

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
June 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday June 6, 2017 at Rye Middle School.

Present:

Ms. Katy Keohane Glassberg, President

Mr. Christopher Repetto, Vice President

Ms. Karen Belanger

Mr. Blake Jines-Storey

Ms. Kelly Smith Powers – Arriver at 7:16 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

Mr. Tom Scapoli, Legal Counsel

Excused: Ms. Nancy Pasquale

On a motion by Ms. Boyle, 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. Smith-Powers, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 7:30 p.m. to reconvene in public. Ms. Keohane Glassberg asked the public to join in the Pledge to the Flag.

Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg welcomed members of the public and stated that this evening's meeting was a very special meeting for the Rye City School District. At tonight's meeting we will confer and celebrate the granting of tenure to some very talented and accomplished individuals. We will also be expressing the Board's thanks and appreciation to those Parent Organization members who are recognized for the roles in their parent organizations of their respective school buildings

Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg announced that Board of Education Vice President Christopher Repetto would be presenting some special acknowledgements this evening.

Mr. Repetto announced that the district is supremely grateful for our parent organizations in Rye and for those who step up to lead them. Tonight, we recognize and thank the PTO and PO Presidents who are completing their terms after generously giving of themselves in service to our schools.

These volunteers, who lead the parent organizations of the Rye City School District, partner with the Superintendent and the Principals and organize an army of other parents to enhance the quality of each child's educational experience in so many ways.

On behalf of the Board and the entire District, Mr. Repetto extended great thanks to:

Mary Capaldi – Rye High School PO

Nicole Regan – Rye Middle School PO

Monica Brenner – Midland School PTO

Melissa Belville – Milton School PTO

Chiann Roveto - Osborn School PTO

Joan Sullivan - RAISE

Doreen Zion - RAISE

A small token of appreciation was presented to each outgoing President.

Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg announced that the Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian Monahan will not be in attendance at the next regular Board of Education Meeting scheduled for June 27, 2017. Therefore, the Board would take this opportunity to acknowledge and publicly thank Dr. Monahan for his contributions to the school district this school year. On behalf of the School Board and the Rye Community, she thanked Dr. Monahan for this very successful school year in many areas. Tokens of appreciation were given to Dr. Monahan commemorating his service here in Rye.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION I

Bridging the Gap, One Note at a Time - Abigail Repetto

Rye High School Junior and Girl Scout Ms. Abigail Repetto addressed the Public and Board of Education regarding her Girl Scout Gold Award Service Project. This award represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouts. For the past year, Abigail's project is to use the student run a cappella group (of which she is a member) from Rye High School to connect with people and reach out to the community. She mentioned that specifically, 5th grade students of the community transitioning from the 5th grade to 6th grade and middle school working with High School students. A brief description of the meetings between the high school students and middle school students was very enjoyable.

Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg announced that the following consent agenda Items were being pulled for discussion by Dr. Monahan.

Consent Agenda Professional 9.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the attached Tenure Recommendations.
Administrators: (Attachment # I)

Consent Agenda Professional 9.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the attached Tenure Recommendations.
Teachers: (Attachment # II)

GRANTING OF TENURE PRESENTATION

Superintendent Dr. Brian Monahan introduced each of the following six (6) individuals for earning of their tenure from the Rye City School District this school year.

Teachers: Cara Lipari, Maria Gabriella Murphy and Alexandria Paley

Assistant Principals: Suzanne Short, Joseph DiGiovanni

Principal: James Boylan

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Repetto seconded by Ms. Belanger, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the following consent agenda items:

GENERAL

Consent Agenda General 6.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the May 2, 2017 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 6.02**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the May 16, 2017 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 6.03**Recommended Action:**

That the Board adopts Policy 5275, Eligibility for Middle School/High School Extra-Curricular Activities. Policy 5275 was provided to the Board for Information at the April 18, 2017, Board Meeting and presented for Discussion at the May 2, 2017, and May 16, 2017, Board Meetings. It is ready for adoption effective immediately. (Attachment # III)

Consent Agenda General 6.04**Recommended Action:**

That the Board adopts the Digital Art and Animation curriculum for implementation in the Middle School during the 2017-2018 school year.

Consent Agenda General 6.05**Recommended Action:**

That the Board adopts the Keys, Pens and Brushes curriculum for implementation in the Middle School during the 2017-2018 school year.

Consent Agenda General 6.06**Recommended Action**

That the Board approves resolution to appeal IHO decision. (Attachment # IV)

7.01 Resolution for Certification of Budget Vote/School Member Candidate Election**Results**

That the Board of Education accepts the Certification of the May 16, 2017 Budget and Board Member results. (Attachment # V)

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

That the Board authorizes the Superintendent to sign a partnership agreement with The Writing Revolution for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$60,525. (Attachment # VI)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.02**Recommended Action:**

That the Board authorizes the limit for the General Fund's Reserve for Tax Certiorari at a maximum \$10,000,000 and the limit for the Reserve for Retirement Contributions at \$4,000,000. The actual recommended reserve amounts will be finalized after the external audit in September 2017.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.03**Recommended Action:**

That the Board awards the proposal for External Audit Services to O'Connor Davies, LLP to provide accounting and audit services for up to five years, beginning in 2016/17 through 2020/21 at the annual rates listed below.

The District issued an RFP for external auditing services, as required by law every five years. Requests for proposals (RFPs) were issued to three firms experienced in the area of NYS public school audits, and one firm provided proposals. Based on the experience and qualifications, it was determined that the District would be best served by continuing with O'Connor Davies. The O'Connor Davies fee for the 2016/17 audit was \$38,700. (Attachment # VII)

2017/18: \$39,400

2018/19: \$40,200

2019/20: \$41,000

2020/21: \$41,800

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.04**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the 2016/17 Engagement Letter for O'Connor Davies External Audit Services. (Attachment # VIII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.05**Recommended Action:**

That the Board pass the attached resolution to discontinue the Commercial Reserve in the amount of \$11,971 plus interest. (Attachment # IX)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.06**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves services: Ann Mottola for layout/graphic design/printing coordination of District Newsletter(s) for 2016/17 school year for a not to exceed amount of \$3,800.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.07**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the 2016/17 Engagement Letter for Cullen & Danowski Agreed-Upon Procedures: To Determine the Effectiveness related to Information Technology (IT) for a not to exceed amount of \$19,000.

As part of the annual internal audit requirement, after the risk assessment is performed an area of concentration is selected for the purpose of performing an Agreed-Upon Procedures Audit (AUP). Once the audit is complete, the Audit Committee has had the opportunity to review and discuss the report, a recommendation is made to have the Board accept it. (Attachment # X)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.08**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the 2016/17 and 2017/18 Southern Westchester BOCES Initial Contract for Services. (Attachment # XI)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.09**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Staffing Agreement with Pearlcare Medical Staffing, LLC. (Attachment # XII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.10**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Consultant Agreement with Stephen N. Calculator, Ph.D., CCC-SLP for the 2016-2017 school year. (Attachment # XIII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.11**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Agreement with Edith Macy Conference Center for Administrative Retreat on Monday, August 28 and Tuesday, August 29, 2017. (Attachment # XIV)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.12**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the contract with Wainwright House, Inc., for the District Planning Session on July 10, 2017, in the amount of \$972. (Attachment # XV)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.13**Recommended Action:**

That the Board accepts the monthly financial reports for December 2016. (Attachment # XVI)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.14**Recommended Action:**

That the Board accepts the monthly financial reports for January 2017. (Attachment #XVII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.15**Recommended Action:**

That the Board accepts the monthly financials for February 2017 (Attachment #XVIII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.16**Recommended Action:**

Rescind Awarded Bid#15-16-009 for District-Wide Carpentry Services to Mohegan Park Contractors, Inc. (Attachment # XIX)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.17**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves award of Bid #15-16-009 for D/W carpentry Services to Mace Contracting Corp.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.18**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the \$3200 gift from Mr. & Mrs. Tony Kao for the Yedowitz-Magee Scholarship fund.

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

That the Board approves the attached Tenure Recommendations.
Administrators: (Attachment # I)

Consent Agenda Professional 9.02**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the attached Tenure Recommendations.
Teachers: (Attachment # II)

Consent Agenda Professional 9.03**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the attached Professional Personnel Agenda items:
(Attachment # XX)

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

That the Board approves the attached Classified Personnel Agenda items:
(Attachment # XXI)

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 # XXII)

Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg announced that there were many business and personnel items approved by the Board of Education. Specifically, she wanted to thank Mr. & Mrs. Tony Kao for their very generous \$3200 gift for the Yedowitz-Magee Scholarship fund.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no communications from the public.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION II

Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg announced that there were some minor policy changes:

The elimination of both the Student and Employee Tuberculosis Screening Policy in accordance with law.

There were no communications from the Public on any of the mentioned policies.

COMMUNICATIONS TO/FROM THE BOARD

Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg announced that at this meeting, Board of Education Members state their willingness to accept a nomination for Board Officer Position commencing July 1, 2017. Such nominations will be voted on at the annual Re-Organizational Meeting to be held this year on Tuesday July 11, 2017.

Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg announced that she would be willing to accept the nomination for President of the Board of Education for the coming year.

Board of Education Vice President Mr. Repetto announced that he would not accept nor request a nomination for a Board Officer for next year.

Mr. Repetto then nominated Ms. Karen Belanger for the position of Vice President for next school year and officially nominated Ms. Keohane Glassberg for the position of President of the Board of Education for next year. Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg thanked Mr. Repetto for his service while serving as the Vice President.

Ms. Belanger stated that she would happily accept the nomination for Board of Education Vice President for next year.

Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg asked if any other Board members wanted to state their willingness to accept nomination for a Board Officer position. There were no further nominations or communications.

On a motion by Mr. Repetto seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 8:31 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Elaine Cuglietto
District Clerk