

**MINUTES**  
**RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**2016-2017 Superintendent's Recommended Budget**  
**Budget Hearing II**  
**Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room**  
**May 10, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Board of Education President Katy Keohane-Glassberg at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 10, 2016.

**Present:**

Ms. Katy Keohane-Glassberg, President

Ms. Karen Belanger

Ms. Nancy Pasquale –Arrived at 8:30 p.m.

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. Smith-Powers and carried unanimously (4-0) 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. Weber, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (5 -0) it was voted at 8:03 p.m. to reconvene in public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg welcomed members of the public.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent Dr. Frank Alvarez announced that the District has been very involved with Rye Act. A program was recently sponsored by the district and held at the

middle and high school. A detailed discussion was held surrounding a student survey that was presented to students in November 2014. Data was presented to the faculty. There will be wide representation at the Rye Act Coalition meeting on Tuesday May 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Resurrection Church in the new hall also known as the previous Methodist Church.

We have negotiated an agreed upon APPR Compliant 3012 D plan. The plan has been submitted on time. It has been negotiated with the RTA, and this week Dr. Betty Ann Wyks completed the negotiations with the Rye Administrator's Association relative to this plan.

Dr. Alvarez stated that for the first time as part of our Rye Administrators' Association contract, we have a merit pay provision. We have an agreed upon system by which to do this. It has taken a number of months to complete, and it is now finalized.

Our School District Budget Newsletter will be mailed out tomorrow and should be received by the public at the end of this school week.

### **PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION**

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

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Alvarez and Assistant Superintendent for Business Gabriela O'Connor presented the 2016-17 Superintendent's Recommended Budget in the amount of \$85,064,873. Ms. O'Connor presented a detailed explanation of the recommended budget were discussed including key elements, tax cap calculation, budget drivers beyond local control, proposed budget by expenditure, elements of the tax levy and tax rate, usage of reserves, as well as discussion of the necessity for the second proposition question relative to the Osborn School Furnace Bond. Ms. O'Connor reminded everyone that the budget voted is held next Tuesday May 17 and asks everyone to come out to vote.

Board Present Katy Keohane Glassberg asked for comments from the Public relative to the 2016-17 Superintendent's Recommended Budget.

There were no comments from the Public.

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

Ms. Courtney Turiano sister or Thomas Turiano addressed the Board of Education and the Public relative to her recent loss of her brother Tommy Turiano and the drug epidemic that has impacted many in our community. She asked for additional drug education and prevention programs as soon as possible.

## CONSENT AGENDA

**Board President Katy Keohane Glassberg announced that before the Board would vote on the Consent agenda, she has asked for an explanation of the following item:**

### **Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.04**

#### **Recommended Action:**

That the Board Award Emergency Bid for Equipment Pre-purchase for Osborn Elementary School Emergency Furnace Replacement Project to Carrier Enterprise Northeast for \$198,400.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Gabriela O'Connor addressed the Board explaining that it was necessary for us to make a pre purchase of the necessary equipment for this project. It was successfully bid out and the bid was received below the estimated budget and received word that the lead time would be reduced as well.

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

## GENERAL

### **Consent Agenda General 7.01**

#### **Recommended Action:**

The policies listed below have been provided to the Board for Information at the April 12, 2016 Board Meeting and presented for Discussion at the April 26, 2016 Board Meeting. They are ready for Board adoption, effective immediately.

5220 School-Sponsored Student Expression

5225 Student Personal Expression

5312.1 Alcohol and Substance Use/Abuse

5312.2 Weapons in School

5320 Student Conduct on School Buses

(Attachment # II)

## FISCAL

### **Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.01**

**Recommended Action:** That the Board approves the Contract for Health Services with the Yorktown Central School District for \$1,100.42 for the 2015-16 school year.  
(Attachment # III)

### **Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.02**

**Recommended Action:** That the Board approves the Consultant Agreement with Alternative Care Systems, Inc. - Access Sensory Kids for the 2015-2016 school year.  
(Attachment # IV)

### **Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.03**

**Recommended Action:** That the Board of Education approve the agreement to continue compiling Menu Allergy Data for the school website and evaluate menus at a

rate of \$20/hour or a maximum of \$2,000.00 prior to the end of the 2016-17 school year. (Attachment # V)

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.04**

**Recommended Action:** That the Board Award Emergency Bid for Equipment Pre-purchase for Osborn Elementary School Emergency Furnace Replacement Project to Carrier Enterprise Northeast for \$198,400. (Attachment # VI)

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.05**

**Recommended Action:** That the Board approves the \$15,266 gift from Rye Youth Rugby Inc. to support the 2016 Rye Rugby Program.

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.06**

**Recommended Action:** That the Board approves the contract with Mitali Perkins for Virtual Visit via Skype for ELL class. (Attachment # VII)

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.07**

**Recommended Action:** That the Board adopts the following resolution:  
WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rye City School District ("District") entered into agreements regarding a Capital Improvement Project for the High School-Middle School Science additions and renovations ("the Project"); and  
WHEREAS, the District entered into a contract with Wernert Construction Management LLC ("Wernert") for the general construction work on the Project; and  
IT IS RESOLVED that the District hereby authorizes its counsel, Ingerman Smith, LLP, to take all necessary measures on behalf of the District to retain an architectural consultant in accordance with a proposed engagement letter dated March 22, 2016.

**PROFESSIONAL**

**Consent Agenda Professional 9.01**

**Recommended Action:** That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of Sharon Ofsevit from her position as a Special Education Teacher, assigned to Osborn School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2016.

**Consent Agenda Professional 9.02**

**Recommended Action:** That the Board approves the Resignation of Brittany Rothstein from her position as an English Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2016.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Resignation of Dulce Barker from her position as a Science Teacher, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2016.

**Consent Agenda Professional 9.03**

**Recommended Action:** That the Board approves the request by Sarah Bailey for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to

Milton School, effective July 1, 2016 to the end of the first semester.

**Consent Agenda Professional 9.04**

**Recommended Action:** That the Board approves the request by Michelle Civetta for a Personal Leave of Absence from her position as a Teaching Assistant for Special Education, assigned to Midland School, effective July 1, 2016 to the end of the first semester.

**Consent Agenda Professional 9.05**

**Recommended Action:** That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Katerina Dillulio as an ELL Teacher, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in English To Speakers Of Other Languages, assigned to Milton School and Osborn School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 1 of the 2016-2017 Teacher Salary Schedule \$62,486\* (pro rated amount of \$31,243\*), effective September 1, 2016 to the end of the first semester.

(Katerina Dillulio will be replacing Marisa Galvin who was previously approved for Child Care Leave of Absences, effective February 6, 2016 – June 30, 2016 and September 1, 2016 to the end of the first semester. Katerina Dillulio was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Teacher effective February 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016.)

\*salary pending contract settlement

**Recommendation:** That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Jonathan Tuttle as a Physical Education Teacher, for which he holds New York State Initial Certification in Physical Education, assigned to Osborn School and Midland School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 2 of the 2016-2017 Teacher Salary Schedule \$64,734\* (pro rated amount of \$32,367\*), effective September 1, 2016 to the end of the first semester.

(Jonathan Tuttle will be replacing Emily Johnson who was previously approved for Child Care Leave of Absences, effective October 25, 2015 – January 29, 2016 and February 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016. Jonathan Tuttle was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Teacher, effective October 25, 2016 - June 30, 2016.)

\*salary pending contract settlement

**Consent Agenda Professional 9.06**

**Recommended Action:** That the Board approves the Appointment of the following for New Entrant Screening on the elementary level, effective July 1, 2016 – August 31, 2016.

<u>School</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rate*</u>
Midland	Jennifer Keegan	\$40.00/hour

Midland	Heather Milboer	\$40.00/hour
Milton	Allison Bily	\$40.00/hour
Osborn	Cari Caulway	\$40.00/hour
Osborn	Jennifer Tavalacci	\$40.00/hour

\*Not to exceed a total of 30 hours per school or an aggregate total of \$3,600.00.

#### **Consent Agenda Classified 10.01**

**Recommended Action:** That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of Bernadette O'Neill from her position as a School Nurse, assigned to Midland School, effective June 30, 2016.

#### **Consent Agenda Classified 10.02**

**Recommended Action:** That the Board approves the Appointment of the following to work as timers, supervisors, ticket takers, chain crew, announcer, etc. at Rye City School District Events on an as needed basis throughout the 2015-2016 school year:

Joel Jenson  
Geri Jones

#### **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 # VIII)

Board President Katy Keohane Glassberg announced that on tonight's agenda, the Board accepted a \$15,266 gift from Rye Youth Rugby Inc. to support the 2016 Rye Rugby Program.

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

Board President Katy Keohane Glassberg announced that the Board has received a number of email communications from parents relative to the issue of the administration's discontinuation of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Mandarin offering at the middle school for next year. Ms. Glassberg asked if there would be a possibility to combine 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders who would be interested in beginning Mandarin. Ms. Keohane-Glassberg asked if there were any communications from the public regarding this issue. Ms. Kendra Moran, Mr. Coleen Joswell and Ms. Eliza Boch addressed the Board and administration asking for consideration of restoring this 6<sup>th</sup> grade Mandarin offering at the middle school. They all commented on the way that the language offerings were presented to the current fifth graders, the need for this very important language offering and the importance of the program.

The administration has agreed to look at creative solutions over the next few weeks to see what can be done to continue offer Mandarin to sixth grade students and the review

of the continuation of the full Mandarin program in the Rye City School District. The administration will encourage the introduction and explanation of the Mandarin program to our current 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

On a motion by Ms. Pasquale seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 8:55 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 10:00 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.