MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 9, 2026
District Office Board Room
409 Bell Road
5:30 P.M.

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

Members Present:	Mrs. Carvelli, Mr. DeMatteis, Mr. Roland, Mrs. Safin, Mrs. Witt, Mrs. Yoxall
Student Members Present:	Ariel Bortle, Joanna Hampe
Members Absent:	Ms. Rashid
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
Dr. Gonzalez, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations
Mrs. Amanda Jones, Director of Student Servvices
Mr. James Sojda, Director of School Safety and Security
Mr. Thomas Waldron, Transportation Supervisor

Staff Excused: None

PRESIDENT CALLS MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Carvelli 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 January 26, 2026 were ordered approved as distributed.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Additional Business

- Human Resources Action Item
  - Add resolution #8 regarding the resignation of an employee

Motion to accept the Additional Business by Mrs. Safin, seconded by Mrs. Yoxall.

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

BOARD RECOGNITION (ACHIEVEMENTS AND HONORS)

- Athletics update
  - Indoor Track Section 3 Champions
    - Jacob Ciccone - Shot Put and Weight Throw
    - Keyonna Mitchell - Weight Throw
  - Girls Volleyball will play a Sectional Semi-Final game against Carthage tomorrow, February 10 at Rome Free Academy at 6:00pm.
  - Wrestling has four athletes advancing to the Sectional Finals this coming Saturday at Onondaga Community College.
    - Dameak Thopmson, Kahlief Smith, Jase Wandell, Carmine Cappoccetta
  - Boys Hockey will have a Sectional Quarter Final game on February 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Kennedy Arena. The opponent is TBA.
  - Girls Bowling are the Class A Section Champions
- Strough - Peter Pan

All members of Peter Pan students and staff were acknowledged for their performance and dedication. Those that were in attendance were recognized and given the opportunity to speak.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No report given

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

- Joe Perrotta – Grand Canyon University – Scholarships available to those already working in education

Mrs. Carvelli shared statistics regarding our MOBOCES students and the paths they have taken after completing their program.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

- Black History event on February 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at RFA
- Art exhibit at Rome Art and Community Center is taking place through February 26

WORKSHOPS

- Strategic Plan (Pillar II) Implementation
  - Presentation given by Amanda Jones, Director of Student Services, and James Sojda, Director of School Safety and Security
    - Implementation update
    - Trauma Illness and Grief (TIG) Consortium
    - Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)
    - Threat Assessment

Mrs. Safin discussed the level of support we are receiving from many agencies across the county from mental health, to social services, to multiple police departments. She also included that they are all engaged and working together to find the right way to work through the topics that are needed.

Mr. Sojda added that when a threat happens outside of the school district/district hours a 911 call needs to be made. If it happens during the hours of operation, the call can go directly to him and he can contact the police. Once the information is received, the team goes into action and works through the process with the necessary channels.

- Budget Development Continues
  - Presentation given by Dr. Georgia Gonzalez
    - Considerations
    - Revenue Comparison
    - Future Planning
    - Future Dates
    - Some Proposed Budget Items
    - Future Workshops

There will be three Budget Forums in the community this year on April 26, 27, and 28.

WORKSHOPS (Continued)

- Electronic Vehicles Study and Next Steps
  - Presentation given by Thomas Waldron, Transportation Supervisor
    - Rome District Operations Overview

Mr. Tom Waldron, provided a timeline of events and those involved when determining the need to delay or cancel schools.

Mr. Waldron met with First Student last week to review what could be done to help the buses run better in the cold. There will be a meeting with leaders at First Student on Thursday to discuss the events that have recently taken place. Mr. Waldron does not feel that First Student is doing all of the things that they can be in order to be sure the buses are running in the cold.

Discussion regarding the app/Parent Square and parents receiving the notifications about late buses. There was further discussion regarding not calling a two hour delay based on the given information from First Student.
Reminder given that the walkers have the ability to be picked up by a bus.
When students are late due to the weather they are not marked late until a reasonable amount of time has passed. This allows additional time for the students to arrive.

Mrs. Safin stepped out at 7:02 p.m. and returned at 7:03 p.m.

Discussion regarding gasoline buses vs diesel buses

- First Student Operations Overview
- Route Structure
- Current Parent Apps
- School Bus Driver Requirements
- Accomplishments
- Student Safety
- In Closing – Timeline review used in determining if a delay or closure is needed

Reminder for parents to complete the paperwork if they have a walker that they would like to ride a bus. There are 90 students that have been put on a bus already and this will continue each year going forward.

  - Presentation given by Ms. Christine Goossens from Leonard Bus Sales regarding the electric bus mandate that is ahead.
    - To purchase buses after July 1, 2027 they must be zero emissions
    - There are two, two year waivers that are available to apply for
    - Gas and diesel buses can be used until 2035

Discussion was had regarding the electric bus mandate and the items that will need to be worked through to determine what may work for the needs of the district.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. DeMatteis stepped out at 7:35 p.m.

Resolution to accept Consent Agenda:

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

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(s)
Nathan DeAngelo (John Joy)	Teacher Aide	Resignation	01/23/2026
Julie Kent (Denti)	School Monitor	Resignation	03/06/2026
Sean Brown (Strough)	Teacher	Resignation	02/27/2026
Faith Garcia (Ridge Mills)	Teacher Aide	Resignation (for other employment in the District)	01/27/2026
Ashlee Manna (Bellamy)	Teacher Aide	Resignation (for other employment in the District)	01/15/2026

B. Amend Resignations/Terminations:

Name	Position (Title)	Reason	From Effective Date(s)	To Effective Date(s)
Emily Till (District Office)	Payroll Coordinator	Resignation	01/05/2026	01/09/2026

C. Appointment of Non-Instructional Probationary Personnel:

Name	Position (Title)	Salary	Effective Date(s)
Vincent Fiorenza (Stokes)	School Monitor 3.75hours	$16.92/hour	02/10/2026 - 08/09/2026
Tenley Dixon (John Joy)	Teacher Aide 1:1	$19,890.00 (prorated)	02/10/2026 - 08/09/2026
Jennifer Arndt (John Joy)	Teacher Aide 1:1	$19,890.00 (prorated)	02/10/2026 - 08/09/2026
Sheila Laquay (Stokes)	Teacher Aide (to become a Teacher Assistant within 6 months)	$19,890.00 (prorated)	02/10/2026 - 08/09/2026
Dora Malson (RFA)	Food Service Helper 3.75hours	$16.92/hour	02/10/2026 - 08/09/2026
Samantha Sharp (RFA)	Teacher Assistant	$25,385.00 (prorated)	02/10/2026 - 02/09/2030
Faith Garcia (Ridge Mills)	Teacher Assistant	$25,385.00 (prorated)	01/28/2026 - 01/27/2030
Ashlee Manna (Bellamy)	Teacher Assistant	$25,385.00 (prorated)	01/16/2026 - 01/15/2030

D. Appointment of Probationary Administrative Personnel:

Name	Tenure Area	Position (Title)	Salary	Effective Date
Joshua Nitti (District Office)	Coordinator of Special Education	Coordinator of Special Education	$85,000 + contractual benefits (prorated)	03/11/2026 - 03/10/2030

E. Appointment of Instructional Probationary Personnel:*

Name	Position (Title)	Tenure Area	Step	Salary	Effective Date (s)
Katelyn Kantor (District Wide)	School Psychologist	School Psychologist	BS60 Step 18	$75,160.00 + contractual benefits (prorated)	06/01/2026 - 05/31/2030

Contingent upon New York State Certification

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 Instructional/Non-Instructional Substitutes:

Name	Position (Title)	Salary	Effective Date(s)
Julie Kent	School Monitor	$16.00/hour	03/09/2026
Shayna Mortis	School Monitor, Teacher Aide, Teacher Assistant	$16.00/hour	02/10/2026
Nijeylie Torres	Uncertified Teacher	$140.45/day	02/10/2026
Joshua Donahue	Uncertified Teacher	$140.45/day	02/10/2026
Louis Giardino	Uncertified Teacher	$140.45/day	02/10/2026
Jaclynn Dunadee	Certified Teacher	$161.26/day	02/10/2026
Kelsey Nieto	Certified Teacher	$161.26/day	02/10/2026

G. Amend Appointment of Instructional/Non-Instructional Substitutes:

Name	From Position (Title)	To Position (Title)	Effective Date(s)
Michael Haag	Physical Therapist	Occupational Therapist	01/27/2026

H. Appointment of 2025-2026 Spring Coaching Personnel:

Name	Position (Title)	Salary
Charles DerCola	JV Baseball	$5,174.00
Matthew DeDominick	Modified Baseball - Orange	$5,906.00
Carl Manganaro	Modified Baseball - Black	$5,906.00
Evan Howard	Varsity Baseball	$7,801.00
Derrick Miller	Varsity Baseball Assistant	$4,034.00
Peter Dalton	Boys Varsity Golf	$4,414.00
David Petrelli	Girls Varsity Golf	$6,124.00
Aquilino Kolasz	Boys Modified Lacrosse	$5,166.00
Patrick Herron	Boys Varsity Lacrosse	$4,202.00
Guy Calandra	Girls Modified Lacrosse	$5,906.00
Meghan Pokines	Girls Varsity Lacrosse	$5,401.00
Elana Calicchia	JV Softball	$4,224.00
Nicholas Calicchia	Modified Softball	$4,796.00
Emily Cowell	Varsity Softball	$6,601.00
Mark Beer	Varsity Softball Assistant	$3,434.00
Lawrence Bevilacqua	Boys Varsity Tennis	$6,124.00
Theodore Swavely	Boys Varsity Track	$7,801.00
Billie Mays	Boys Varsity Track Assistant	$6,124.00
Nicholas Jeror	Girls Varsity Track	$6,001.00
Diane Stevenson	Girls Varsity Track Assistant	$6,124.00

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

February 9, 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	6	
Deaf		
Deaf-Blindness		
Emotionally Disturbed		
Hearing Impaired		
Intellectual Disability	7	
Learning Disabled	41	
Multiply Disabled	1	
Orthopedically Impaired		
Other Health Impaired	22	
Speech Impaired	17	
Transfer Review		
Traumatic Brain Injury		
Visually Impaired	2	
Pre-School with disability		11
Non-Disabled		4
Declassified	5	1
Section 504	7	
Tabled		

FINANCE

Consent Agenda Action Items

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

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

Location	Item	Number			Quantity	Reason	
		Serial	RCSD ID	RIC		Damage/Disposal	Sale
RFA	16 yr old Treadmill	11-TCS-800115C	044531	N/A	1	x	
RFA	19 yr old Treadmill	07-134810	QC011633	N/A	1	x	
RFA	23 yr old Treadmill	03-67604K	101086/ QC011652	N/A	1	x	

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

FINANCE

Action Items

1. Resolution to Accept Donation

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

   WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rome City School District encourages and supports community partnerships that enhance educational opportunities for students; and

   WHEREAS, Hannaford Helps Schools has generously offered a donation in the amount of Three Hundred Ninety Dollars ($390.00) to support programs and activities at Rome Free Academy; and

   WHEREAS, this donation will be used for the benefit of students at Rome Free Academy in accordance with district policies and applicable laws;

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rome City School District hereby accepts the donation of $390.00 from Hannaford Helps Schools for Rome Free Academy; and

   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation to Hannaford Helps Schools for its generosity and continued support of the district and its students.

   Voice vote.

   By acclamation.

FINANCE (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

2. Resolution to Approve Real Property Tax Refund:

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

   WHEREAS, a review of the real property tax records for the 2025–2026 school year has determined that a refund is due to Richard and Veronica Pederson; and

   WHEREAS, the refund is the result of an adjustment, correction, or determination made in accordance with applicable New York State Real Property Tax Law and district procedures;

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves a Real Property Tax refund in the amount of $2,413.22 to Richard and Veronica Pederson for the 2025–2026 school year; and

   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate district officials are authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to process and issue said refund in a timely manner.

   Mr. DeMatteis returned at 7:38 p.m.

   Voice vote.

   By acclamation.

FINANCE (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

3. 2025-2026 Capital Outlay Project State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Resolution:

   Resolution by Mrs. Yoxall, seconded by Mrs. Witt:

   WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rome City School District (the "Board") has considered the impacts to the environment of the proposed 2025-26 capital outlay project. The project shall include but not be limited to the installation of two digital display signs, one at the Francis Bellamy Elementary School and the other at the Gansevoort Elementary School.

   WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the scope of the project and has further received and considered the advice of its architects with respect to the potential for environmental impacts resulting from the proposed action; and

   WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c), NOW, THEREFORE;

   BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board as follows:

   1. The Proposed Action does not exceed thresholds established under 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

   2. The Board hereby determines the Proposed Action as a Type II action in accordance with the SEQRA regulations.

   3. No further review of the Proposed Action is required under SEQRA.

   4. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

   Voice vote.

   By acclamation.

FINANCE (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

4. 2026-2027 Capital Outlay Project State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Resolution:

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

   WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rome City School District (the "Board") has considered the impacts to the environment of the proposed 2026-27 capital outlay project. The project shall include but not be limited to the installation of two digital display signs, one at the Louis V. Denti Elementary School and the other at the Stokes Elementary School.

   WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the scope of the project and has further received and considered the advice of its architects with respect to the potential for environmental impacts resulting from the proposed action; and

   WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c), NOW, THEREFORE;

   BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board as follows:

   1. The Proposed Action does not exceed thresholds established under 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

   2. The Board hereby determines the Proposed Action as a Type II action in accordance with the SEQRA regulations.

   3. No further review of the Proposed Action is required under SEQRA.

   4. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

   Voice vote.

   By acclamation.

FINANCE (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

5. Board Resolution to Accept Treasurer's Reports

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

   WHEREAS, the Treasurer has prepared financial reports for the months of June 2025 and July 2025; and

   WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the Treasurer's reports for June 2025 and July 2025;

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts and approves the Treasurer's reports for the months of June 2025 and July 2025 as presented.

   Voice vote.

   By acclamation.

6. Resolution to Amend Agreement with CABVI for Orientation and Mobility, Vision and Occupational Therapy Services:

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

   WHEREAS, the District has previously entered into a contract with the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CABVI) to provide Vision Therapy and Occupational Therapy services for the 2025-2026 school year; and

   WHEREAS, the District has identified and additional student in need of Vision Therapy and/or Occupational Therapy services to be provided by CABVI; and

   WHEREAS, the District has identified an additional student in need of Orientation and Mobility, Vision Therapy and/or Occupational Therapy services;

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves and authorizes an amendment to the existing agreement with CABVI to include services for two (2) additional students, at a cost not to exceed $4,350.00, for the revised contract amount not to exceed $49,000 for services and mileage for the 2025-2026 school year.

   Voice vote.

   By acclamation.

FINANCE (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

Audit Committee Meeting: TBD

Finance Committee Meeting: TBD

Committee Report

- No new PO's for this school year after April 1
- PO's for the 2026-2027 year will be accepted starting on June 1
- Stokes will be completely air conditioned this year as the chiller will be taken care of
- Bids will go out on March 6 for the Capital Project at Clough

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Action Items

1. Resolution to approve overnight field trip:

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

   RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Varsity Softball Team field trip to Myrtle Beach, SC to depart on April 6, 2026 and return on April 10, 2026, under the coordination of Emily Cowell.

   1-Abstain (Safin) *Mrs. Safin will be chaperoning the trip and her daughter is on the team.*

   Voice vote.

   By acclamation.

2. Resolution to approve overnight field trip:

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

   RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Winterguard field trip to Bethlehem, PA to depart on March 21, 2026 and return on March 23, 2026, under the coordination of Lindsay Durham.

   Voice vote.

   By acclamation.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

3. Resolution to approve overnight field trip:

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

   RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Winterguard field trip to Salem, MA to depart on February 13, 2026 and return on February 15, 2026, under the coordination of Lindsay Durham.

   Voice vote.

   By acclamation.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Action Items

1. Resolution to Approve Administrative Leave:

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

   RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that an SEIU employee be placed on a paid administrative leave, effective January 28, 2026, January 29, 2026, and January 30, 2026. The Superintendent is authorized to return the employee to active duty at her discretion.

   Voice vote.

   By acclamation.

2. Resolution to Accept Separation Agreement:

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

   RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the Separation Agreement and General Release between the Rome City School District, SEIU, and an employee.

   Voice vote.

   By acclamation.

HUMAN RESOURCES (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

3. Resolution to Accept Resignation for Purpose of Retirement:

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

   RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the retirement of Curtis Smith, Custodial Worker, effective March 1, 2026 with 13 years of completed service.

   Voice vote.

   By acclamation.

4. Resolution to Approve Tenure:

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

   RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves tenure for the following individual:

Name	Position (Title)	Tenure Area	Effective Date
Rebecca Roberts	School Counselor	School Counselor	03/01/2026

   Voice vote.

   By acclamation.

The Board offers their congratulations to Ms. Roberts.

HUMAN RESOURCES (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

5. Resolution to Accept Retirement:

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

   RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts, with sincere appreciation for their long-standing dedication to the students, staff, and families of the Rome City School District, the retirement of the following:

Name	Position (Title)	Effective Date	Date of Hire
Carla Carletta (RFA)	Office Specialist	08/22/2026	08/19/2016
Corrine Tudman (RFA)	Psychologist	07/01/2026	06/24/2003
Jill Caroli (RFA)	Psychologist	07/01/2026	09/01/1996
Katrina Selden (District Office)	Senior Office Specialist	07/30/2026	09/21/2000
J'nell Geer (Bellamy)	Elementary Teacher	07/01/2026	09/20/1999
Sheila Feldman (RFA)	Cook Manager	09/01/2026	10/03/2001

   Voice vote.

   By acclamation.

The Board offers their congratulations to all and thanks them for their year of service.

6. Resolution to Accept Memorandum of Agreement:

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

   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 the Rome Administrators' Association for Coordinators of Special Education.

   Voice vote.

   By acclamation.

HUMAN RESOURCES (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

7. Modification to Job Description: Coordinator of the In-District Centralized Tutoring Program (Grades 7-12):

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

   WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rome City School District is committed to ensuring that administrative roles and responsibilities align with the evolving needs of students, families, and the district; and

   WHEREAS, the position of Coordinator of the In-District Centralized Tutoring Program (Grades 7-12) is central to student success, serving as the coordinating link between tutoring staff, home schools, families, and district supports to ensure students receive high-quality instruction, social-emotional support, and a clear pathway back to their school setting.

   WHEREAS, the Superintendent has recommended modifications to the existing job description for a current administrator serving in the role of Coordinator of the In- District Centralized Tutoring Program (Grades 7-12) to more accurately reflect current duties, responsibilities, and alignment with district strategic priorities, applicable laws, and regulations; and

   WHEREAS, the proposed job description update does not constitute the creation of a new position, nor does it change the individual currently serving in the role, but rather clarifies and formalizes expectations to support effective performance and accountability;

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the updated job description for the position of Coordinator of the In-District Centralized Tutoring Program (Grades 7-2), as presented by the Superintendent; and

   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent, or designee, is authorized to implement the updated job description and take any actions necessary to ensure its inclusion in district personnel records and administrative documentation, effective immediately.

   Voice vote.

   By acclamation.

HUMAN RESOURCES (Continued)

Action Items (Continued)

8. Resolution to accept resignation:

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

   RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Kristin Dibble, Computer Specialist (training), effective the end of the day of business on February 6, 2026.

   Voice vote.

   By acclamation.

POLICY

Action Items

1. Resolution to approve the second reading and adoption of policies:

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

   RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the second reading and adoption of the following policies:

#5710	School Safety and Educational Climate (SSEC) Reporting
#6830	Expense Reimbursement
#6830-R	Expense Reimbursement Regulation
#7500	Naming of District Facilities
#8636	Artificial Intelligence
#9645	Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct

   Voice vote.

   By acclamation.

Next Committee Meeting: March 11, 2026 at 4:45 p.m. at 266 West Dominick Street

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Resolution to approve Conference:

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

   RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the following conference for the Superintendent of Schools:

   Nerlande Anselme
   Mohawk Regional Association of School District Administrators
   Winter Conference
   Saratoga Springs, NY
   February 5 & 6, 2026
   Cost not to exceed $1,500

Voice vote.

By acclamation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Upcoming events – RSVP to Sandy
  - Celebrating Black History Month – February 10 at 6:30 at Rome Free Academy
  - Empowering Futures Event – February 24 at 4:30 at MVCC – Rome Campus
  - BOCES Annual Meeting – April 15 at 6:00 at BOCES Andrew D. Rosetti Education Center
- Board visits to buildings – Discussion to set final dates and times
  - March 12
    - 8:00-9:30 Rome Free Academy
    - 10:00-11:30 Clough/Early Childhood Programs
    - 1:00-2:30 Ridge
  - March 24
    - 8:00-9:30 Strough
    - 10:00-11:30 Denti

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No additional public comments

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs. Safin, seconded by Mrs. Yoxall, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. to the call of the President.