

**MINUTES**  
**RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD PLANNING SESSION**  
**Wainwright House, Rye, New York**  
**July 23, 2015**

The Board of Education's annual Planning Session was called to order by Ms. Keohane-Glassberg at 6:00 p.m. at the Wainwright House, 260 Stuyvesant Avenue, Rye New York.

**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

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**

Ms. Nicole Weber

On a motion by Mr. Repetto, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 6:15 p.m. to adjourn the meeting for a brief recess.

On a motion by Ms. Pasquale, seconded by Ms. Smith-Powers and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 7:00 p.m. to move immediately into executive session to review the employment history of current and prospective employees.

On a motion by Mr. Jines-Storey, seconded by Ms. Weber and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 9:17 p.m. to reconvene in public and proceed with the Work Session.

On a motion by Mr. Jines-Storey, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to add the following Consent Agenda - Organizational item to the Agenda:

**Recommendation:**

That the Board approves the REVISED Board of Education Meeting Calendar for the 2015/16 school year. The Board of Education Meeting Calendar for the 2015/16 school year was previously approved at the Board of Education Meeting July 1, 2015 agenda.

Note: Meetings to begin at 7:30 p.m. rather than previously planned for 8:00 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Repetto, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to approve the following Consent Agenda - Organizational item:

**Recommendation:**

That the Board approves the REVISED Board of Education Meeting Calendar for the 2015/16 school year.

**Discussion: Policy #4850**

A detailed discussion was held among the Board of Education and Administration relative to Policy 4850 - Animal Dissections for Educational Purposes. Chair of the Policy Committee Ms. Belanger, noted suggested changes and corrections to the discussed policy. The changes and corrections will be reflected in the policy upon Submission to the Board for Approval of Policy #4850 Animal Dissections for Educational Purposes at a future Board of Education Meeting.

**Discussion: Kindergarten Music Curriculum**

A detailed discussion was lead by Dr. Betty Ann Wyks, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment regarding the newly developed Kindergarten Music Curriculum. This curriculum was written this summer by Dr. Shawn Amdur and Ms. Yun Shim Kim due to the implementation of Rye City School District's full day kindergarten program beginning in the 2015-2016 school year.

On a motion by Ms. Pasquale, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 9:55 p.m. to move immediately into executive session to review the employment history of current and prospective employees.

On a motion by Mr. Jines-Storey, seconded by Ms. Smith-Powers and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 11:20 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Elaine Cuglietto  
District Clerk