

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
February 7, 2017

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

Present:

Ms. Katy Keohane Glassberg, President
 Mr. Christopher Repetto, Vice President
 Ms. Karen Belanger
 Mr. Blake Jines-Storey
 Ms. Kelly Smith Powers
 Ms. Jennifer Boyle
 Dr. Brian Monahan, Interim Superintendent of Schools
 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

Excused:

Ms. Nancy Pasquale

On a motion by Ms. Boyle, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 7:00 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 (6-0) it was voted at 8:01 p.m. to reconvene in public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian Monahan stated that he was happy to report that on tonight's Board of Education Meeting Agenda the Board of Education is being asked to amend the agenda to include a Recommendation from the Superintendent to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the school district and the Rye Teachers' Association. He thanked both Dr. Jaime Zung and Ms. Michelle Ring for all of their hard efforts along with all of the members of the negotiating team.

Board of Education President Ms. Katy Keohane Glassberg also thanked Dr. Monahan and all members of the negotiating team for all of their hard work and time spent on settling this contract agreement.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

5.01 Superintendent's Recommended Budget 2017-2018 (Attachment # I)

Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian Monahan and Assistant Superintendent for Business Gabriella O'Connor presented the 2017-18 Superintendents' Recommended Budget in the amount of \$86,930,075. They discussed key elements of the budget, student enrollment, additional staffing, NYS mandates, proposed budget by expenditure and elements of the tax levy and rate. The following are a list of dates for upcoming discussion, hearings, adoption and vote for the 2017-18 School District budget.

March 21, 2017 - Budget Hearing I - Open Topics Forum

April 18, 2017 - Budget Adoption

May 2, 2017 – Budget Hearing II

May 16, 2017 - Budget Vote/Trustee Election

At the conclusion of the presentation, Board President Ms. Keohane-Glassberg indicated that there would be extensive conversations around the budget in the weeks and meetings ahead. She asked if there were any comments from the Board of Education. There were no comments from the Board.

Board President Keohane-Glassberg asked if there were any comments from the Public. There were no comments from the Public.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no communications from the Public.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Repetto seconded by Ms. Belanger, and carried unanimously (6-0) to add the following Consent Agenda – General Item to the Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda General 7.10

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the resolution below to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education and the Rye Teachers' Association Unit, dated February 7, 2017.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye City School District hereby authorizes and approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board and the Rye Teachers' Association, dated February 7, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Interim Superintendent of Schools to incorporate said Memorandum of Agreement into a more formal written agreement and further authorizes the Interim Superintendent of Schools to execute said formal written agreement.

Board of Education President Ms. Keohane-Glassberg announced that Consent Agenda General Item 7.08 is being pulled for discussion and amendment in showing support for public education in our country.

Consent Agenda General 7.08

Recommended Action:

That the Board adopts the attached Resolution on Educational Leadership.

Board of Education President Ms. Keohane-Glassberg thanked Board Member Ms. Belanger who is also a Board member of the Westchester Putnam School Boards Association helped to put together this resolution. She indicated that since Betsy DeVos was approved today as our new Secretary of Education we need to amend the resolution. We are removing the last paragraph of the original resolution where we were asking our State and Federal Representatives to find common ground for our educational challenges and to look for a long term vision that supports public education.

Ms. Karen Belanger stated that this resolution is being amended and read the revised resolution aloud as follows:

Resolution of the Rye City School District Board of Education Regarding Leadership in Education Policy in the United States

Be It Resolved that the Rye City School District Board of Education adopts the following statement to be recorded in the Official Minutes.

Be it resolved that, We, the Board of Education and Administrators of the Rye City School District, agree fundamentally and philosophically that quality education is an inalienable right for every student.

We believe in the power of our current public educational system to address the needs of our children in the provision of free and appropriate public education for all students. We believe that traditional public education has been the hallmark of success for our students both locally and nationally, and that it has contributed to the many successes of our country.

We believe that vouchers, school choice programs, and charter schools are not a tenable long-term response to our educational challenges, and that the diverting of taxpayer monies away from public education is counterproductive to our educational objectives.

We believe proper funding and support of our current public system, with a continued focus on academic rigor, teacher excellence, global learning, and emotional wellness, is the right path to long-term success for all our children.

Therefore, believing we must work together for the common good of our children and their future, we respectfully ask our State and Federal Representatives to find common ground for our educational challenges and for the future success of our children. We look for a long-term vision that supports public education with appropriate and adequate funding and that enables all students, regardless of socioeconomic status, ability, race, gender, or background, to go forth and serve their community and nation at large.

On a motion by Mr. Repetto seconded by Mr. Jines-Storey, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the following consent agenda items as amended:

GENERAL

Consent Agenda General 7.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the January 20, 2017 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 7.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the January 21, 2017 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 7.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the January 23, 2017 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 7.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the January 24, 2017 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 7.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the January 25, 2017 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 7.06

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the January 26, 2017 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 7.07

Recommended Action:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Rye City School District selects and designates Wendy Brandenburg, Esq. to act as Section 504 appeals hearing officer for the 2016-2017 school year to conduct authorized pre-hearing, hearing and post

hearing activities at a rate of \$200.00 per hour and reimbursable expenses in accordance with District policy.

Consent Agenda General 7.08

Recommended Action:

That the Board adopts the attached Resolution on Educational Leadership – As Amended--(Attachment #II)

Consent Agenda General 7.09

Recommended Action:

That the Board adopts Policy 9310, Physical and Mental Examinations. Policy 9310 was provided to the Board for Information at the January 10, 2017, Board meeting and presented for Discussion at the January 24, 2017, Board Meeting. It is ready for adoption effective immediately. (Attachment #III)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye City School District hereby authorizes and approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board and the Rye Teachers' Association, dated February 7, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Interim Superintendent of Schools to incorporate said Memorandum of Agreement into a more formal written agreement and further authorizes the Interim Superintendent of Schools to execute said formal written agreement.

Consent Agenda General 7.10

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the resolution below to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education and the Rye Teachers' Association Unit, dated February 7, 2017. (Attachment # IV)

FISCAL

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the \$4,371 gift from the Osborn PTO to purchase risers for the auditorium.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Contract for Health Services with the Harrison Central School District for \$17,188.00 for the 2016-17 school year. (Attachment # V)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Contract for Health Services with the Irvington Union Free School District for \$1,193.19 for the 2016-17 school year. (Attachment # VI)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.04**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Contract for Health Services with the Clarkstown Central School District for \$1,728.00 for the 2016-17 school year. (Attachment # VII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.05**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves Budget Transfer #16-17-03 in the amount of \$76,390.00 for the purpose of reallocating funds within the facilities budget. (Attachment #VIII)

PROFESSIONAL**Consent Agenda Professional 9.01****Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the request by Marisa Galvin for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as an ELL Teacher, assigned to Osborn School, effective July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

(Marisa Galvin was previously approved for Child Care Leave of Absences, on or about her estimated due date of February 6, 2016 – June 30, 2016, July 1, 2016 – January 29, 2017 and January 30, 2017 – June 30, 2017.)

Consent Agenda Professional 9.02**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

Margot Redmond
Isil Schwartz
Derby Christ (Guidance Counselor)
Francis McGuigan

Consent Agenda Professional 9.03**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of James Fatigate as a Driving and Traffic Safety Education Instructor at \$39.39 per hour, 40 hours per session, not to exceed 2 sessions for the spring of the 2016-2017 school year. This rate includes preparation time and is dependent upon enrollment.

CLASSIFIED

Consent Agenda Classified 10.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of Gabriel de Varona as a Videographer for filming, editing and posting of Rye High School Videos and Concerts at the rate of \$35.00 per hour not to exceed 12 hours.

That the Board approves the Appointment of Gabriel de Varona as a Videographer for filming the Rye Middle School vocal and instrumental concerts at a rate of \$35.00 per hour not to exceed 15 hours.

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 # IX)

Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg acknowledged that on tonight's agenda, the Board accepted a generous gift in the amount of \$4,371 from the Osborn PTO to purchase risers for the auditorium.

COMMUNICATIONS TO/FROM THE BOARD

There were no further communications to or from the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Repetto seconded by Mr. Jines-Storey and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 8:38 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Elaine Cuglietto
District Clerk