girls Indoor Track Varsity Head Coach	\$7,530.00
Diane Stevenson	Girls Indoor Track Varsity Assistant Coach	\$7,928.00
Salvatore Carollo	Boys Swim Modified Head Coach	\$6,314.00
James Ray	Boys Swim/Dive Varsity Assistant Coach	\$7,928.00
Michelle Browne	Boys Swim/Dive Varsity Head Coach	\$9,330.00
Patrick Herron	Boys Volleyball Varsity Head Coach	\$6,030.00
Juan Reyes	Girls Volleyball JV Head Coach	\$4,186.00
Katherine Migliori	Girls Volleyball JH Head Coach (Black)	\$4,034.00
Tessa Zmudosky	Girls Volleyball Varsity Head Coach	\$5,730.00
Robert Romeo	Wrestling JH Head Coach	\$5,174.00
Ty Knamm	Wrestling Varsity Head Coach	\$9,330.00
Norman Gagnon	Wrestling Varsity Assistant Coach	\$5,828.00

M. Amend Appointment of 2026-2027 Intramural Personnel:

Name	Position	From Building	To Building	Salary
David Petrelli	Fall, Winter, Spring (Morning)	Strough	RFA	\$5,100.00

N. Appointment of Home Tutors:

Name	Position (Title)	Salary
Kerri Winkler	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Robert Wood	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Jennifer Premo	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Kaitlyn Mastracco	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Rachel Destito	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Tracy Guiliano	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Jacqueline Pylman	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Kerryanne Schenck	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Elizabeth Ott	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Samantha Sabia	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Karle Serrano	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Anna Kinney	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Lydia Fields	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Irene Pelton	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Michelle Neverusky-Brindeau	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Jennifer Destito	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Shelley Pawlikowski	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Jenna Smolinski	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Faith Cianfrano	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Jamie Keating	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Melanie Feeney	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Paula Come	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Patricia Nisiewicz	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Joshua Donahue	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour

Olivia Surace	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Crystal Usyk	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Cassandra Ohlbaum-Horst	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Brianne Kent	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Samantha Streiff	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Kellie Combs	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Holly Small	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Laura Ciaccia	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Joshua Heintz	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Candice Doolen	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour
Jennifer Harvey	Home Tutor	\$40.00/Hour

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

October 5, 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	2	
Deaf		
Deaf-Blindness		
Emotionally Disturbed		
Hearing Impaired		
Intellectual Disability	2	
Learning Disabled	7	
Multiply Disabled	3	
Orthopedically Impaired		
Other Health Impaired	2	
Speech Impaired	5	
Transfer Review		
Traumatic Brain Injury		
Visually Impaired		
Pre-School with disability		12
Non-Disabled		
Declassified		
Section 504		
Tabled		

FINANCE

Consent Agenda Action Items

No agenda items

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

FINANCE

Action Items

1. Resolution to Establish a Facilities Improvement Committee:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the importance of comprehensive, long-range capital planning to ensure that District facilities remain safe, functional, efficient, and capable of supporting the educational needs of students and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to establish a Facilities Improvement Committee to provide a structured process for reviewing and prioritizing capital needs and making recommendations to the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Facilities Improvement Committee will assist the District in evaluating current and anticipated facility needs, identifying potential capital projects, reviewing project priorities and timelines, considering available funding and financing options, and developing recommendations for the Board of Education's consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rome City School District hereby establishes a Facilities Improvement Committee effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Facilities Improvement Committee shall work in coordination with the Superintendent of Schools and appropriate District administrators, including representatives of the Business Office, Facilities/Maintenance, Transportation, and other departments as appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools, or their designee, shall provide appropriate information and administrative support to the Committee and may invite architects, engineers, consultants, contractors, municipal representatives, or other subject-matter experts to participate when their expertise is relevant to the Committee's work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President shall appoint members of the Board of Education to serve on the Facilities Improvement Committee, with the membership and appointments to be reviewed annually or as otherwise determined by the Board.

Roll call vote

Mr. Capponi – Yes	Ms. Rashid – Yes	Mrs. Yoxall – Yes
Mrs. Carvelli – Yes	Mr. Roland – Yes	
Mr. DeMatteis – Absent	Mrs. Safin – Yes	

By acclamation

FINANCE (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

2. Resolution Regarding State Environmental Quality Review:

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

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

Staley Elementary School: Demolition of formerly-flooded school and other associated paved areas; and reseeding to cover area with grass.

Clough Elementary School: Addition of approximately 16,000+/- sf to include a multipurpose space intended to function as gymnasium, cafeteria, and auditorium; other portions of the addition will include a kitchen, locker rooms, offices, janitorial space, and event and gym equipment storage space. Connecting these new spaces to the existing building will be a new lobby and event entrance as well as a loading dock by the kitchen. There will also be approximately 6,000+/- sf of other interior renovations/reconfiguration to accommodate the proposed addition. The proposed new spaces will include a new library, new STEAM lab and counseling suite. The project will also include site work to accommodate the building addition and renovations.

Rome Free Academy (RFA): Building and site work at the RFA Stadium Support Facility to include demolition of the existing grandstand and concession stand structure and construction of new stadium bleachers, stadium press box, concession/restroom facility and associated site work.

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 a Type I action within the meaning of SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2026, 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 Type I action; and

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:

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FINANCE (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

2. Resolution Regarding State Environmental Quality Review: (continued)

1. The proposed action involves:

Staley Elementary School: Demolition of formerly-flooded school and other associated paved areas; and reseeding to cover area with grass.

Clough Elementary School: Addition of approximately 16,000+/- sf to include a multipurpose space intended to function as gymnasium, cafeteria, and auditorium; other portions of the addition will include a kitchen, locker rooms, offices, janitorial space, and event and gym equipment storage space. Connecting these new spaces to the existing building will be a new lobby and event entrance as well as a loading dock by the kitchen. There will also be approximately 6,000+/- sf of other interior renovations/reconfiguration to accommodate the proposed addition. The proposed new spaces will include a new library, new STEAM lab and counseling suite. The project will also include site work to accommodate the building addition and renovations.

Rome Free Academy (RFA): Building and site work at the RFA Stadium Support Facility to include demolition of the existing grandstand and concession stand structure and construction of new stadium bleachers, stadium press box, concession/restroom facility and associated site work.

2. The proposed action is classified under SEQRA as a Type I action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR §617.2(aj).
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 proposed 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 not adversely impact geological features.
6. The proposed development and use of the property will have a small impact upon surface water, which will be mitigated during construction.
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.

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FINANCE (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

2. Resolution Regarding State Environmental Quality Review: (continued)

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 have a small impact upon the habitat of native plants and animals, which will be mitigated during construction.
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 upon historic or archeological resources, which will be mitigated during construction.
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 not adversely impact transportation.
17. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact energy.
18. The proposed development and use of the property will have a small impact upon aesthetics, noise, odor and light during the period of construction, which will be mitigated during construction.
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.
22. The proposed development and use of the property will have a small impact upon disadvantaged communities.

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FINANCE (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

2. Resolution Regarding State Environmental Quality Review: (continued)

23. The proposed development and use of the property will not adversely impact future physical climate risks or increase the vulnerability of human or ecological communities to future physical climate risks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is a Type I within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.2(aj); 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 designee to file this Negative Declaration with the appropriate parties and agencies.

Mr. Capponi asked for more specific details regarding what the site work will include. Superintendent Anselme noted that the additional information will be in the FAQ that will be available the day following the meeting. Additionally, he asked for the long term reuse plan for Staley after it is receiving the grass. What is the financial impact for maintaining the grass. Superintendent Anselme noted that at this time that is the only plan we have. The district has applied for the DRI project, but at this time, the main thing in focus is the demolition first. The Staley building will be demolished.

Roll call vote

Mr. Capponi – Yes
Mrs. Carvelli – Yes
Mr. DeMatteis – Absent
Ms. Rashid – Yes
Mr. Roland – Yes
Mrs. Safin – Yes
Mrs. Yoxall – Yes

By acclamation

FINANCE (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

3. **Resolution to approve the Bond Resolution of the City of School District of the City of Rome, Oneida County, New York, Adopted the 5th Day of October 2026, Giving Preliminary Approval to (I) A Capital Improvement Project at a Total Estimated Cost Not to Exceed \$31,102,930, (II) Authorizing a Vote of the District's Qualifies Voters to Approve the Project and (III) Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Serial Bonds or Notes on Anticipation of Such Bonds in the Aggregate Principal Amount or \$22,091,430:**

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Rome (the "District") has proposed a project consisting of (i) the demolition of the George R. Staley Elementary School building; and (ii) the construction of an approximately 16,000 +/- square foot addition at Clough Elementary School, including a multipurpose space intended to function as a gymnasium, cafeteria, auditorium, kitchen, locker rooms, offices, janitorial space, and storage for event and gym equipment; as well as construction and improvements to the existing building lobby and event entrance and including, for all, 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 \$23,151,555 and obtain the necessary funds by using up to \$1,871,380 from the District's Capital Reserve, \$1,644,000 insurance recovery funds, expected FEMA and NYSEMO funding and providing that said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District to be collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District, in the principal amount not to exceed \$19,636,175 shall be issued and (ii) the construction of improvements to the Rome Free Academy Stadium Support Facility, including the demolition of the existing grandstand and concession stand structure and the construction of new stadium bleachers, press box, restroom/concession facility and 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 \$7,951,375 and obtain the necessary funds by using up to \$4,428,620 from the District's Capital Reserve and providing that said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District to be collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District, in the principal amount not to exceed \$3,522,755 shall be issued; and

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3. *Resolution to approve the Bond Resolution...* (Continued)

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 October 5, 2026 that the Project is a Type I Action as defined in SEQRA which will not result in any large or important environmental impacts and will not have a significant impact on the environment and issued a Negative Declaration with respect to the proposed action; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THIS 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2026 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 \$31,102,930, 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 \$31,102,930 and the plan of financing includes using up to \$6,300,000 from the District’s Capital Reserve, \$1,644,000 of insurance recovery funds and the issuance of serial bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$22,091,430 to finance said appropriation and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable, 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 \$22,091,430 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;

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

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3. *Resolution to approve the Bond Resolution...* (Continued)

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. The 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 December 8, 2026 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 propositions 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

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3. Resolution to approve the Bond Resolution... (Continued)

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. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include as a part of the notice of the Special District meeting and election notice the proposition in substantially the following form:

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 October 5, 2026, 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 December 8, 2026, 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 I

Shall the Bond Resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Rome authorizing (i) the demolition of the George R. Staley Elementary School building; and (ii) the construction of an approximately 16,000 +/- square foot addition at Clough Elementary School, including a multipurpose space intended to function as a gymnasium, cafeteria, auditorium, kitchen, locker rooms, offices, janitorial space, and storage for event and gym equipment; construction of and improvements to the existing building lobby and event entrance including, for all, 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 \$23,151,555 and obtaining the necessary funds by using up to \$1,871,380 from the District's Capital Reserve, \$1,644,000 of insurance recovery funds, expected FEMA and NYSEMO reimbursement grants and, for the balance, by the levy of a tax in the amount of \$19,636,175 upon the taxable property of the District to be collected in annual installments in the years and in the amounts as the Board of Education shall determine and in anticipation of such tax authorizing bonds and notes of the District to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$19,636,175 be approved?

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3. *Resolution to approve the Bond Resolution...* (Continued)

PROPOSITION II

If Proposition I is approved, shall the Bond Resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Rome authorizing the construction of improvements to the Rome Free Academy Stadium Support Facility, including demolition of the existing grandstand and concession stand structure and the construction of new stadium bleachers, press box, restroom/concession facility including 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 \$7,951,375 and obtaining the necessary funds by using up to \$4,428,620 from the District’s Capital Reserve and, for the balance, by the levy of a tax in the amount of \$3,522,755 upon the taxable property of the District to be collected in annual installments in the years and in the amounts as the Board of Education shall determine and authorizing in anticipation of such tax bonds and notes of the District to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$3,522,755 be approved?

NOTICE IS GIVEN that voting upon the foregoing Propositions will be paper ballot and will take place on December 8, 2026, 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, 266-268 Dominick Street, on November 23, 2026 and November 24, 2026 between the hours of 9:00 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.

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Action Items (Continued)

3. *Resolution to approve the Bond Resolution...* (Continued)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that qualified voters of the District may obtain applications for an absentee ballot or an early voting 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 December 7, 2026 and must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 1, 2026 if the absentee ballot or an early voting ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 4:00 p.m. on December 1, 2026 will require the voter to personally appear at the office of the Clerk of the District to receive an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot or an early voting 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 business days prior to 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 315-338-6521 or sarussell@romecsd.org. Completed applications for military ballots must be received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 12, 2026. 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.

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:	Clough ECP – 409 Bell Rd. S.
Second Ward:	Clough ECP – 409 Bell Rd. S.
Third Ward:	Rome City School District – 266-268 W. Dominick 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.

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Sandra Russell, District Clerk

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Action Items (Continued)

3. Resolution to approve the Bond Resolution... (Continued)

Section 12. The vote upon the propositions to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by 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. The Clerk of the School District is hereby authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the District to do all acts and things necessary, following the advice and counsel of the District's Attorney and the District's Bond Counsel, to comply with all applicable laws, regulations and executive orders relating to the Special Meeting to be held on December 8, 2026, and to do all other acts as may be necessary, or in the opinion of the District's Attorney and the District's Bond Counsel, desirable or proper to effectuate the purposes of the foregoing Resolution and to cause compliance by the District with all applicable laws, regulations and executive orders relating to the notice of, and procedural steps to be taken in connection with such Special Meeting.

Section 14. This Resolution shall take effect upon the conclusion of voting, if approved, at the regular scheduled board meeting scheduled on December 8, 2026.

Section 15. The law firm of Trespasz Law Offices, LLP is appointed bond counsel for the obligations herein authorized.

Roll call vote

Mr. Capponi – Yes

Mrs. Carvelli – Yes

Mr. DeMatteis – Absent

Ms. Rashid – Yes

Mr. Roland – Yes

Mrs. Safin – Yes

Mrs. Yoxall – Yes

By acclamation

Audit Committee Meeting: TBD

Finance Committee Meeting: October 8, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. at 409 Bell Road

Committee Report

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Action Items

1. Resolution to approve RFA Music Department overnight field trip:

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

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the RFA Music Department field trip to the NYSSMA Conference All-State Festival in Rochester, NY to depart on December 3, 2026 and return on December 6, 2026, under the coordination of Leanna Guerrieri, mileage, lodging, and registration to be paid by the district.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

2. Resolution to Accept Contract for Clinical Supervision Services:

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

WHEREAS, the Rome City School District ("RCSD") recognizes the importance of providing licensed social workers with clinical supervision that supports professional development, enhances the quality of services provided to students and families, and helps fulfill New York State requirements toward obtaining a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) credential; and

WHEREAS, RCSD seeks to enter into an agreement with Diana T. Durso, LCSW-R, a duly licensed clinical social worker in the State of New York, to provide group and individual clinical supervision services to up to nine (9) Master of Social Work (MSW) employees employed by the district; and

WHEREAS, the scope of services under this agreement includes two monthly group supervision sessions (two hours each), quarterly individual record review sessions, assistance in documenting supervision in accordance with NYS Education Department requirements, and submission of verification forms necessary for employees pursuing LCSW licensure; and

WHEREAS, the financial terms of this agreement are based on a 10-month academic year (September–June), with a projected budget not to exceed \$11,520 for the 2026–2027 school year, billed monthly at a rate of \$60 per hour for completed supervision services.

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

2. Resolution to Accept Contract for Clinical Supervision Services: (Continued)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rome City School District hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, or designee, to enter into an agreement with Diana T. Durso, LCSW-R, for the provision of clinical supervision services in accordance with the terms outlined in the proposal dated.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

3. Resolution to approve the Code of Conduct:

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 Code of Conduct for the 2026-2027 school year.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Action Items

1. Resolution to Accept Affiliation Agreement:

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

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Affiliation Agreement between the Rome City School District and Grand Canyon University effective, September 21, 2026.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

HUMAN RESOURCES (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

2. Resolution to Approve Administrative Personnel and Accept Resolution:

Resolution by Mrs. Safin, seconded by Mrs. Carvelli:

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the probationary appointment of Alyssa Zito for the position of Assistant Principal at Strough Middle School, at a salary of \$95,000.00 plus contractual benefits (prorated), effective October 6, 2026 - October 5, 2030; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Alyssa Zito from her position as a Dean of Students, effective October 5, 2026 contingent upon and effective with the Board's approval of her appointment to the probationary position of Assistant Principal.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

HUMAN RESOURCES (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

3. Resolution to Amend Appointment of Interim Principal at Rome Free Academy:

Resolution by Mrs. Carvelli, 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 occurred effective August 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Kristie Boisen began serving as Interim Principal of Rome Free Academy effective August 4, 2026, to ensure continuous leadership, stability, and operational oversight during this transition period; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously authorized additional daily compensation for Kristie Boisen of \$79.13 per day added to her daily rate of pay beginning August 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to adjust the compensation structure for Kristie Boisen for her continued service in this role;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby confirms the appointment of Kristie Boisen to serve as Interim Principal of Rome Free Academy through June 30, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the additional daily compensation rate of \$79.13 per day shall conclude effective October 5, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that effective October 6, 2026, through June 30, 2027, Kristie Boisen shall receive an annual salary of \$130,000 plus contractual benefits (prorated for the period of service) for her service as Interim Principal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent or designee is authorized to take all necessary actions to process this adjusted 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.

POLICY

Action Items

No agenda items

Next Committee Meeting: October 14, 2026 at 4:45 p.m. at 266 West Dominick Street

Committee Report

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Resolution to Approve Combined Contract Referendum for Girls Varsity Ice Hockey:

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

WHEREAS, the Clinton Central School District has requested to enter into a combined sports agreement with the Rome City School District to allow our students continued participation in the Girls Varsity Ice Hockey 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 Girls Varsity Ice Hockey program with Clinton Central School District for the 2026-2027 school year, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, or their 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.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (Continued)

2. Resolution regarding the naming of the Stokes Gymnasium:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rome City School District recognizes the importance of honoring individuals who have demonstrate significant dedication and made meaningful contributions to the Rome City School District and its students; and

WHEREAS, a petition from members of the community has been presented to the Rome City School District and the Board of Education requesting that the Stokes Elementary School Gymnasium be named in honor and memory of former student Ayla Sharmay Griffiths; and

WHEREAS, Ayla Sharmay Griffiths demonstrated dedication to and made meaningful contributions to the Rome City School District and the students of the Rome City School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the lasting impact of Ayla Sharmay Griffiths and wishes to honor her memory and contributions to the District and its students through the naming of the Stokes Elementary School Gymnasium; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of education of the Rome City School District hereby approves the naming of the Stokes Elementary School Gymnasium as the Ayla Sharmay Griffiths Gymnasium; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to take such appropriate action as may be necessary to implement this resolution, including arrangements for appropriate signage and recognition of the Ayla Sharmay Griffiths Gymnasium; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect on July 1, 2027.

Roll call vote

Mr. Capponi – Yes

Mrs. Carvelli – Yes

Mr. DeMatteis – Absent

Ms. Rashid – Yes

Mr. Roland – Yes

Mrs. Safin – Yes

Mrs. Yoxall – Yes

By acclamation

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Upcoming events
 - NYSSBA Convention – October 22, 2026 in Buffalo, NY
 - Meet & Greet with administration – October 28 at 5:30 at Rome Free Academy
- Mandatory Trainings
 - Invitation to complete in your email
 - Must complete by October 15 and submit the certificate of completion to the District Clerk
- Facilities Improvement Committee representative selection
 - Members on the committee will be Mr. Capponi and Mrs. Carvelli

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No additional comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Safin, seconded by Mrs. Carvelli, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss matters made confidential by Attorney/client privilege.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

Motion by Ms. Rashid, seconded by Mrs. Carvelli, to adjourn Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Rashid, seconded by Mrs. Carvelli, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:12 p.m. to the call of the President.