



**Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2024
RCS Administration Building – 5:00 p.m.**

- Called to Order** 5:00 p.m. Called to order by President, Anita Banach.
7 members present. 0 members absent.
- Pledge of Allegiance** Led by the Board
- Approved** Agenda for December 9, 2024 Special Meeting. Young moved. Conner supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried. Agenda approved.
- Public Comment** Resident Franco Folino spoke regarding the Prospect Street Property. He spoke about their vision, the importance of the property, and their fundraising efforts. He urged the board to consider the GSOPS offer and to make their vision a reality.

- Approved** Closed Session
- 5:05 p.m. into closed session for purpose of Superintendent Evaluation and legal opinion. Young moved, Conner supported. Roll Call: 7 members present, 0 members absent. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
- 5:55 p.m. out of closed session. Banach moved, Eichhorst supported.
Roll call: 7 members present, 0 members absent.
7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Board President, Anita Banach, read the following statement on behalf of the board:

In the interest of transparency and keeping the community updated on the status of the vacant land at 297 Prospect - I offer this statement on behalf of our board. On May 16th, the Romeo Board of Education passed the revised resolution 91 in response to the request from the Green Space on Prospect Street (GSOPS group) to provide an extension through September 2024. The approved resolution indicated that we would provide additional time for their group to fundraise, formulate a property acquisition strategy and present a viable offer by November 1st. Additionally, the resolution authorized the Administration to move forward with a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the sale of the property starting in January 2025. We did not receive an offer by the November 1st deadline; however, we are acknowledging receipt of an offer on December 3rd from Green Space of Romeo. At this time, the Board will be following the resolution and any offers can be submitted during the RFP process. As a reminder to the public, the only requirement on the sale of the property is that it must be voted on by the Board of Education in a public meeting.

- Adjournment** 5:56 p.m. Banach moved. Eichhorst supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Approved by: Katherine Rice, Secretary _____