

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
April 4, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 4, 2017 at Rye Middle School.

Present:

Ms. Katy Keohane Glassberg, President
 Mr. Christopher Repetto, Vice President
 Ms. Karen Belanger
 Ms. Nancy Pasquale
 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
 Mr. Tom Scapoli, Attorney, Ingermann & Smith

Excused:

Ms. Kelly Smith Powers
 Mr. Blake Jines-Storey

On a motion by Ms. Pasquale, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (5-0) 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. Boyle, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (5-0) it was voted at 8:00 p.m. to reconvene in public.

Special Acknowledgements – Rye Recognition of Excellence Awards

Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian Monahan mentioned that in 2012 we introduced our student recognition program, the Rye Recognition of Excellence awards. Tonight we are congratulating 8 students for winning this honor in the category of athletics.

- Mike Ackert is a junior and a diver on the boys swimming and diving team. Mike participated in States and finished at number 18 in New York State. Congratulations to Mike and Coach Melanie DiLascio.

- Caroline Baldwin can't be with us tonight as she has another commitment. Caroline is a junior and a squash team 1 player. For the second year in a row, she has been named the Fairwest Girls Squash League All American. Congratulations to Caroline and Coach Tony Campbell.
- Michael Carty is a senior and a backcourt player on the boys' basketball team. Michael is one of 11 section 1 recipients of this year's Court of Excellence Award. Congratulation to Michael and Coach John Aguilar.
- Fusine Govaert is a senior and captain of the girls' field hockey team. Fusine has been named a 2016 National Field Hockey Association High School All American. Congratulations to Fusine and to Coach Simon Hochstenbach.
- Charlie Nagle is a senior and a backcourt player on the boys' basketball team. On January 27th, he scored his 1,000 point in a game against John Jay. Charlie is also one of 11 section 1 recipients of this year's Court of Excellence Award. Congratulations to Charlie, and his coach, John Aguilar.
- Caroline Neave is a senior and a squash team 1 player. She is a U. S. Squash High School All American. Congratulations to Caroline and Coach Tony Campbell.
- Katie Popp is a senior and co-captain of the girls' basketball team. On February 11, Katie broke Rye High School's all-time scoring record of 1539 set in the year 2000. Congratulations to Katie, and her coach Dennis Hurlie.
- Natalie Weiner is a sophomore on the girls' indoor track and field team. She qualified for States by finishing third in the 1500 meter race at the state qualifying meet. She currently holds both the 1500 meter and 3000 meter school records. Congratulations to Natalie and Coach John McGee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian Monahan stated that although the New York State budget has not been passed, it has little impact for the Rye City School District and will not really change our budget for next year. We do not receive a huge amount of state aid therefore, it would not have a great impact on the budget.

Spring sports have officially begun and he looks forward to watching many of our students perform in tennis, lacrosse, track, baseball and rugby.

Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian Monahan stated he met with incoming Superintendent Dr. Eric Byrne today. He reported to the Board that Dr. Byrne is outstanding gentleman and educator and Dr. Monahan commended the Board on its choice. He knows that Dr. Byrne is excited to come and begin his work here in Rye.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION I

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 a shorter version of the 2017-18 Superintendents' Recommended Budget in the amount of \$86,930,075. They discussed key elements of the budget, the impact of the New York State budget not being passed on time, anticipated student enrollment, additional staffing some being conversions of exiting positions, NYS mandates, proposed budget by expenditure and elements of the tax levy and rate. The following are a list of dates for upcoming discussion, hearing, adoption and vote for the 2017-18 School District budget.

April 18, 2017 - Budget Adoption
May 2, 2017 - Budget Hearing II
May 16, 2017 - Budget Vote/Trustee Election

Ms. Keohane Glassberg asked if there were any comments from the Public on the budget presentation.

The following community members addressed the Board relative to the Superintendent's recommended budget presentation or on any other items either agenda or non-agenda items:

Mr. Bob Zahm inquired if the Superintendent was aware of an appeal that he submitted of an information request. The Superintendent acknowledged that it was received. Mr. Zahm inquired as to the practice of communications for revisions or changes to our Board Meeting agendas. He has noticed a difference on the agenda listed on the website as compared to the hard copies of tonight's agenda at the back of the room. Mr. Zahm asked for clarification of some dates relative to Board adoption of the Superintendent's budget to the public vote of the budget.

Mr. Jim Culyer asked for clarification as to which Board of Education members are seeking reelection for the Board. Mr. Culyer commented on a high number of budget transfers, salary lines, and asked for clarification on some budget lines, asked for greater clarity for the community on certain items in future budgets, explanation of some re-allocations of special education programs, BOCES expenses, projected costs for new staffing as well as leasing expenses for the intended move of the central administration offices.

Chair of Friends of Rye City Schools Ms. Mary Emery addressed the Board of Education and administration stating that she was very happy that we have a tax cap compliant budget this year. She encourages everyone to be sure to register to vote, re-register to vote at new addresses and then go out to vote on Election Day May 16, 2017. She expressed her concern about possible apathy on the part of voters due to the fact that a tax cap compliant budget is being presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Ms. Pasquale seconded by Ms. Belanger, and carried unanimously (5-0) to approve the following consent agenda items:

GENERAL

Consent Agenda General 7.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board adopts Policy 4230, Curriculum Adoption. Policy 4230 was provided to the Board for Information at the February 28, 2017, Board Meeting and presented for Discussion at the March 21, 2017, Board Meeting. It is ready for adoption effective immediately. (Attachment # II)

FISCAL

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the \$21,309.00 gift from Rye Youth Rugby to cover total projected expenditures for spring 2017 season. (Attachment # III)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the \$9,460 gift from Osborn School PTO to purchase 20 I-Pad Air IIs and Apple Care

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the \$16,074.16 gift from the Parents Organization of Rye High School to purchase 60 Chromebooks and 2 carts for the Math and Social Studies Departments.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the 2016-2017 SEDCAR-1 Agreement with The Alcott School. (Attachment # IV)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the 2016-2017 SEDCAR-1 Agreement with AMIC/Clear View School. (Attachment # V)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.06

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the 2016-2017 SEDCAR-1 Agreement with The Center for Discovery, Inc. (Attachment # VI)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.07**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the 2016-2017 SEDCAR-1 Agreement with Cerebral Palsy of Westchester. (Attachment # VII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.08**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the 2016-2017 SEDCAR-1 Agreement with The Devereux Foundation. (Attachment # VIII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.09**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the 2016-2017 SEDCAR-1 Agreement with Fred S. Keller School. (Attachment # IX)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.10**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the 2016-2017 SEDCAR-1 Agreement with Green Chimneys School. (Attachment # X)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.11**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the 2016-2017 SEDCAR-1 Agreement with HTA of New York. (Attachment # XI)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.12**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the 2016-2017 SEDCAR-1 Agreement with JCC of Mid-Westchester (Toward Tomorrow). (Attachment # XII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.13**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the 2016-2017 SEDCAR-1 Agreement with Program for Little Learners, LLC. (Attachment # XIII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.14**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the 2016-2017 SEDCAR-1 Agreement with The Summit School. (Attachment # XIV)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.15**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the 2016-2017 SEDCAR-1 Agreement with Westchester County Department of Health. (Attachment # XV)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.16**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the 2016-2017 SEDCAR-1 Agreement with John A. Coleman School. (Attachment # XVI)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.17**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the 2016-2017 SEDCAR-1 Agreement with Theracare Preschool Services, Inc. (Attachment # XVII)

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

That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of Gail Topol from her position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Osborn School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2017.

Consent Agenda Professional 9.02**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Resignation of Lisa-Marie DiRusso from her position as a Special Education Teacher, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2017.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Resignation of Timothy Kohlbrenner from his position as a Technology Teacher, assigned to Rye Middle School and Rye High School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2017.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Resignation of Maria Calaf from her position as a Foreign Language Teacher, assigned to Rye High School and Rye Middle School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2017.

Consent Agenda Professional 9.03**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the request by Jessica Comitino for a Personal Leave of Absence from her position as a Mathematics Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

Consent Agenda Professional 9.04**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the request by Emily Johnson for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as a Physical Education Teacher, assigned to Midland School and Osborn School, effective July 1, 2017 – January 28, 2018.

(Emily Johnson was previously approved for Child Care Leaves of Absence, effective October 25, 2015 – January 29, 2016, February 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016, July 1, 2016 – January 29, 2017 and January 30, 2017 – June 30, 2017. Emily Johnson will be taking a Child Care Leave after the birth of her second child.)

Consent Agenda Professional 9.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Additional Work of Yunshim Kim to accompany the Kindergarten and First Grade Plays at her hourly rate, not to exceed 5 hours.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Additional Work of Alyssa Montgomery to complete CPSE and CSE related work at her hourly rate, not to exceed 100 hours, effective March 22, 2017 – June 30, 2017.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Additional Work of Remy Silvestre to complete education evaluations at the hourly rate of \$49.89, not to exceed 50 hours effective March 22, 2017 – June 30, 2017.

(This will not increase her 0.7 FTE.)

Consent Agenda Professional 9.06

Recommended Action:

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

EPEW

	ACTIVITY		INDEX	STEP	RATE
	Athletic-SPRING				
RUGBY	Asst. to Program	Mannion, Dennis Blake	0.05500	1	3,242

(Blake Mannion was previously approved as a Volunteer Coach.)

Consent Agenda Professional 9.07

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:

Luigi Lombardi

Consent Agenda Professional 9.08

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the following Per Diem Substitute Teacher and Teaching Assistant 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

Sharon Ofsevit

CLASSIFIED

Consent Agenda Classified 10.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Resignation of Renee Nichols from her position as a Food Service Worker, assigned to Rye High School, effective at the close of business March 28, 2017.

Consent Agenda Classified 10.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Contingent Permanent Appointment of Patricia Cudahy as an Office Assistant/Financial Support, 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, School Business Office, 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 \$11,536.38) effective April 10, 2017.

NOTE: Patricia Cudahy is being appointed from Eligible List #61-690, Established 07-14-14, Certification #000024345, Issued 03-07-17.

Consent Agenda Classified 10.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Stipend as noted below, effective March 5, 2017:

Bertha Zevallos	\$15,000
Deputy Tax Collector	(pro rated amount of \$4,903.85)

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 #XVIII)

Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg acknowledged that on tonight's agenda, the Board adopted Curriculum Adoption Policy #4230 which is a renewed codification of the process by which curricula will be explored, adopted, reviewed and revised.

The Board of Education also accepted some very generous gifts on this evening's agenda. We are fortunate to accept a gift in the amount the \$21,309 from Rye Youth Rugby to cover total projected expenditures for spring 2017 rugby season. Some

other generous gifts were also accepted tonight; one in the amount of \$9,460. from Osborn School PTO to purchase 20 I-Pad Air IIs and Apple Care that goes along with those devices. We also accepted another incredible gift in the amount of \$16,074. from the Parents Organization of Rye High School to purchase 60 Chromebooks and 2 carts for the Math and Social Studies Departments.

Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg announced that on tonight's agenda, the Board also accepted the resignation due to retirement of Ms. Gail Topol. Gail is retiring in June from the District after 28 years as an elementary school teacher. She has served on the Math and Language Arts committees and was a Curriculum Council member. For many years, she was the Coordinator of Earth Day activities at Osborn School. Most recently, she assisted in the revision of the District's health curriculum. Osborn School Principal Angela Garcia said of her, "Gail Topol has been a cheerleader for all Osborn students the past 28 years. While there are many qualities that make everyone adore Gail, her professionalism and positive attitude are by far the most commendable. Gail will be greatly missed at Osborn School!" We wish Gail all the best in her retirement.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION II

Chairperson of the Policy Committee stated that there was only one policy up for discussion this evening. Use of Credit Cards, was presented with some edits and further explanation of the need for the policy revisions by Assistant Superintendent for Business Ms. Gabriella O'Connor. There were no communications from the public on the Use of Credit Cards policy review from the Public.

COMMUNICATIONS TO/FROM THE BOARD

There were no further communications to or from the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Repetto seconded by Ms. Pasquale and carried unanimously (5-0) it was voted at 8:37 p.m. to adjourn into a brief second Executive Session to continue an earlier discussion.

On a motion by Ms. Boyle seconded by Ms. Pasquale and carried unanimously (5-0) it was voted at 9:06 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Elaine Cuglietto
District Clerk