



Board of Education - *Resolution*

Year-Volume No. 2026-59

Meeting Date: October 12, 2026

Resolution No. 79

Department: Student Services

Topic: Sex Education Advisory Board

Recommendation: Move to approve appointing the following person to complete the two year term as SEAB Co-Chair until 6-1-2028: *Jason Eldridge*

Rationale: Per state law §380.1507(5) The board of a school district shall appoint 2 co-chairs for the advisory board, at least 1 of whom is a parent of a child attending a school operated by the school district. The district's previously appointed Co-Chair, Julie Pauley, is now filling the Sex Ed Supervisor role as the previous person resigned. Therefore, we need to appoint a new district staff member. Jason Eldridge is an RMS Assistant Principal and responsible for oversight of the PE and Heath curriculum. He has agreed to serve as the co-chair to complete the two year term.

Resource Person(s): Jennifer McFarlane, Assistant Superintendent

Financial Impact: None

Timeline: Effective immediately
(Effective Date or implementation Date)



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Department: Student Services

Topic: Enrollment Driven REA Professional Positions for this school year

Recommendation: Move to approve three new REA professional positions at Hevel

- 1.0 FTE Resource Room Teacher
- 1.0 FTE School Social Worker
- 1.0 FTE Speech Pathologist

Total = 2.5 FTE increase

Rationale: Special Education needs at Hevel Elementary have grown rapidly since the start of the year. There are 20 new Special Education students between the general education student population and the intensive resource room (IRR) and seven active evaluations. There are currently 63 IRR students who all need Social Work support as well as Speech and Language support. The IRR students also have multiple IEPs a year that are led by the Teacher Consultant. With the increased student population and demand on the current staff these additional positions are necessary.

Resource Person(s): Jennifer McFarlane, Asst. Superintendent

Financial Impact: \$404,043 estimated (General Fund)
To be included in the FY26 Budget Amendment

*Final compensation and benefits in alignment with the current REA contract and based on prior experience.

Timeline: 2026-2027 School Year
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Resolution No. 81

Department: Student Services

Topic: RHS New Course Request

Recommendation: Move to approve Culinary Management as a full year course beginning in the 2027-2028 school year. The existing Culinary Arts curriculum provides students with a strong foundation in culinary skills, food safety, sanitation, nutrition, customer service, and restaurant operations. This new course will allow students opportunities to build advanced culinary, business, leadership, communication, and management skills while gaining more independence and real-world industry experience. The Culinary Management course will provide hands-on opportunities through catering, restaurant operations, specialty projects, and leadership roles while preparing students for employment, college, and future careers.

The Curriculum Subcommittee discussed and supports this adoption at the October 5, 2026 meeting.

Rationale: Per Romeo Community Schools Board of Education bylaw 3001 & 3004, the board delegates to the Superintendent to develop, implement, and provide ongoing evaluation of the school district's curriculum.

Resource Person(s): Jennifer McFarlane, Assistant Superintendent Academic Services

Financial Impact: Fits into current budget

Timeline: 2027-2028 school year
(Effective Date or implementation Date)