

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
May 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 16, 2017 at Rye Middle School.

Present:

Ms. Katy Keohane Glassberg, President
 Mr. Christopher Repetto, Vice President
 Ms. Karen Belanger
 Ms. Nancy Pasquale
 Mr. Blake Jines-Storey
 Ms. Kelly Smith Powers
 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

Excused:

On a motion by Ms. Pasquale, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (7-0) 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 8:03 p.m. to reconvene in public. Ms. Keohane Glassberg asked the public to join in the Pledge to the Flag.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian Monahan announced that on Wednesday May 17, 2017 he, together with representatives of the school district, will be honoring some of our students at the Double Tree Hilton in Tarrytown. Rye High School Senior Valedictorian Keaton Mueller and Salutatorian Alison Hufford will be honored at a dinner honoring the top two students of all school districts in Westchester.

Dr. Monahan stated that the Midland Fair was held last week. Even although hindered by a very rainy day, it was an amazing fair that was enjoyed by all who attended.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION I

Digital Art and Animation: 8th Grade Art Elective – Nichole Chiffriller

Background: In November 2016 a proposal to develop curriculum for the 8th Grade Art Elective Digital Art and Animation was sent to Sherri Goffman by Nichole Chiffriller. The proposal was presented to the Curriculum Council by Ms. Chiffriller at the December 7, 2016 meeting. With the Council's support, Ms. Chiffriller was approved by the Board of Education at the December 13, 2016 meeting to develop the curriculum. Ms. Chiffriller gave a detailed description of the Digital Arts and Animation course. (Attachment # I)

Keys, Pens and Brushes – 6th Grade Exploratory Course – Julianne Corbalis

Background: A proposal to develop the semester 6th grade exploratory course "Keys, Pens and Brushes" was presented to the Curriculum Council by Julianne Corbalis at the October 19, 2016 meeting. With the Council's support Ms. Corbalis was approved by the Board of Education at the December 13, 2016 meeting to develop the curriculum. Ms. Corballis gave a detailed description of the Keys, Pens and Brushes course. (Attachment # II)

Health Curriculum Update - Sherri Goffman

The members of the Health Curriculum Committee presented an update on the District Health Curriculum. Tracey Orzo presented information regarding the elementary health curriculum and Ms. Robyn Kaminer presented information regarding the secondary health curriculum. (Attachment # III)

At this point, the meeting was adjourned for a short recess to the Rye Middle School gymnasium for tally of the election results.

The Meeting reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

Board President Katy Keohane Glassberg called the meeting to order.

Board President Katy Keohane Glassberg announced the results of today's election. All results, at this time, are still unofficial.

The Superintendent's Recommended School Budget for 2017-18 school year passed with 1275 "Yes" Votes and 259 "No" Votes.

School Board Member Candidate Karen Belanger and School Board Member Candidate Blake Jines-Storey were both elected to another term of office.

There were 63 write in candidates

Complete details and all election results will be certified at the next Board of Education Meeting on June 6, 2017.

Ms. Glassberg extended her congratulations to Ms. Karen Belanger and to Mr. Blake Jines-Storey on their re-election to the Rye City School District Board of Education and expressed her thanks and appreciation to the school administration and to the community for the passage of this budget.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no communication from the Public.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

GENERAL

Consent Agenda General 7.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye City School District, in accordance with §1707(2) of the Education Law, will hold the 2017-2018 Annual Reorganization Meeting of the Rye City School District on July 11, 2017.

Consent Agenda General 7.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves a Side Letter of Agreement between the Rye City School District and the Rye Teachers Association concerning employee # 8684; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Interim Superintendent of Schools to execute said Side Letter of Agreement. (Attachment #IV)

Consent Agenda General 7.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves a Stipulation of Settlement in connection with a claim by the Parent of a Student whose name is on file in the District Office, a copy of which has been provided to and reviewed by the members of the Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute said Stipulation of Settlement on behalf of the Board.

Consent Agenda General 7.04**Recommended Action:**

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye City School District hereby authorizes an appeal of the portion of the decision of the Impartial Hearing Officer in IHRS Case I.D. No. 500140 that was not favorable to the School District; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes School District counsel, Ingerman Smith, L.L.P., to proceed as necessary to file and pursue such appeal on behalf of the School District.

Consent Agenda General 7.05**Recommended Action:**

That the Board adopts all policies presented as recommended.

The policies listed below have been provided to the Board for Information at the April 18, 2017, Board Meeting and presented for Discussion at the May 2, 2017, Board Meeting. They are ready for adoption, effective immediately. (Attachment # V)

5420 Student Health Services
 6690 Audit Committee
 6690-E Audit Committee Charter
 8414.5 Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers and Other Covered Employees
 9350 Staff Requests for Workplace Accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act as Amended (ADAAA)
 With 9350-R, Request for Workplace Accommodation, attached for acknowledgement by the Board]

Consent Agenda General 7.06**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education approves the Revised Additional Election Inspectors for May 17, 2016. (Attachment # VI)

FISCAL**Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.01****Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the \$6,824 gift from the Rye High School Parents' Organization to purchase eight laptops for science classrooms

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.02**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the \$16,074.16 gift from the Rye Middle School Parents Organization to purchase 60 Chromebooks, a charging cart and licensing

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.03**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the \$105,150 gift from the Milton School PTO for the purpose of increasing blacktop area for recess

The gift will support the cost of asphalt and asphalt binder that will increase the blacktop

surface at Milton school. The increased blacktop will provide additional space for recess and morning supervision. It also provides a location for the students to play when fields are inaccessible due to weather conditions.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the \$10,913 gift from the Midland PTO to renovate the Midland computer lab to begin to transform the space into an adaptive learning space

PROFESSIONAL

Consent Agenda Professional 9.01

Recommended Action:

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

Consent Agenda Professional 9.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Four Year Probationary Appointment of Kristin Castaldi as an Art Teacher, for which she holds New York State Professional Certification in Visual Arts, assigned to Milton School and Osborn School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 5 for 3 months and Step 6 for 7 months of the 2017-2018 Teacher Salary Schedule \$76,989, effective August 31, 2017 – August 30, 2021 (a) (b).

(Kristin has been a Part Time Art Teacher, effective September 1, 2010.)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Four Year Probationary Appointment of Barbara Mehlman as a Library Media Specialist, for which she holds New York State Professional Certification as a Library Media Specialist, assigned to Osborn School and Milton School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 6 of the 2017-2018 Teacher Salary Schedule \$77,937, effective August 31, 2017 – August 30, 2021 (a) (b).

(Barbara Mehlman has been a 0.7 FTE Library Media Specialist effective September 1, 2012.)

(a) This individual must receive three (3) annual APPR composite ratings of Effective or Highly Effective, in at least three (3) of the preceding four (4) years and cannot have an APPR Composite rating of Ineffective in the last year of his or her probationary appointment to be granted or considered for tenure.

(b) The Education Transformation Act amended Section 3012 of the Education Law amended to include classroom teachers appointed on or after July 1, 2015 with prior tenure (from either another district or from another tenure area in the district) may be eligible for a reduced probationary term provided they have received an APPR score in their final year and produces the score to the Rye City School District. Upon receipt and review probationary period may be amended.

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. They include the Middle School Elective Program, science labs above the 25 limit, and additional class assignments.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>% of Base Salary</u>	<u>Contract Rate</u>
Gouveia, Peter	Spanish 7-6/30/17)	(5/8/1 Full year	10%	\$ 2,191.85

(Peter Gouveia will be replacing Dawn King who is out on Medical Leave.)

Consent Agenda Professional 9.04**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of Mark McWilliams as a Teacher of Home Instruction, for which he holds New York State Professional Certification in Latin 7-12, not to exceed (2) two hours per week, at the Home Instruction Rate of \$49.89 per hour, effective May 8, 2017 - June 30, 2017

Consent Agenda Professional 9.05**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment Amendment of Lisa-Marie DiRusso as a Teacher of Home Instruction for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Students With Disabilities (Grades 1-6) and New York State Initial Certification in Students With Disabilities 7-12 Generalist, not to exceed (8) eight hours per week, at the Home Instruction Rate of \$49.89 per hour, effective April 17, 2017 – June 30, 2017.

(Lisa-Marie DiRusso was previously approved not to exceed (6) six hours per week, effective January 11, 2017 – June 30, 2017 at the January 24, 2017 Board of Education Meeting.)

Consent Agenda Professional 9.06**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves Debra Aronson at the rate of \$40.00 per hour for 45 hours of curriculum development for American Sign Language - Level 2, not to exceed a total of \$1,800.00, effective June 26, 2017 to August 25, 2017.

Recommendation: That the Board approves Maite Frost at the rate of \$40.00 per hour for 40 hours of curriculum development for French 2/2H, not to exceed a total of \$1,600.00, effective July 1, 2017 to August 25, 2017.

Recommendation: That the Board approves Kimberly Nardo and Alexandra Soberon at the rate of \$40.00 per hour for a total of 50 hours of curriculum development of Spanish V Advanced/V Advanced Honors, not to exceed a total of \$2,000.00, effective March 28, 2017 to August 25, 2017.

Recommendation: That the Board approves Michele Haiken and Francesca Miller at the rate of \$40.00 per hour for a total of 40 hours, 20 hours per teacher, for curriculum development of World War II Multigenre Humanities Unit - 8th Grade, not to exceed a total of \$1,600.00, \$800.00 per person, effective July 1, 2017 to August 25, 2017.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the following individuals for ELA K-5 Summer Literacy Curriculum Development effective June 29, 2017 through July 21, 2017, at the curriculum rate of \$40.00 per hour, not to exceed 15 hours per person, or an aggregate total of \$2,400.00, as approved in advance by the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Sarah Bailey	Milton	K
Thomas Bailey	Milton	5
Amanda Massett	Milton	1
Kathryn Ridley	Milton	2

Recommendation: That the Board approves the following individuals to refine the Elementary Health Curriculum, at the rate of \$40.00 per hour for a total of 30 hours to be divided among the participants, not to exceed \$1,200.00, effective July 5 to July 28, 2017.

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Hillary Krane	Osborn	2
Tracey Orzo	Midland	3

Consent Agenda Professional 9.07

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following for New Entrant Screening on the elementary level, effective July 1, 2017 – August 31, 2017.

<u>School</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rate*</u>
Midland	Jennifer Keegan	\$40.00/hour
Midland	Heather Milboer	\$40.00/hour
Midland	Debora Rosado	\$40.00/hour
Milton	Scott Cifone	\$40.00/hour
Osborn	Cari Caulway	\$40.00/hour
Osborn	Hillary Krane	\$40.00/hour

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

Consent Agenda Professional 9.08**Recommended Action:**

That the Board Approves the Additional Work of Albert Mercado to teach Adapted Physical Education at his hourly rate of pay not to exceed 1 (one) hour per week, effective May 10, 2017 - June 30, 2017.

Consent Agenda Professional 9.09**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the following Appointment for Summer 2017 work:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Albert Mercado	Athletic Office	\$40.00	200 hours

Consent Agenda Professional 9.10**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

Jennifer Vitiello

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ALTER, ALEXA N.	LEVINE, HAROLD J.
AMDUR, SHAWN M.	LINEHAN, SARA
ANDERSON, BRITTANY	LIPMAN, SAMANTHA
ANDOLINA, DEANNA	LITTLE, KATHLEEN
ANZALONE, MARY	LLESHAJ, MIMOZA
ARCURI, NICHOLAS J.	MACARIE, ALINA
BAIONE, ELIZABETH	MARGIOTTA,
	MICHAEL
BEHANNA, MARIA	MARTINS, AMARILIS

BICHER, KRISTINA	MAURER, CAROL
BILLINGTON, ROBERTA	METICHECCHIA, SUSAN
BORZACCHINI, MARIA	MICHNA, THERESA
BRESLIN, JAIME	MIELES, CARA
CALANDRUCCIO, FRANK	MINNICH, FREDERICK R.
CARDINO, DARIANNE C.	MISCIMARRA, LAUREN S.
CHAPDERLANE, ZACHARY	MOLINA, ROBERT
CHARNEY, JEFFREY J.	MOLLINO, KIMBERLY
CREUS, LESLIE	MONTUMA, JESSIE
CUDDY, CHRISTIANNE	OFSEVIT, SHARON
CURTIS, LORRAINE	OPPEDISANO, ELISE
DEMPSEY, JEFFREY	OSORIA, CHRISTINE
DEPIERRO, DEANNA	PAPERT, RHONDA
DRECKMANN, MAXINE	PASQUALINI, MICHELLE
FERRETTI, MARIA	PHELAN, MICHELE
FIORILLE, GAIL	POSTRIGAN, NATALIA
FISHER, TAYLOR A.	READ, KAREN
FLICK, JAMES D.	REDMOND, MARGOT
FURGIUELE, MICHELLE	REYES-CLARK, LIZZA B.
GALLAHER, KATHLEEN E.	RUBENSTEIN, ROBERTA
GLENER, LYNN	SANGUINETI, DEBORAH
GREAVES, CICELY	SANTORO, JOANNE
GREGORY, ATHENA	SCHIRONE, NATALIE
GROGLIO, CARA	SCHUMM, DINAH B.
HALE, MARY	SERENA, KATELYNN
HATHAWAY, EILEEN	SIEKIERSKI, KATHY
JACKSON, MARILYN	SKIDELSKY, SHERRY
JOSEPH, JAMELA	SLATER, ELLEN
KAMER, GAIL	STANGER, HOPE J.
KELLY, LISA	STAUDINGER, HOLLY
KELLY, SUZANNE M.	STERN, JEROME
KHANDJI, NELLY	TUTTLE, DOUGLAS
KOKOVIC, VALBONA	VERILLE, STEVE
LAMBRECHT, ASHLEY	WEGWEISER, DEAN
LANFRANCHI, EUNICE	WEISS, TARA
LATARA, CHRISTINE	VITIELLO, JENNIFER
LEVINE, AARON	ZINGG, DEBORAH

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

That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of Karen Clark from her position as a Sr. Office Assistant (Automated Systems), assigned to the Athletic Department, effective at the close of business August 16, 2017.

Consent Agenda Classified 10.02**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Resignation of Jahmar Mckenzie from his position as a Food Service Worker, assigned to Rye High School, effective at the close of business April 18, 2017.

Consent Agenda Classified 10.03**Recommended Action:**

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

William Totten

Consent Agenda Classified 10.04**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of Katherine Aylward for on call medical coverage at Graduation at the rate of \$40.00 per hour not to exceed 3 hours, effective June 17, 2017.

Consent Agenda Classified 10.05**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following as School Monitors/Traffic Control for 2016-2017 School Year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Pay Per Hour</u>	<u>Position</u>
Nicholas Colantonio	\$30.00/hr.	School Monitor/Traffic Control

Recommendation: That the Board That the Board approves the Appointment of the following as School Monitors/Traffic Control for 2017-2018 School Year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Pay Per Hour</u>	<u>Position</u>
BILLINGTON, ROBERTA	\$30.00/hr.	School Monitor/Traffic Control
LOMBARDI, LUIGI	\$30.00/hr.	School Monitor/Traffic Control
MARIN, JOSE	\$30.00/hr.	School Monitor/Traffic Control
RAMSEY, JACQUELINE	\$30.00/hr.	School Monitor/Traffic Control

SALISBURY, WILLIAM	\$30.00/HR.	School Monitor/Traffic Control
VITA, LISA	\$30.00/hr.	School Monitor/Traffic Control
VITA, PETER	\$30.00/hr.	School Monitor/Traffic Control

SPECIAL EDUCATION

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 # VII)

Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg acknowledged that on tonight's agenda, the Board accepted some very generous gifts:

The Board accepted a gift in the amount of \$6,824 from the Rye High School Parents' Organization to purchase eight laptops for science classrooms.

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The Board also accepted a gift in the amount of \$10,913 from the Midland PTO to renovate the Midland computer lab to begin to transform the space into an adaptive learning space

Board of Education Present Ms. Keohane-Glassberg announced that on tonight's agenda, the Board also accepted the retirement resignation of long time employee Ms. Karen Clark. Karen is retiring after 29 years in the District. She has worked in the Athletics Department for many years. Karen received the Extra Mile Award in 2016.

Director of Athletics Mike Arias said of her, "The job of Athletic Department secretary is a complicated one. It involves the ability to work well with many people and personalities, interact with other districts, think on your feet and help organize the logistics in a department that has many moving parts all the time. Karen is that warm and familiar voice that Section One has come to know over the last twenty four years.

Rye High School principal Patty Taylor said of her, "Karen has been the face of the Athletic Department for many years. Karen's positive and "we will get it done" attitude has calmed many coaches, athletic directors and bus company employees. Students do not hesitate to go in with their questions. Karen will be greatly missed by all, not only in the Rye community, but throughout Section 1."

We all wish Karen the very best in her retirement.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION II

Chairperson of the Policy Committee Karen Belanger described some edits to the Policy 5275, Eligibility for Middle School/High School Extra-Curricular Activities (Attachment # VIII)

There were no communications from the Board or Public on this Policy.

COMMUNICATIONS TO/FROM THE BOARD

Board Vice President Chris Repetto announced that the Metropolitan Area High School Theater Award Nominations were announced this evening. Rye has received approximately six nominations which is a huge showing and enormous number for us.

On a motion by Mr. Repetto seconded by Ms. Pasquale and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:00 9 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Elaine Cuglietto
District Clerk