

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
411 Theodore Fremd Avenue, Rye New York 10580 and
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
February 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Slack at 6:40 p.m. on Tuesday February 10, 2015 at 411 Theodore Fremd Avenue, Suite 100S Rye New York, 10580

Present:

Ms. Laura Slack, President

Ms. Katy Keohane Glassberg, Vice President

Ms. Karen Belanger

Ms. Nancy Pasquale

Mr. Christopher Repetto – Arrived at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Nicole Weber

Mr. Blake Jines-Storey –Arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Dr. Frank Alvarez, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Betty Ann Wyks, 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. Belanger, seconded by Ms. Pasquale and carried unanimously (5-0) it was voted to move immediately into executive session to review the employment history of current and prospective employees and to discuss current litigation.

On a motion by Ms. Keohane-Glassberg, seconded by Ms. Weber and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 8:20 p.m. to adjourn the meeting and reconvene the meeting in the Multipurpose Room at Rye Middle School, 3 Parsons Street, Rye New York.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Slack at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday February 10, 2015 in the Multipurpose Room at Rye Middle School. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

5.01 Presentation/Discussion
Spanish Grade 8 Curriculum Revisions

A proposal to revise the Spanish Grade 8 curriculum was presented to Dr. Betty Ann Wyks in May 2014 and was recommended for development over the summer of 2014 for implementation in the 2014-2015 school year. The revised curriculum is an extension of the new sixth/seventh grade curriculum that students have completed thus far in Middle School. The curriculum is designed to encompass the New York State Checkpoint A and some Checkpoint B (HS) standards as well as the Common Core Learning Standards. Revisions were presented to the Curriculum Council at the November 19, 2014 meeting by Ms. Dawn King, Ms. Christina Balsama and Ms. Kristie Orlando-Bangali.

A well informed detailed discussion and in depth presentation was led by Ms. Balsama, Ms. Bangali and Ms. King. Discussion on impact of those students moving to the middle school already taking Spanish in the FLES Program in the elementary schools was held and the impact on needing to change the curriculum as a result. (Attachment #I)

Presentation/Discussion II
Full Day Kindergarten

Dr. Alvarez opened a discussion with the Board of Education and the school community regarding the possibility of a Full Day Kindergarten program. He has been in communication with parents in the district both at his “Coffee with Dr. A Meetings” and others in the community including staff members, understanding that some parents are very interested in the implementation and others are not. Research and data driven information will be considered as well as consideration of the whole child. Various models will be researched and considered. At this point in time, Dr. Alvarez is not making a definite recommendation.

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education and Administration voicing their opinions on the implementation of Rye City Schools converting to a Full-Day Kindergarten Program.

Molly Ness, Dina Gelman, Christine Berkoff, Melissa Pellitieri, Jennifer Neren, Jane Anderson, Beth Rigert, Deirdre Michalopoulos, Rammy Harwood, Alyson Walsh, Bridget McGuigan, Chris Vlasto, Erica Lee, Luisa March Baldini , Michelle Ring, Courtney Harwood, Steve Bosco and Jennifer Boyle. All comments available on videotape of meeting.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

On a motion by Mr. Repetto, seconded by Mr. Jines-Storey and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the following agenda items:

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Professional 7.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the policies presented as recommended. (Attachment #II)
The policies listed below have been provided to the Board for Information at the January 13, 2015, Board Meeting and presented for Discussion at the February 3, 2015, Board Meeting. They are ready for Board adoption, effective immediately.

4327 Homebound Instruction

5300.45 Alternative Instruction in the Case of a Disciplinary Matter

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the \$10,000 gift from the Burke Family for the Burke Family Scholarship Fund.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Contract for Health and Welfare Services with the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District for the 2014-15 school year. (Attachment #III)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the increase to the General Fund budget by \$2,000 for an approved gift.

Consent Agenda Professional 9.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith authorizes and approves a certain Letter Agreement and General Release between a particular probationary employee, Employee No. 7538, and the Board of Education of the Rye City School District, a copy of which has been previously reviewed by the members of the Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith extends the probationary period for the above-referenced probationary employee from April 7, 2015 to January 22, 2016, in accordance with the above-referenced Letter Agreement and General Release.

Consent Agenda Professional 9.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Resignation of Nicolle Burke from her position as a Teaching Assistant for Special Education, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective at the close of business February 13, 2015.

Consent Agenda Professional 9.03**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following for 6th Assignment or Additional Pay Beyond Annual Salary:

These additional assignments have been recommended in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement. It includes the Middle School Elective Program, science labs above the 25 limit, and additional class assignments.

Name	Assignment	Frequency	% of Base Salary	Contract
Michael Szarkowicz (eff. 2/9/15)	Writing Mentor	Full year	10%	\$2,968

Consent Agenda Professional 9.04**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the following Appointment for Extra Pay for Extra Work, for the 2014-2015 school year:

EPEW				14/15	14/15
	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>INDEX</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Midland School Musical					
Special Performances	Director	Serao, Leann	0.02750	0	1,544

Consent Agenda Classified 10.01**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Probationary Appointment of Kerosa Mitchell as a Library Clerk, 10 month position, with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks, assigned to Midland School and Osborn School, 1.0 FTE Step 1 of the 2014-2015 Secretarial/Clerical/School Nurse and Computer Aide Unit Salary Schedule, \$33,697* (pro rated amount of \$14,286.29*), effective February 8, 2015 with a delayed start of February 23, 2015.

NOTE: Kerosa Mitchell is being appointed from Eligible List #02-100, Established 04-01-02, Certification #000021130, Issued 12-11-14.

*salary pending contract settlement

Consent Agenda Classified 10.02**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Probationary Appointment of Alphonso Paoluci as a Teacher Aide, for lunch time duty, with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks, assigned to Milton School, at \$13.95* per hour, Step 1 of the 2014-2015 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, 2.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective February 9, 2015.

*salary pending contract settlement

Consent Agenda Classified 10.03**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Additional Work of Maureen Fennelly as a Teacher Aide for Special Education, assigned to Midland School at Step 1 of the 2014-2015 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule \$18.45* per hour, for various after school activities as needed, effective November 1, 2014 - June 26, 2015.

*salary pending contract settlement

Consent Agenda Classified 10.04**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Substitute Secretarial Clerical Workers to be used on an as needed basis:

Rate of pay is dependent upon the civil service title of the position being substituted for –Hourly rate of pay is as follows:

Step 1 of Secretarial Clerical School Nurse and Computer Aide Unit Contract for the 2014-2015 School Year is:

Column A - \$16.61*

Column B - \$22.22*

Column C - \$23.09*

Column D - \$25.25*

Column E - \$27.41*

Column F - \$30.73*

Katia Scoli

Tara Dowd

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 #IV)

Ms. Slack thanked the Burke Family for their generous donation for the Burke Family Scholarship.

COMMUNICATION TO/FROM THE BOARD

Ms. Slack and Ms. Keohane Glassberg encouraged anyone interested in voicing their opinions on the topic of the implementation of a full day kindergarten program or any other concerns they may have should contact the Board at their e mail address: BOARD@RYESCHOOLS.ORG

On a motion by Mr. Repetto seconded by Ms. Pasquale and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:54 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session to review the employment history of current and prospective employees.

On a motion by Mr. Jines-Storey seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 12:32 a.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Elaine Cuglietto
District Clerk