

**MINUTES**  
**RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room**  
**February 23, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Board of Education President Katy Keohane-Glassberg at 7:04 p.m. on Tuesday February 23, 2016.

**Present:**

Ms. Katy Keohane-Glassberg, President  
 Ms. Karen Belanger  
 Ms. Nancy Pasquale  
     Ms. Nicole Weber – Arrived at 7:15 p.m.  
 Mr. Blake Jines-Storey  
 Ms. Kelly Smith Powers  
 And  
 Dr. Frank Alvarez, Superintendent of Schools  
 Dr. Betty Ann Wyks, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
 Ms. Gabriella O'Connor, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
 Ms. Elaine Cuglietto, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

**Excused:**

Mr. Christopher Repetto, Vice President

On a motion by Ms. Belanger, seconded by Ms. Pasquale and carried unanimously (5-0) it was voted at 7:04 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 Mr. Weber, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (6 -0) it was voted at 7:52 p.m. to reconvene in public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg welcomed members of the public to the Board of Education Meeting.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent Frank Alvarez announced that he is encouraging the public to communicate with our legislators to end the chronic underfunding of our school district. A sample letter is on our website that the public may view and submit to our New York State legislators relative to the restoration of GEA and state aid funding. The district is asking the public to communicate via e mail or letter by the end of this week in this advocacy effort.

Dr. Alvarez announced that we are in the midst of our search for a new Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics. Approximately 40 applications have been received. The interviews are continuing. A recommendation will be forthcoming in the next month.

Dr. Alvarez announced that the school calendar for the 2016-17 school year is still being finalized. He is hopeful that the calendar will be adopted at the March 8, 2016 meeting.

Dr. Alvarez indicated that the district is participating in a number of post season sports activities. These teams continue to compete: Ice hockey, Girls Basketball, Swim Team and Squash. He extended his good wishes to all of our athletes.

## **PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION**

### **Web Journalism Curriculum (Attachment # I)**

Dr. Betty Ann Wyks, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction explained that a proposal to develop the Web Journalism curriculum was presented to the Curriculum Council by Mr. Anthony Campbell in 2015. With the Council's support, Mr. Campbell was approved by the Board of Education in to develop the curriculum that will be implemented in the 2016-2017 school year.

Mr. Anthony Campbell gave a detailed summary presentation of the Web Journalism Curriculum including aspects such as; Site design, Documentary Photography, Documentary Photo Series Caption Writing, Feature Stories, Shooting & Editing Video and Video Interviews.

### **2016-2017 Superintendent's Recommended Budget (Attachment # II)**

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Alvarez and Assistant Superintendent for Business Gabriela O'Connor presented the 2016-17 Superintendents' Recommended Budget in the amount of \$85,064,873. They discussed key elements of the budget, proposed budget by expenditure, elements of the tax levy and rate. A detailed discussion among the Board Members and the administration commenced explaining key components of this budget. Dr. Alvarez indicated that both Rye High School Principal Ms. Patricia Taylor and Rye Middle School Principal Dr. Ann Edwards would be attending the next Board of Education Meeting to continue the discussion of particular class offerings and programs at the secondary level.

Ms. Keohane-Glassberg asked if there were any questions from the public. There were no communications from the public.

The following is a list of dates that are relevant to the continued discussion and the adoption of the 2016-17 Superintendent's recommended school budget:

- March 8, 2016 Continued Discussion of Budget
- March 29: Open Topics Forum/ Budget Hearing I
- April 12: Board of Education Budget Adoption
- April 26:
- May 17: Budget Vote/Board Election

### **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC ON NON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no communications from the public.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Ms. Pasquale seconded by Ms. Belanger, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

#### **GENERAL**

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

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

That the Board adopts the Resolution to establish May 17, 2016 for Budget Vote and Election Procedures. (Attachment # III)

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

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

That the Board approves the Contract for Rental of Electronic Voting Machines from Westchester County for the May 17, 2016 Budget Vote and Election. Contract has been reviewed by Legal Counsel. (Attachment # IV)

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

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

That the Board adopts the American Sign Language II Curriculum for implementation during the 2015-2016 school year.

#### **FISCAL**

##### **Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.01**

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

That the Board accepts the Monthly Financial Reports for November 2015. (Attachment # V)

##### **Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.02**

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

That the Board accepts the Monthly Financial Reports for December 2015.  
(Attachment # VI)

### **Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.03**

#### **Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Contract for Health Services with the Bedford Central School District for \$16,321.65 for the 2015/16 school year. (Attachment # VII)

### **Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.04**

#### **Recommended Action:**

That the Board accepts the Monthly Financial Reports for January 2016.  
(Attachment # VIII)

## **PROFESSIONAL**

### **Consent Agenda Professional 9.01**

#### **Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Melissa Hlubik Garcia as a Special Education Teacher, for which she holds New York State Professional Certification in Students With Disabilities (Grades 1-6) assigned to Milton School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 9 of the 2015-2016 Teacher Salary Schedule \$ 86,461\* (pro rated amount of \$15,130.65\*), effective February 8, 2016 – March 31, 2016.

### **Consent Agenda Professional 9.02**

#### **Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the following Appointments for Extra Pay for Extra Work, for the 2015-2016 school year:

2015/2016  
EPEW

	ACTIVITY		INDEX STEP	RATE
Athletic-SPRING				
BASEBALL	Varsity Baseball Coach	Bruno, Michael	0.095006	7,148
BASEBALL	JV Coach	Charney, Jeff	0.075006	5,643
BASEBALL	Asst. to Program	Charney, Chad	0.055006	4,138
BASEBALL	Asst. to Program	Tucci, Greg	0.055006	Volunteer
GOLF Boys	Varsity Coach	Romano, Patrick	0.080006	6,019
GOLF Girls	Varsity Coach	Savage, Rich	0.080006	6,019
LACROSSE (Boys)	Varsity Coach	Dooley, Brian	0.095006	7,148
LACROSSE (Boys)	JV Coach	Johnson, Michael	0.075006	5,643
LACROSSE (Boys)	Asst. to Var. Prog.	Dooley, Scott	0.055006	4,138
LACROSSE (Girls)	Varsity Coach	Hurlie, Dennis	0.095006	7,148
LACROSSE (Girls)	JV Coach	Bannon, James	0.075006	5,643
LACROSSE (Girls)	Asst. to the Program	Morrison, Keri	0.055006	4,138

SOFTBALL	Varsity Coach	Tejera, Alex	0.095006	7,148
SOFTBALL	JV Coach	Nixon, Kim	0.075006	5,643
SOFTBALL	Asst. to Var/JV Prog	Dosso, Victoria	0.055002	3,404
TENNIS (Boys)	Varsity Coach	Dickson, Susan	0.080006	6,019
TENNIS (Boys)	JV Coach	Campbell, Anthony	0.065006	4,890
TRACK	Varsity (Boys) Coach	Yedowitz, James	0.095006	7,148
TRACK	Varsity (Girls) Coach	McGee, John	0.095006	7,148
TRACK	Asst. to Var. Prog. (Girls)	Jenson, Joel	0.075003	4,875
CREW	Varsity (Girls)	Labine, Katherine	0.095006	7,148
CREW	Varsity (Boys)	Nelson, Stan	0.095006	7,148
RUGBY	Director of Rugby	O'Hara, James	0.080003	5,199
RUGBY	Asst to Prog	Rinaldi, James	0.055003	3,575
Middle School - Spring				
BASEBALL	Modified 7/8 Coach (Black)	Plaice, Josh	0.065006	4,890
BASEBALL	Modified 7/8 Coach (Red)	Villanova, Robert	0.065005	4,658
LACROSSE(Boys)	Modified 7/8 Coach (Black)	Berk, Simon	0.065006	4,890
LACROSSE (Boys)	Modified 7/8 Coach (Red)	Soltren, Andres	0.065000	3,649
LACROSSE (Girls)	Modified 7/8 Coach (Red)	Henwood, Mary	0.065006	4,890
LACROSSE (Girls)	Modified 7/8 Coach (Black)	Romano, Jean	0.065006	4,890
SOFTBALL	Modified 7/8 Coach (Black)	Poccia, Rachel	0.065005	4,658
SOFTBALL	Modified 7/8 Coach (Red)	Scoli, Karen	0.065000	3,649
TRACK (Co-Ed)	Modified 7/8 Coach	Carman, Charles	0.065006	4,890
TRACK (Co-Ed)	Modified 7/8 Coach	Dowling, Connor	0.065006	4,890
TRACK (Co-Ed)	Assist. To Mod. Program	Griffin, John	0.055006	4,138
Middle School - Clubs				
RMS Club Sports- Session 4	Club Sports	Deen, Cynthia	0.009100	511
RMS Club Sports- Session 4	Club Sports	Gobbo, Lauren	0.009101	536

**CLASSIFIED****Consent Agenda Classified 10.01****Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Lila Smith as a School Nurse, a ten (10) month position, assigned to Midland School, 1.0 FTE Step 1, \$56,840 (pro rated amount of \$28,135.80) of the 2015-2016 Secretarial/Clerical/School Nurse and Computer Aide Unit Salary Schedule, effective November 30, 2015 – May 1, 2016.

(Lila Smith will be replacing Bernadette O'Neill who is on a medical leave.)

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

That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Nicholas Colantonio as a Night Custodian, assigned to Milton School, 1.0 FTE Step 1, of the Custodial Unit 9231, Westchester Local 860 Salary Schedule \$51,679.00 (pro rated amount of \$9,467.91), plus night differential \$2,583.95 (pro rated amount of \$443.81), effective February 24, 2016 – April 30, 2016.

(Nicholas Colantonio will be replacing German Garcia who is on medical leave.)

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

That the Board approves the Appointment of Linda Carpenter as a Substitute Claims Auditor at the rate of \$90.00 per hour for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

That the Board approves the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Education Law §913,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the staff member discussed in executive session is directed to report for an examination to determine the mental/physical capacity of such person to perform his/her duties as an employee of the Rye City School District, the said medical examination with Dr. Tomaino, M.D. and Dr. Dunkle, M.D., at their office located at Neuropsychological Services of Westchester, 34 South Broadway, Suite 500, White Plains, NY 10601 on Monday, March 7, 2016 and any further dates needed by the Doctors to complete the necessary evaluation, and;

IT IS HEREBY FUTHER RESOLVED, that said staff member is directed to produce at said medical examination any and all medical records related to the present state of his/her health for the past three (3) years

**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)

Ms. Keohane-Glassberg announced that at this year's May 17, 2016 budget vote and candidate election it will be the first time that the school district will be using the new voting machines from Westchester County. The use of lever voting machines has been discontinued.

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

Ms. Keohane-Glassberg announced that this weekend the Rye High School Parson Street Players will be presenting "Shrek." There will be performances on Friday evening, Saturday matinee and Saturday evening. Ms. Keohane-Glassberg invited the public to this wonderful show that, in her opinion, is a good show for every age.

On a motion by Ms. Pasquale seconded by Ms. Weber and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 8:54 p.m. to adjourn to Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Jines-Storey seconded by Ms. Pasquale and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 10:01 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Elaine Cuglietto  
District Clerk

Video of this meeting can be found on the District's website ([www.ryeschools.org](http://www.ryeschools.org)). Click on District and on Board of Education.