

**MINUTES**  
**RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room**  
**January 24, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 24, 2017 at Rye Middle School.

Excused:

Dr. Brian Monahan, Interim  
Superintendent of Schools

Present:

Mr. Christopher Repetto, Vice President – Arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Karen Belanger

Ms. Nancy Pasquale

Mr. Blake Jines-Storey

Ms. Kelly Smith Powers

Ms. Jennifer Boyle

Ms. Sheryl Goffman, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Ms. Gabriella O'Connor, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Ms. Elaine Cuglietto, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

On a motion by Ms. Boyle, seconded by Ms. Pasquale and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 7:06 p.m. to move immediately into executive session to review the employment history of current and prospective employees, discuss negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law and review current litigation.

On a motion by Ms. Smith-Powers, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (7 -0) it was voted at 8:04 p.m. to reconvene in public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board of Education President Katy Keohane-Glassberg began by announcing that the Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian Monahan is absent for tonight's meeting due to personal illness.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Due to his absence, there will be no report by the Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian Monahan.

## PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

### 5.01 Technology Update - Kaitlyn Sassone (Attachment # I)

Rye City School District Director of Technology Kaitlyn Sassone together with Mario Caligiuri and Stephen Amy of EduTek Ltd. presented an informational report to the Board including the 2017 Goals and Objectives, Infrastructure, Technology Status, Update on District Wide Conditions, District Wide Projects, Curriculum Initiatives, etc. A detailed discussion among the Board Members and the presenters occurred.

Board President Katy Keohane Glassberg asked if there were any comments from the public: There were no communications from the Public.

## HEARING OF THE PUBLIC ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no communication from the Public on Non Agenda Items.

## CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Ms. Pasquale seconded by Ms. Belanger, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the following consent agenda items:

### GENERAL

#### **Consent Agenda General 7.01**

##### **Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the January 10, 2017 Minutes as presented.

#### **Consent Agenda General 7.02**

##### **Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the January 17, 2017 Minutes as presented.

#### **Consent Agenda General 7.03**

##### **Recommended Action:**

The policies listed below have been provided to the Board for Information at the December 13, 2016 Board Meeting and presented for Discussion at the January 10, 2017 Board Meeting. They are ready for adoption, effective immediately. (Attachment # II)

1900 Parent and Family Engagement

5151 Homeless Children (a copy of the regulation is attached in the Information category for reference and acknowledgement by the Board)

8130 School Safety Plans and Teams

8635 Information Security Breach and Notification (new policy) (a copy of the regulation is attached in the Information category for reference and acknowledgement by the Board)

### FISCAL

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.01**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Contract for Health Services with the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District for \$7,727.58 for the 2016-17 school year. (Attachment # III)

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.02**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Contract for Health Services with the Mamaroneck School District for \$15,177.90 for the 2016-17 school year. (Attachment # IV)

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.03**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves Participation in Cooperative Bids through SW BOCES. (Attachment # V)

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.04**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board accepts the \$41,950 gift from the Midland School PTO to renovate the south playground.

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.05**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the transportation contract as detailed below. Shuttle Services between BOCES program location to Southern Westchester BOCES for \$4,260/year.

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.06**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the contract for auditing services relating to website development to ensure compliance with accessibility regulations. (Attachment #VI)

### PROFESSIONAL

**Consent Agenda Professional 9.01**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of Sheryl Goffman as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rye City School District, that Sheryl Goffman be, and hereby is, appointed Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, for which she holds New York State Permanent

Certification as a School District Administrator (pending SED Waiver) at the annual salary of \$182,500, for a term commencing July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said appointment is subject to the execution of a mutually acceptable employment agreement between the parties.

**Consent Agenda Professional 9.02**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of Jaime Stabile as a .9 FTE Teaching Assistant for Special Education, assigned to Rye Middle School, Step 1 of the 2016-2017 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, \$26.13 per hour, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective January 3, 2017 – June 23, 2017.

**Consent Agenda Professional 9.03**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Michele Castro as a .9 FTE Teaching Assistant for Special Education, assigned to Midland School, Step 1 of the 2016-2017 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, \$26.13 per hour, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective January 30, 2017 – June 23, 2017.

(Michele Castro was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Teaching Assistant, effective September 6, 2016 – January 27, 2017.)

**Consent Agenda Professional 9.04**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of Lisa-Marie DiRusso as a Teacher of Home Instruction, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Students With Disabilities (Grades 1-6) and New York State Initial Certification in Students With Disabilities 7-12 Generalist, not to exceed (6) six hours per week, at the Home Instruction Rate of \$49.89 per hour, effective January 11, 2017 – June 30, 2017.

**Consent Agenda Professional 9.05**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment Amendment of the following individuals at the curriculum rate of \$40.00 per hour for 5 hours each of curriculum revision work to the Health Curriculum, not to exceed \$200 per person, effective November 1, 2016 - May 1, 2017:

Michael Bruno  
 Timothy Tolve  
 Robyn Kaminer  
 Melissa Pelletieri  
 Lisa Lanza  
 Michelle Ring  
 Tracey Orzo  
 Katharine Sweeney

Gregory Moraitis  
 Jill Rossiter  
 Marianne DiSalvo  
 Tara Taddeo  
 Jennifer Bruton  
 Frank Burkhardt  
 Scott Cifone  
 Kelly Beatty  
 Cari Caulway  
 Hillary Krane  
 Gail Topol  
 Jessica Avnir  
 Lisa Tennaro

(The above were previously approved, effective December 15, 2016 – May 1, 2017 at the December 13, 2016 Board of Education Meeting.)

**Consent Agenda Professional 9.06**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the following Per Diem Substitute Teachers and Teaching Assistants to be used only on an as needed basis for the 2016-2017 school year at the approved per diem rates:

Per Diem Rate as follows:

Per Diem Substitute Teacher - \$110.00

Per Diem Substitute Teaching Assistant for Special Education - \$110.00

Per Diem Substitute Teaching Assistant - \$110.00

Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide for Special Education - \$110.00

Maria Ferretti  
 Kathleen Gallaher  
 Suzanne Kelly  
 Maria Maisey Borzacchini

**CLASSIFIED**

**Consent Agenda Classified 10.01**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Promotion and Probationary Appointment of Lisa Muncey as an Office Assistant (Automated Systems), a twelve (12) month position, with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks, assigned to Rye City School District, Central Administration, 1.0 FTE Step 2 of the 2016-2017 Secretarial/Clerical/School Nurse and Computer Aide Unit Salary Schedule, \$49,991 (pro rated amount of \$20,765.49), effective February 1, 2017.

NOTE: Lisa Muncey is being appointed from Eligible List #02-140, Established 07-08-11, Certification #000024033, Issued 12-21-16.

**Consent Agenda Classified 10.02****Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Additional Work of Josue Galdeano Santamaria, assigned to Rye Middle School, for Before and After School Activities, not to exceed 6 hours per week for the 2016-2017 school year, effective January 11, 2017.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Additional Work of Trisha Jennings, assigned to Rye Middle School, for Before and After School Activities, not to exceed 6 hours per week for the 2016-2017 school year, effective January 11, 2017.

**Consent Agenda Classified 10.03****Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Substitute Cleaners/Custodians to be used on an as needed basis for the 2016-2017 school year:

Substitute Cleaner - \$20.00 per hour day or night shift  
Substitute Custodian - \$20.00 per hour day or night shift

Jesus DeJesus  
Francis McGuigan

**Consent Agenda Classified 10.04****Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Termination of Employee #1282, due to probationary failure, effective at the close of business January 31, 2017.

**Consent Agenda Special Education 11.01****Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education recommendations as attached. (Attachment # VII)

Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg acknowledged that on tonight's agenda the Board accepted an extremely generous gift: Thank you for the gift in the amount of \$41,950 gift from the Midland School PO to renovate the south playground. Thanks to the Midland community for this generous gift.

Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg acknowledged she was happy to announce that on tonight's agenda the Board appointed Ms. Sheryl Goffman to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for a two year term. Ms. Goffman is currently serving in the role of Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.

## **PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION II**

### 13.01 Fiscal Forecast 2017/18 - Gabriella O'Connor (Attachment # VIII)

Assistant Superintendent for Business Gabriella O'Connor presented a report to the Board on the District's Fiscal Forecast for 2017-18 beginning the budget season for the school year 2017-18. She began by outlining the major budget drivers for the District: areas that the District watches closely throughout the process. They include the tax cap, enrollment, retirement system contributions, health insurance premiums, collective bargaining unit provisions, technology, facilities, state aid and other non-tax revenues, and fund balance usage.

Board President Katy Keohane Glassberg asked if there were any comments from the public: There were no communications from the Public.

Chair of the District's Policy Committee Karen Belanger presented the following policy for Board review which have been recommended by the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Director of Health Care Services.

Policy 9310, Physical and Mental Examinations

## **COMMUNICATIONS TO/FROM THE BOARD**

Karen Belanger mentioned that Westchester Putnam School Boards Association along with many other organizations decided to send comments to our New York State Senators on the proposed possible appointment of US Education Secretary at the Federal level. Many from this area are communicating as to feelings among educational professionals in the area as to the lack of qualifications of that particular individual.

On a motion by Mr. Repetto seconded by Ms. Pasquale and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 9:13 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Elaine Cuglietto  
District Clerk