

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING/BUDGET HEARING II
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
June 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Board of Education President Laura Slack at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday June 16, 2015.

Present:

Ms. Laura Slack, President
 Ms. Katy Keohane Glassberg, Vice President
 Ms. Karen Belanger
 Ms. Nancy Pasquale

**Mr. Christopher Repetto – Arrived at 6:45, via telephone at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Nicole Weber
 Mr. Blake Jines-Storey
 And

Dr. Frank Alvarez, Superintendent of Schools
 Dr. Betty Ann Wyks, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
 Ms. Gabriella O'Connor, Assistant Superintendent for Business
 Ms. Elaine Cuglietto, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
 Mr. Gus Mountanos – Legal Council

Excused:

On a motion by Mr. Jines-Storey, seconded by Ms. Pasquale and carried unanimously (6 -0) it was voted at 6:15 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 Mr. Jines-Storey, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (7 -0) it was voted at 8:30 p.m. to reconvene in public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CONSENT AGENDA I

On a motion by Ms. Glassberg, seconded by Mr. Repetto, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the following Consent Agenda I item:

4.01 Professional**Appointment – Interim Administrator (1)**

That the Board approves the Appointment of Gerard Mergardt as an Interim Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics, for which he holds New York State Permanent Certification in Physical Education and Hygiene and New York State Permanent Extension as Director of Health, Physical Education & Recreation, assigned to Rye City School District, annual salary of \$150,000, effective July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. Appointment subject to negotiation of a mutually agreeable employment contract. (Attachment #I)

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

Dr. Alvarez introduced Mr. Mergardt as the new Interim Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics. Dr. Alvarez highlighted Mr. Mergardt's qualifications and previous experiences and positions. Mr. Mergardt graciously accepted the position expressing thanks to the Board of Education and to the community his pleasure and his eagerness to join the staff here in the Rye City School District.

**5.02 Special Acknowledgements - Rye Recognition of Excellence Awards –
Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Alvarez**

Dr. Alvarez announced that he was pleased to present the Rye Recognition of Excellence Awards to the District's musicians and athletes. Our first awards go to the 12 Music students who earned outstanding results at the recent New York State School Music Association (commonly known as NYSSMA) festival. The following students were recognized at the elementary level: Ryosuke Aoki, Julia Cabrera, Ichita Matsunaga, Ami Matsushita, Reina Takahashi, Sophia Thomure and Sean Yu.

From Rye Middle School: Shiyo Ichikawa, Jacob Kelly, Hannah Lloyd and Kenta Setoguchi,

From Rye High School: Minori Aoki

We are extremely proud these 12 musicians, as well as all of our other NYSSMA participants ranging from elementary through high school. Congratulations to you, your teachers and your families.

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

Two individual athletes were recognized for extraordinary achievement this spring. The students are:

Frida Henningson is senior captain and a 5 year member of the Rye High School Girls' Varsity golf team, and rising Senior James McHugh for the Boy's golf team this year.

TEAM SPORTS

Congratulations were extended to the Rye High School rowing team members who participated in the Youth Nationals Regatta in Florida:

Jim Palmer is a senior and captain with Four years on the team.

Ally Sullivan, the coxswain, is a senior and captain with Four years on the team.

Kiefer Mueller is a senior and captain with four years on the team.

Brendan Faries is a senior and captain with Four years on the team.

Jack Smith is a senior with Two years with the team. Congratulations to the Men's Varsity Four.

Dr. Alvarez stated that the Men's Lightweight Varsity Double had a great race in the C final as well and finished second. Overall they were 14th in the nation.

From the Men's Lightweight Varsity Double Boat: Adam Rudolph-Math is a junior with Two years on the team.

John Dailey is a sophomore with two years with the team.

Dr. Alvarez continued to extend his congratulations and thanks to the seven members of the Rye Girls Squash Varsity Team 1 squad. Based upon their dominant play in the regular season, including their second straight Fairwest League Championship, the Rye Girls Varsity Squash Team was placed in the high ranking Division II at Nationals this past February

Congratulations were extended to these athletes, their families and Coach Tony Campbell.

Isabel Abt, Caroline Baldwin, Clarissa Carson-Rose, Kina Kacha, Kerry Lavelle (co-captain), Caroline Neave and Ellie O'Callaghan.

Dr. Alvarez also acknowledged the Rye Girls Squash Varsity Team 2 squad who also contributed to a successful season and 2nd straight Fairwest Girls League Championship. Coach Campbell has also asked that we recognize Mike Callaway, head pro at Lifetime Fitness, who helped coach the team at Nationals and throughout the season at Lifetime Fitness - which has become the home of Rye HS Girls squash. Thank you to everyone for representing the district so wonderfully.

5.02 Special Acknowledgements - Extra Mile Awards

Vice President of the Board of Education Ms. Glassberg announced that the Board would be acknowledging the Friends of the Rye City School District with an Extra Mile Award in recognition of the extraordinary efforts and their advocacy work this spring on behalf of the District. Their "get out the vote" efforts resulted in the highest voter turnout in 19 years of Rye School Budget voting history – 3,452 voters at the 2015-16 School District budget - a 70% "yes" vote. Thank you to the Co-chairs of the Friends of Rye City School District: Mary Payton Emery and Jennifer Boyle. None of this would have been possible without the immeasurable effort you put in on behalf of our children and our schools. We thank you two, and would like to present you this evening with Extra Mile Awards. Please join me as we thank the many people who help you with the heavy lifting this year.

Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures and this year was extraordinary in Rye. Thank you to Jamie Jensen and Mindy Grigg for stepping up and helping Mary and Jenn with all aspects of the organization, from advertising to technical assistance, research and voter outreach.

Ms. Glassberg extended thanks to our PO Presidents for their extra hard work in supporting our schools this spring:

- Patti Neave and Kim Abt and the team @ RHS
- Veronica Iuliano and Carol Pouchie and the team @ RMS
- Melissa Hieger and Colleen Margiloff and the team @ Midland
- Jannine Moran and Megan Wardle and the team @ Milton
- Jennifer Hoogstra and Heather Cabot Khemlani and the team @ Osborn

Thank you to Laura Kovacs who headed up the sign effort this year as she has for many years. Thank goodness this year she had a terrific team of people who helped her: Jannine Moran, Erika Lee, and Karen Meyers since the override meant far more signs. This year we had - for the first time ever - wonderful, moving videos of students speaking about the strength of Rye's schools and the value of its programs. Thank you to Heather Cabot Khemlani for producing these incredible videos. I've heard them described as "game changers."

Thank you to Rena Pemble and Tracy Stora for graphic design; to Steve Vasko for video and technical assistance. Thank you to Mark DiMassimo and Luis Torres for your videos which reminded us all why "We Love Rye!" Thank you to Molly Howson and Eli Groenendaal for your help with social media; to recent Rye High graduate Kelsey Schmitt thank you for helping with graphic design and working the entire election day at the polls from 6 a.m. to 10 pm!

One evening, residents came off the train and stopped in to Rye Grill and Bar where they asked budget questions of Board Members and were treated to the hospitality of Colleen and Will Margiloff. Thank you Colleen and Will for generously hosting!

Jen and Josh Neren and Nicky and Jim Regan - Thank you for graciously welcoming people into your homes for budget information sessions.

And thank you to Jane Anderson for coordinating extensive outreach to preschool parents.

Ms. Glassberg stated that a great a great deal of gratitude is owed to all of these outstanding individuals for all of their support and commitment to the Rye City School District.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Alvarez announced that this evening there would be a presentation by Rye High School Principal Mrs. Patricia Taylor and Rye High School Guidance Counselor Mr. Jim O'Hara.

A detailed presentation entitled "Reaching New Heights" was made by the high school administration highlighting the accomplishments of the Rye High School students including statistics of the Graduating Class of 2015 as well as results of many of the AP Examination results from this spring. Academic Achievements and College Placements (Attachment # II)

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC ON NON GENDA ITEMS:

There were no communications from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA II

Ms. Slack announced that the following agenda item was removed for discussion later in the meeting:

Consent Agenda Fiscal 9.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves Budget Transfer 2014-15, #8 for \$38,319.24 to utilize unused balances from utilities to complete summer projects.

On a motion by Ms. Belanger, seconded by Ms. Pasquale, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the following Consent Agenda II items:

GENERAL

Consent Agenda General 8.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the June 2, 2015 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 8.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the June 9, 2015 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 8.03

Recommended Action:

The policies listed below have been provided to the Board for Information at the May 19, 2015, Board Meeting and presented for Discussion at the June 2, 2015, Board meeting. They are ready for adoption as follows: Policies 1400, 5275, and 5420 are effective immediately. Policy 9259 is effective July 1, 2015 (Attachment # III)

1400 Community Complaints and Inquiries

5275 Eligibility for Middle School/High School Extra-Curricular Activities

5420 Student Health Services (a copy of the regulation is attached in the Information category for reference)

9259 Non-Represented Employees (a copy of the recently marked-up version is also attached for reference)

FISCAL

Consent Agenda Fiscal 9.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the contract with Wainwright House, Inc., in the amount of \$909.00. (Attachment #IV)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 9.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the contract with Wainwright House, Inc., in the amount of \$4,432.50. (Attachment #V)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 9.03**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the agreement with Kaplan K12 Learning Services, LLC for all courses related the PSAT, SAT and ACT for the 2015-16 school year, for discounted services provided exclusively to Rye High School students at Rye HS with no payment by the District. (Attachment #VI)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 9.05**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the \$3,000 gift from the Rye HS Ski Team Parent Organization to support the Rye High School Ski Team.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 9.06**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves extension of Bid #12-13-011 for Carpentry Services for the year 2015-2016 to Mace Contracting Corporation in the amount of \$137/hr/carpenter, \$205.50/hr/carpenter OT and 10% markup. (Attachment #VII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 9.07**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves extension of Bid#12-13-012 for District-Wide Electrical Services for the year 2015-2016 to Acorn Electrical Contractors LLC, in the amount of \$/77/hr for one electrician, \$87/hr for OT (weekday, Sat, Sun & holiday), \$148/hr for two and \$164/hr for OT; 10% mark up on materials. (Attachment #VII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 9.08**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves extension of Bid#12-13-013 for District-Wide Plumbing Services for 2015-2016 to Joseph Lombardo Plumbing & Heating of Rockland, Inc., in the amount of \$90/hr for one plumber, \$135/hr OT (weekdays & Sat), \$180/hr OT (Sun & holidays) and \$135/hr for two plumbers, \$202.50 for OT (weekdays & Sat.), \$270/hr OT (Sun. & holidays) and \$10% markup. (Attachment #VII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 9.09**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves extension of Bid#12-13-014 for Refuse Removal and Recycling Services to Suburban Carting Co., in the amount of \$40,440. Additional refuse pick up for HS/MS \$125 ea and elementary schools \$50 ea and recycling for all schools \$25 ea. (Attachment #VII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 9.10**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves extension of Bid#12-13-015 for District-Wide Grounds and Landscaping Services for the year 2015-2016 to Mid-Westchester Lawn Service Inc., for Part I \$41,445, Part II \$20,000 for mulch at \$50/cy and \$45/hr labor. (Attachment #VII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 9.11**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves extension of Bid#13-14-002 for Elevator Inspection & Repair Services for 2015-2016 to Automated Elevator Systems for monthly preventative maintenance \$374/month and \$674 bi-monthly and for additional work required, \$164/hr/laborer straight time, \$190/hr/laborer OT (Sat, Sun & holidays), \$600 for annual certifications, \$1,400 for 5-yr. traction inspection, \$164/hr for call back services. (Attachment #VII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 9.12**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves extension of Bid#13-14-005 for District-Wide Integrated Pest Management Services to Bliss Protection Services, LLC., in the amount of \$150/mnth for monthly pest management services for Rye High School/Middle School and \$75/mnth for Midland, Milton, Osborn and Rye School of Leadership and \$75/visit for additional on-call pest control services. (Attachment #VII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 9.13**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves extension of Bid#13-14-006 for District-Wide Roof Services for 2015-2016 to Armor-Tite Construction Corp., in the amount of \$135.00/hr/laborer straight time, \$202.50/hr/laborer OT and 10% markup. (Attachment #VII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 9.14**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves extension of Bid#13-14-007 for Tree Pruning and Maintenance for the year 2015-2016 to Mantree Inc., in the amount of \$24,917.58/yr for district-wide tree pruning and maintenance services and for additional yearly emergency work during the school year due to storms, \$155/hr for one laborer, \$260/hr for two and \$375/hr for three. (Attachment #VII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 9.15**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves extension of Bid #14-15-003 for District-Wide Boiler and Burner Services for 2015-2016 to Unity Mechanical Corp., for \$25,355 for annual service, \$127.50/hr/technician straight time, \$191/hr/technician OT and 10% markup. (Attachment #VII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 9.16**Recommended Action:**

Recommended award of Bid #14-15-005 for District-Wide Masonry and Related Repair Services to Westchester Grounds and Gardens, Inc., for \$79.56/hr/mason, \$66.30/hr/laborer, \$119.34/hr/Mason for OT, \$99.45/hr/laborer for OT, 10% markup on cost of materials, for asphalt less than 1,000 SF, \$13.26/SF, for asphalt greater than 1,000 SF, \$9.69/SF, for concrete less than 400SF, \$22.44/SF, for concrete greater than 400SF, \$18.38/SF. (Attachment #VII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 9.17**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves five non-resident tuition students.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 9.18**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the contract with New Directions for Excellence for consultation services for the Summer Literacy Institute, K-8 curriculum development and professional learning days, not to exceed the sum of \$75,000. (Attachment #VIII)

PROFESSIONAL**Consent Agenda Professional 10.01****Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of Mary Gould from her position as a Teacher on Special Assignment/CPSE Chairperson 0.5 FTE and 0.5 FTE Speech and Language Pathologist, assigned to Rye City School District, effective at the close of business June 30, 2015.

Consent Agenda Professional 10.02**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Resignation of Toni Ann Carey from her position as a Special Education Teacher, assigned to Rye City School District, effective at the close of business June 30, 2015.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Resignation of Jared Small from his position as a Social Studies Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2015.

Consent Agenda Professional 10.03**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the request by Kerry Tolan for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as an English Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective September 1, 2015 to the end of the first semester.

(Kerry Tolan was previously approved for a Child Care Leave of Absence, effective April 14, 2015 – June 30, 2015 at the April 21, 2015 Board of Education Meeting.)

Consent Agenda Professional 10.04**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Alex Pandolfi as an Elementary Teacher for which he holds New York State Initial Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), assigned to Osborn School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 1 of the 2014-2015 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$62,486 (pro rated amount of \$18,433.37, effective April 8, 2015 - June 30, 2015.

(Alex Pandolfi is requesting a Leave of Absence from his position as a Computer Aide, effective April 8, 2015 – June 26, 2015.)

Consent Agenda Professional 10.05**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the following Appointments for Extra Pay for Extra Work, for the 2014-2015 school year:

EPEW	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>INDEX</u>	14/15 <u>STEP</u>	14/15 <u>RATE</u>
High School - Clubs					
Publications	Garnet & Black	Krajca, George (eff. 3/30/15-6/2/15))	0.05500	1	611
Clubs	Be The Change Committee	Warner, Kristen	0.01500	0	836
Clubs	Investment Club	Baker, James (shared)	0.01500	0	418
Clubs	Investment Club	Thomas, Peter (shared)	0.01500	0	418

(George Krajca replaced Kerry Tolan effective March 30, 2015 – June 2, 2015.)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the following Appointments for Extra Pay for Extra Work, for the 2015-2016 school year:

2015/2016

	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>INDEX</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>STEP</u>
ATHLETICS-Fall					
CR. COUNTRY (Boys)	Varsity Boys Coach	Brown, Joseph	0.10500	5	7,413
CR. COUNTRY(Girls)	Varsity Girls Coach	Moynahan, Blair	0.10500	6	7,783
CR. COUNTRY	Asst. to Program	Szarkowicz, Michael	0.05500	1	3,194
SOCCER (Boys)	JV	Ciocoiu, Adrian	0.07500	6	5,559
SOCCER (Girls)	Varsity Coach	Savage, Rich	0.10500	6	7,783
SOCCER (Girls)	Asst. to Prog.	Mooney, Kim	0.05500	6	4,077
VOLLEYBALL (Girls)	Varsity	Jones, Geri**	0.10500	6	7,783
VOLLEYBALL (Girls)	J.V.	Poccia, Erica	0.07500	4	5,043
CHEERLEADING	Varsity Coach	Pellettieri, Melissa	0.08000	6	5,930
FIELD HOCKEY	Varsity Coach	Prince, Emily	0.10500	6	7,783
FIELD HOCKEY	J.V.	DiRusso, Lisa Marie	0.07500	5	5,295
FOOTBALL	Varsity	Garr, Dino	0.13500	6	10,007
FOOTBALL	Asst. to Varsity	Berk, Simon	0.10000	6	7,413
FOOTBALL	Asst. to Varsity	Rinaldi, James	0.10000	6	7,413
FOOTBALL	J.V. Coach	Domestico, Gregory**	0.10000		7,413
FOOTBALL	J.V. Coach	Moughty, Sean**	0.10000	0	5,531
FOOTBALL	J.V. Coach	Mancuso, Nicholas	0.10000	Volunteer	
SWIMMING (Girls)	Asst. to Program	Corsetti, Christine	0.05500	4	3,698
SWIMMING/DIVING (Girls)	Varsity Coach	DiLascio, Melanie	0.03000	4	2,017
TENNIS	Varsity	Campbell, Anthony	0.08000	5	5,648

TENNIS	J.V.	Power, Gerard	0.06500	6	4,818
CREW	Varsity (Girls)	Labine, Catherine	0.08000	6	6,019
CREW	Varsity (Boys)	Nelson, Stanley	0.08000	6	6,019

Middle School (Fall)

CR. COUNTRY	7/8 Modified Coach (Girls)	Griffin, John	0.06500	6	4,818
CR. COUNTRY	7/8 Modified Coach (Boys)	Carman, Charles	0.06500	6	4,818
FOOTBALL	7/8 Modified Coach	Quirolo, Gregory	0.09000	6	6,671
FOOTBALL	7/8 Modified Coach	Cabezas, Diego	0.09000	4	6,051
FOOTBALL	7/8 Modified Coach	Proudian, Thomas	0.09000	3	5,763
SOCCER (boys red)	7/8 Modified Coach	Tuttle, Douglas	0.06500	6	4,818
SOCCER (boys black)	7/8 Modified Coach	McCumber, Randall	0.06500	6	4,818
SOCCER (girls red)	7/8 Modified Coach	Zanotta, Stephanie	0.06500	1	3,775
Volleyball (Girls)	7/8 Modified Coach	Nixon, Kim	0.06500	6	4,818

**previously approved at the incorrect rate at the May 19, 2015 Board of Education Meeting.

*salary pending contract settlement

Consent Agenda Professional 10.06**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of David Perry at the curriculum rate of \$40 per hour for a total of 20 hours for curriculum development for Latin 6 not to exceed \$800, effective June 2, 2015 - August 13, 2015.

Consent Agenda Professional 10.07**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following for New Entrant Screening on the elementary level, effective July 1, 2015 – August 31, 2015:

SCHOOL	NAME	RATE*
Midland	Jennifer Keegan	\$40.00/hour
Midland	Heather Milboer	\$40.00/hour
Milton	Sarah Bailey	\$40.00/hour
Milton	Allison Bily	\$40.00/hour
Osborn	Hillary Krane	\$40.00/hour
Osborn	Jennifer Johnson	\$40.00/hour

*Not to exceed a total of 30 hours per school or an aggregate total of \$3,600.

Consent Agenda Professional 10.08**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of Jean Romano as a Teacher of Home Instruction for Adaptive Physical Education, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Physical Education, two (2) hours per week at the Home Instruction Rate of \$49.89 per hour,

effective April 16, 2015 –June 26, 2015.

Consent Agenda Professional 10.09

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 2014-2015 school year at the approved per diem rates

Per Diem Rate as follows:

Per Diem Substitute Teacher - \$102.00

Per Diem Substitute Teaching Assistant - \$102.00

Cara Groglio

Consent Agenda Professional 10.10

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the following for Gabriella O'Connor, Assistant Superintendent for Business:

Gabriella O'Connor

Contract Extension: Five Year Contract Extension to June 30, 2020.

CLASSIFIED

Consent Agenda Classified 11.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Resignation of Sarah Niez from her position as a Teacher Aide for Special Education, assigned to Midland School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2015.

Consent Agenda Classified 11.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the request by Alex Pandolfi for Personal Leave of Absence from his position as a 0.8 FTE Computer Aide, assigned to Osborn School, effective April 8, 2015 – June 30, 2015.

(Alex Pandolfi is being appointed as a Leave Replacement Elementary Teacher, effective April 8, 2015 – June 30, 2015.

Consent Agenda Classified 11.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Substitute Nurses to be used only on an as needed basis for the 2015-2016 School Year:

Hourly rate of pay as follows:

School Nurse, - \$39.60 *hourly rate of pay, Salary Step 1 of the Secretarial/Clerical/School Nurse and Computer Aide Unit Salary Schedule for the 2015-2016 School Year:

Julia Billingsley

Cliona Cronin

Frances French

Gaudet, Donna

Hopkins, Christine

Susan Hyland

Toni Kavanagh

Brenda Pica
 Priest, Kathleen
 Regan, Nicole
 Smith, Lila
 Tenney, Rebecca
 Tiedemann, Kathleen

*salary pending contract settlement

Consent Agenda Classified 11.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Substitute Teacher Aide to be used only on an as needed basis for the 2014-2015 school year at the approved rates:

Rates as follows:

Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide for Special Education - \$102.00

Substitute Teacher Aide \$13.95 per hour

Cara Groglia

Consent Agenda Classified 11.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Substitute cleaner to be used on an as needed basis:

Step 1 of Custodial Unit Contract for cleaner

January 1, 2015 – June 30, 2015

\$20.45 per hour for days and \$21.47 per hour for nights

Myles Thompson

Consent Agenda Classified 11.06

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of Gabriel De Varona as a Videographer at the rate of \$35.92 per hour for the 2014-2015 school year.

Consent Agenda Special Education 12.01

Recommended Action:

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

PRESENTATION DISCUSSION

Agenda Item #14.02

Proposal for JV Ice Hockey Team (Attachment #X)

Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics Mr. Rob Castagna presented a proposal for Rye JV Hockey Team together with input from parent Ms. Sue O'Brien Vice President of the Ice Hockey Booster Club and Ice Hockey Coach Mr. Peter Thomas.

Dr. Alvarez recommended to the Board that the district proceed with a pilot for one season and then reassess at that time. The Board supported this recommendation for the pilot.

Agenda Item #14.01**Policy 5423 Life Threatening Allergies and Anaphylaxis Management** (Attachment #XI)

Ms. Karen Belanger, Chair of the Policy Committee introduced the discussion relative to this policy and associated regulation.

The following community members addressed the Board of Education regarding their concerns surrounding this policy and regulations:

Jennifer Costigan, Kerry Laughton, Megan Wardle, Beth Rigor

Ms. Belanger noted that all of the comments will be taken into account and reviewed for final revisions to the policy and regulations.

Agenda Item #14.03**Proposed 2015/16 School Lunch Budget** (Attachment #XII)

Food Service Director John Rubbo presented the proposed 2015-16 school lunch budget that was provided to the Board for review. The Board will vote to adopt the lunch budget at its next meeting. Mr. Rubbo noted that the Food Services Department is constantly looking at areas that the food service department can improve and will specifically work to address concerns regarding food allergies, food ingredient communication and menu options.

Agenda Item #14.04**Review of Facilities Projects** (Attachment #XIII)

Director of Facilities Mr. Sam Carder gave a detailed and comprehensive Facilities Update including current project updates relative to the high school addition, the courtyard project as well as other on-going projects, funding sources, building condition surveys, proposed projects and prioritizing the capital "To Do List."

Ms. Nicole Weber was excused from the meeting at 12:05 a.m.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

After discussion and clarification of the need for the budget transfer, On a motion by Ms. Pasquale, seconded by Mr. Repetto, and carried unanimously (6-0) (Ms. Weber was not present at the time of the vote) to approve the following Consent Agenda II item:

Consent Agenda Fiscal 9.04**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves Budget Transfer 2014-15, #8 for \$38,319.24 to utilize unused balances from utilities to complete summer projects. (Attachment #XIV)

Ms. Nicole Weber returned to the Board Meeting at 12:08 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS TO/FROM THE BOARD

Board Member Interest in Being Considered for Officer Positions

President of the Board of Education Ms. Slack asked Board Members to declare their interest in accepting a nomination for the board officer position of President of the Board of Education. Vice President Katy Keohane-Glassberg stated that she would accept the nomination for President of the Rye City School District Board of Education.

President of the Board of Education Ms. Slack asked Board members to declare their interest in accepting a nomination for the board officer position of Vice President of the Board of Education. Mr. Christopher Repetto indicated that he would accept the nomination for Vice President of the Rye City School District Board of Education.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT CARD

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Dr. Betty Ann Wyks discussed the district's detailed process of revising its current elementary school report cards. Dr. Wyks explained that the process has been a long one this year. A committee was formed which met monthly consisting of representatives from each of the elementary schools, teachers, support staff. The committee discussed, among other issues, what other district's report cards look like, what is reflective of alignment with common core, what are Best Practices, what type of comments should be included, etc. Over the course of the last few months, concerns were discussed with PO representatives and school principals. Revisions have been made on many components and reiterations of the report card have been made. Dr. Wyks asked for additional comments on the attached draft of the elementary report cards. A detailed discussion was held with members of the Board of Education asking some questions and showing their support for these new report cards. It is expected that the new report card will be operational for the 2015-16 school year with parent sessions being held for explanation. (Attachment #XV)

On a motion by Mr. Repetto seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 12:33 a.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Elaine Cuglietto
District Clerk

Video of this meeting can be found on the District's website (www.ryeschools.org). Click on District and on Board of Education.