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**ROCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2025, 6:30 PM
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
The David Cable-Murphy Studio**

TOWN CLERK, ROCKLAND
SEP 5 '25 PM 11:52

In attendance: Vice Chair Mrs. Hennessy and members Mrs. Bissonnette and Dr. Mauro-Small. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Cron, Assistant Superintendent Ms. Hackett, Mrs. Novio, Ms. Carpine and PAC members from Rogers Middle School, EECC and Phelps Elementary.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of the minutes of the May 27, 2025 School Committee Meeting. Need to table to the June 23, 2025 meeting as Dr. Mauro-Small needs to abstain as she was not in attendance and a quorum cannot be met.

Audience. Lauren Tosano and Nicole Murphy from the Esten PAC reported raising approximately \$13,000 through six fundraisers. Name the Circle, Fun Run, Turkey Feather Fundraiser, Ryan's Amusement, textile bins and the Book Fair. All of these provide some wonderful opportunities for childhood enrichment and things for the teachers. They provided three families with Thanksgiving dinners, Big Ryan's Tall Tales, yearly gingerbread houses, Barnyard Babies, Joe's Crazy Critters, Kona Ice Truck for Preschoolers Beach Day, various teacher luncheons during conferences, teacher appreciation week with Lady Sunshine Coffee Mom, flowers from the Rockland Garden Center, Kindergarten field trip buses, various supplies and activities for classrooms and indoor recess. The book fair provided teachers with their wishlists, and a donation to the Rockland Education Fund, and were able to sponsor a student from RMS for the Philly trip.

Heather Pratt represented Phelps Elementary. PAC brought in \$78,000 between fundraisers and other events and hoped to end the year with enough to do two different events for the teachers before school starts; the before school luncheon, as well as, bringing the Lady Sunshine Coffee Truck. We started the year with the Name the Circle Fundraiser which raised about \$17,000, a couple of local restaurants; Ryan's, D'Angelos, Papa Gino's, Dominoes, our fun run brought in about \$24,000 where gift cards were used as incentives, wigs for the teachers to wear during activities in the school year, and bought ice cream for some of the winning classrooms. We also had residual income from the textiles bins and we did concession nights at math and bingo nights during the year. In October we did the 4th grade charity volleyball game; entrance was a monetary donation (\$500 went to Holiday Magic) or a non-perishable item which we donated in six large boxes to the Rockland Food Pantry. With the Turkey Feather fundraiser we were able

to provide eight meals for Phelps families during Thanksgiving and an additional eight during Christmas. Before school we bought pizzas, salads, lots of sweets for the teachers, laminating sheets, and provided candy for volunteers for Trunk or Treat. December's holiday shopping which everyone loves, February's special person's dance where DJ QB was brought in, we donated 1200 pounds of personal care items to the food pantry, four \$250 scholarships for seniors, snacks and drinks for Global Play Day and donated to the Rockland Education Funds and the Rockland Youth Football Golf Tournament which provides money back to the students and back to the educators. We did one book fair which provided books to teachers and staff. We provided the drama club with materials to help their sets with props and costumes. Buses for all grades to go on field trips, snacks for MCAS, teacher appreciation (Larry's Taco Truck, flowers from Rockland Garden Center, supplies for teachers). Field Day we had multiple inflatables, a dunk tank, and fourth graders were given shirts and yearbooks.

Rogers Middle School PAC were represented by Allison and Marcy. We had a huge increase this year. The biggest was the Shamrock Classic which brought in over \$4,000, a few dining for causes and raised over \$1000, name the stage contest brought in over \$500 and thankfully this year we were able to give the teachers a breakfast and lunch and brought in Ellies Treats for ice cream. We were also happy to include our cafeteria staff. We contributed to the 8th grade field trips, and a scholarship for an RHS senior. We had a lot of support from local businesses; Dunkin Donuts on Hingham Street and Stop and Shop. An increase of over 50% to build a cushion going into the next school year.

Dr. Cron emphasized that the value of these fundraising efforts extends beyond the monetary contributions. "Every parent that you get to come in and help with the Shamrock Classic or any of the events that you put on, it's one more person that you are bringing into the school community." "It's not about the money. It's the fact that you're giving, that you're in the schools, that you're talking to one another, and you're doing this work for the schools. It's what makes us stronger."

Reports. Monthly administrative reports for Principal Schipper, Principal MacAllister, Principal Holbrook, and Principal Sheehan, Guidance Ms. Black, Nurse Ms. Davis and Pupil Personnel services with Dr. Maniglia. Seven motions to approve the reports by Dr. Mauro-Small, seconded by Mrs. Bissonnette, unanimously approved.

School Newsletters via email. Esten, Phelps and the High School. Great information.

Completed Fundraisers. Phelps PAC did a Domino's night – they collected \$734 with no expenses. Their Fun Run collected \$24,115 with \$1177 in expenses for a NET profit of \$22,938.

Dr. Cron's Superintendent report. – Congratulations to Principal MacAllister who led his first Philly trip. It was a great trip, very proud of those kids. We had a retirees luncheon last week which was extraordinary. We had over 82 retirees show and had a wonderful couple of hours together. Thank you to Adele Leonard who did a great job with the food and special thanks to Noelle Novio. Congratulations to Rockland High on their graduation, it was just extraordinary; the town, WPRS with sound was spot on. Transitions is a theme; prek- to k, one to two, four to five, middle school and high school and high school and beyond. We had an event on the 27th where the kindergarten came to Phelps for tours, we had an event on the 30th where grade four came to Rogers and visited. The transitions life skills program had an outing, they went to Foxboro on the 30th. We are working to help kids with transitions and we help the students and we the help parents. I would also like to highlight the significant financial contribution to Rockland students; \$178,000 in scholarship money awarded to this year's high school graduates that came from the local community. Rockland is a special place.

Public Service Announcements. Dr. Mauro-Small commented on the Philadelphia trip that it was incredible for the students; it was a jam packed agenda and everything went smoothly and they were exposed to so much. Thank you also to the chaperones; they were wonderful caretakers. Mrs. Bissonnette commented that it was a wonderful retiree luncheon, it meant so much to so many people and please visit our Library! Mrs. Hennessy – as we wind up into field trips, hope parents can see the 8th grade ceremony.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm by Dr. Mauro-Small, seconded by Mrs. Bissonnette, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Emily Davidson
Secretary