

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
March 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday March 21, 2017 at Rye Middle School.

Present:

Excused:

Ms. Katy Keohane Glassberg, President
 Mr. Christopher Repetto, Vice President
 Ms. Karen Belanger
 Ms. Nancy Pasquale
 Mr. Blake Jines-Storey
 Ms. Kelly Smith Powers—Arrived at 7:12 p.m.
 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

On a motion by Ms. Pasquale, 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 (7-0) it was voted at 8:07 p.m. to reconvene in public. Two students from our American Sign Language classes led the group as the Pledge of Allegiance was recited using sign language.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian Monahan stated that he was happy to report tonight we are congratulating three students for winning this honor in the category of academics. The students are one tenth grader and two eleventh graders who were awarded prizes in the Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards for the Hudson to Housatonic Writing region.

- Sophia Cetina – received a “Silver Key” award for her poetry collection, “Illuminating the Shadows.” She is a sophomore in Kerry Tolan and Gina Giordano’s class.
- Caroline O - received a “Silver Key” award for her Science Fiction/Fantasy story, “Heal.” Caroline is a junior in Joel Edminster’s class.
- Esther Yu - received an “Honorable Mention” award for her poetry, “The Unspoken History.” She is a junior in Christen Klewicki’s class.

Thank you to Roni Sarig for advising and assisting all of the applicants in their submissions to the Scholastic and Writing Awards.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian Monahan reported that our Rye High School “a capella” Rhythm on Rye Group was successful last weekend in the quarterfinals and now moves onto the Mid Atlantic semi-finals. We were lucky to have them perform at our last Board of Education Meeting where they did an outstanding job.

Spring sports are now starting. The Rye Harrison Football Game will be played the week of September 28 through October 1st. Due to the Yom Kippur religious holiday, the game will be played on Sunday October 1st.

Schools will be closed on Friday May 26th. There will be school on Monday April 17th and Tuesday May 30th due to the usage of snow days.

Dr. Monahan commented that he has attended all of the school fund raising events, and he is very impressed with all of the hard work that goes into making these events so successful. He expressed his thanks to all of the parents for supporting our students.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC ON NON AGENDA ITEMS **Superintendent's Recommended Budget 2017-2018** **BUDGET HEARING I / OPEN TOPICS FORUM**

At 8:15 p.m. members of the Board of Education joined the audience for the Open Topics Forum for approximately 30- 45 minutes. This forum concluded at 9:10 p.m. Each Board Member reported on the topics that were discussed with the community and staff members in attendance. Ms. Keohane-Glassberg stated that the administration will formulate responses to the questions that will be communicated back to the extent practicable. The answers to questions should be available in approximately two weeks and will be posted to the school district’s website.

Continued discussion of the Superintendent's Recommended Budget 2017-2018 among Board of Education members and Assistant Superintendent of Business Gabriella O’Connor commenced discussion items such as budget codes, salary codes, special education restructuring codes, BOCES funding, and providing greater clarity for

the community to understand the many budget codes surrounding special education, transportation expenses, reserves, operating expenses and our overall budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

GENERAL

Consent Agenda General 6.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the February 28, 2017 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 6.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the March 7, 2017 Minutes as presented.

FISCAL

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the agreements listed below for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year.

Agreement between the Rye City School District and Taka Morioka for Japanese translation services from February 7, 2017 - June 30, 2017 at the rate of \$50.00 per hour on an as needed basis. (Attachment # I)

Agreement between the Rye City School District and Rita Moreira for Portuguese translation services from March 21, 2017 - June 30, 2017 at the rate of \$50.00 per hour on an as needed basis. (Attachment # II)

Agreement between the Rye City School District and Katia Dinis for Portuguese translation services from March 7, 2017 - June 30, 2017 at the rate of \$50.00 per hour on an as needed basis. (Attachment # III)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Allowance Disbursements: GC-AD-13 for \$3,100 as it relates to the emergency furnace replacement at Osborn Elementary School. (Attachment # IV)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Contract with Visionary Adventure, Inc. for a course inspection of the challenge course and bouldering wall at Rye High School plus applicable equipment and a written report at a total cost of \$1,269.55. (Attachment # V)

PROFESSIONAL

Consent Agenda Professional 8.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of Amy Jean Silver from her position as a Speech-Language Pathologist, assigned to Osborn School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2017.

Consent Agenda Professional 8.02

Recommended Action:

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

(Amy Reitzig has previously been approved for a Personal Leave of Absence, effective July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017.)

Consent Agenda Professional 8.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Kathleen Little as an Elementary Teacher, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) and New York State Initial Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), assigned to Midland School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 1 of the 2016-2017 Teacher Salary Schedule \$63,486 (pro rated amount of \$22,220.10), effective March 20, 2017 – June 30, 2017.

(Kathleen Little will be replacing Lisa Lanza who was previously approved for a Child Care Leave of Absence, effective on or about her estimated due date of March 25, 2017 – June 30, 2017.)

Subject

Consent Agenda Professional 8.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the following who has applied for and has been selected to mentor in accordance with the District Mentorship Plan. A full year stipend of \$1,500 is offered for each full year mentor. It is expected that the mentor will devote approximately 30-40 hours of contact time to their mentee. Funding will be provided via the curriculum budget.

Mentor	Amount
Alexa DeVito	\$600

Consent Agenda Professional 8.05**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Extra Pay for Extra Work for the 2016-2017 school year:

	ACTIVITY		INDEX	STEP	RATE
Athletic-SPRING					
LACROSSE (Boys)	Asst. to JV Prog.	Fucci, Christopher***	0.05500	6	4,138
LACROSSE (Girls)	Asst. to JV Prog.	DiRusso, Lisa	0.05500	4	3,753
TRACK CREW	Asst. to Var. Program Varsity (Girls)	Dickerson, Yelena Kessenich, Matthew		Volunteer 0	
RUGBY	Director of Rugby	O'Hara, James	0.08000	4	5,459
Middle School - Spring					
SOFTBALL	Modified 7/8 Coach (Black)	Poccia, Rachel	0.06500	6	4,890
TRACK (Co-Ed)	Assist. To Mod. Program	Tuttle, Jonathan*	0.05500	2	3,404
High School - Clubs					
Sports	Weight Lifting & Fitness(Spring)	Kozal, Stephen**	0.01500	0	842
High School Winter Musical					
Plays - Spring	Choreog.	Cunningham, Catherine	0.03250	6	2,445

*Jonathan Tuttle was previously approved at Step 1. Jonathan Tuttle should have been approved at Step 2.

**Stephen Kozal will be replacing Randall McCumber.

***pending medical clearance

Consent Agenda Professional 8.06**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Testing Proctor and/or Hall Monitor for standardized testing at the rate of \$110.00 per day for the 2016-2017 School Year:

Lisa Vita

Consent Agenda Professional 8.07**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

Tara Weiss

Darianne Cardino

CLASSIFIED

Consent Agenda Classified 9.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of Gabriel de Varona as a videographer for filming, editing and posting of the Rye High School Jazz Concert at a rate of \$35.00 per hour not to exceed 2 hours.

Consent Agenda Classified 9.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Per Diem Substitute School Monitor/Traffic Control on an as needed basis for the 2016-2017 School Year at the rate of \$30.00 per hour:

Jackie Ramsey

Consent Agenda Special Education 10.01

Recommended Action:

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

Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg acknowledged that on tonight's agenda, the Board accepted the resignation due to retirement of Amy Silver. Mrs. Silver is retiring in June from the District after 33 years as a speech pathologist, Amy joined the District in 1982, gained tenure in 1985, and worked at the Osborn School for her time here in Rye, only taking a two year leave of absence from 1999-2001.

Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services Julia Chung said of her, "Amy's professionalism is exemplary, and her kindness and generosity is contagious. Amy always has a genuine smile on her face, and a chocolate babka waiting for us every holiday season! Her presence and camaraderie will be greatly missed!"

Osborn School Principal Angela Garcia said of her, "Amy has dedicated 33 years to the RCSD and has helped many children develop strategies to strengthen their speaking and listening. She is a dedicated teacher and colleague, who brings spirit and laughter to Osborn School. She will be missed greatly by us all!"

In her retirement letter, Amy said, "It has been a pleasure to work with the wonderful staff and students at Osborn School for the past 33 years."

We wish Amy all the very best in her retirement.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION II**Policy 4230, Curriculum Adoption**

Chair of the Policy Committee Ms. Belanger discussed that this policy and regulation has been extensively reviewed by central administration. This new policy is a broad brush policy with very detailed accompanying regulations presently formulated. Ms. Sheryl Goffman, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment explained key points of the Regulations to Policy #4230 which includes building a cycle that aligns with the budget cycle. A detailed discussion of the policy and regulations commenced.

COMMUNICATIONS TO/FROM THE BOARD

Board of Education Member Mr. Blake Jines-Storey announced that he would be seeking re-election as his term ends this year on June 30, 2017 after serving on the Board of Education for the last three years.

Board of Education Member Ms. Karen Belanger announced that she would be seeking re-election for a third term to a seat on the Board of Education as her term ends this year on June 30, 2017.

On a motion by Mr. Repetto seconded by Ms. Pasquale and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:21 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Elaine Cuglietto
District Clerk