

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
December 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Board of Education President Katy Keohane Glassberg at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday December 13, 2016 at Rye Middle School.

Present:

Excused:

Ms. Katy Keohane Glassberg, President

Mr. Christopher Repetto, Vice President

Ms. Karen Belanger ** Arrived at 7:22 p.m.

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

Ms. Elaine Cuglietto, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

On a motion by Ms. Boyle, seconded by Ms. Pasquale 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, 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 8:02 p.m. to reconvene in public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board of Education President Katy Keohane-Glassberg began by announcing that we would begin the meeting with the presentation of some special awards that the Superintendent would be presenting.

Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian Monahan began by commenting that he wanted to begin tonight's meeting by honoring a group of extraordinary students. Tonight, we honor six Rye High School seniors who have been named National Hispanic Recognized Scholars.

The College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program identifies academically outstanding Hispanic/Latino students based on their PSAT scores – the preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test – which they took during their junior year.

We'd like to extend our warmest congratulations to the students. Their success is reflective of a great deal of hard work and dedication, not only by the students themselves, but by their parents, their teachers and the School District community at large. The students are – John Bateman, Victor Gomez, Jan Nowak, Jared Patel, Lorenzo Román – Lorenzo couldn't be with us this evening as he is attending a conference at the University of Toronto and Jaime Ryan.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian Monahan reported that our Winter Sports teams are off to a great start. Currently, we are in the middle of our holiday school concerts with a few still yet to come.

Dr. Monahan reported that last evening Police Commissioner Corcoran contacted me regarding a situation in the community that police are looking for a particular individual. Dr. Monahan mentioned that he contacted parents when he heard of this episode and again this morning. The Police Department has released a photograph of the automobile involved has now been posted on line. Dr. Monahan expressed his thanks and appreciation to Commissioner Corcoran and the entire Rye Police Department for the extra attention being paid to all of our schools and students.

Dr. Monahan mentioned that December 20th is the "Ugly Sweater Contest" at Rye High School. He will be participating in this fun event.

Lastly, Dr. Monahan commented that he has observed many classes recently. He stated that it is not an easy job trying to teach students at this holiday time. Our teachers do this on a regular basis and we are very grateful for that.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Facilities Update - Sam Carder (Attachment # 1)

Director of Facilities Mr. Sam Carder gave a detailed and comprehensive Facilities Update including a listing of completed projects, the Osborn furnace project, environmental and green initiatives, preventive maintenance updates, large projects and construction, some current project updates relative to the school district, as well as the high school gymnasium floor being redone.

Mr. Carder discussed the building condition surveys, mandates received from New York State, water samplings, proposed projects and prioritizing the items that need to be completed.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Gabriella O'Connor thanked Mr. Carder for of his hard work and dedication to all of the facilities in the District. Board President Katy Keohane Glassberg expressed her thanks to Mr. Carder, to the Facilities Chairperson Nancy Pasquale for all of the help on the building condition surveys and a thank you to all of our custodial unit employees for all they do every day to keep our buildings clean and safe for our students.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Jim Culyer addressed the Board of Education regarding our website survey. He is encouraging the Board and Administration to reach out to the majority of our taxpayers in a more aggressive manor when we have a survey that we would like completed by the public. He indicated that he was one of only 8 individuals responding to the survey request relative to the search for a new Superintendent of Schools that was not either a parent of a student attending schools or a staff member.

Board President Katy Keohane Glassberg commented that on tonight's agenda we are awaiting an RFP for video production to get our television station back up and running. She indicated that we plan on additional work surrounding communication to the public. Currently, we are working very hard on improving our website and our communications not only to our school community but also to the entire Rye community.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

GENERAL

Consent Agenda General 7.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the November 29, 2016 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 7.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the November 30, 2016 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 7.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the resolution regarding a Stipulation of Settlement.

FISCAL

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board awards the RFP for Video Production to MJM Television and Video Productions for an annual contract amount of: \$28,000 beginning as of December 14, 2016 (pro-rated amount for 2016/17 school year of \$15,167) (Attachment # II)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the annual renewal of Financial Advisory Service Agreement with Capital Market Advisors, LLC (Attachment # III)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Authorization Resolution for execution and delivery of Renewal of Food Service Permit to Westchester County Department of Health.(Attachment # IV)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the \$3,000 gift from Rye Country Day School for Heard In Rye.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the \$4,750 gift from the Midland School PTO for The Vanaver Caravan to teach a World Dance Residency from March 20-24, 2017.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.06

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Amendment to the Consultant Agreement with Vincent J. Carbone, Ed., DCBA, LLC dba Carbone Clinic for the 2016.2017 school year. (Attachment # V)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.07

Recommended Action:

That the Board accepts the monthly financial reports for July 2016. (Attachment # VI)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.08

Recommended Action:

That the Board accepts the monthly financial reports for August 2016. (Attachment # VII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.09

Recommended Action:

That the Board accepts the monthly financial reports for September 2016. (Attachment # VIII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.10**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the admission of one non-resident student as a 10th grader at the Rye School of Leadership.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.11**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves Lease Agreement for administrative office space located at 555 Theodore Fremd Ave offered by International Corporate Center LLC (Attachment # IX)

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

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 January 30, 2017 – June 30, 2017.

(Jonathan Tuttle was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Teacher, effective October 26, 2015 – June 30, 2016 and September 1, 2016 – January 29, 2017. Jonathan Tuttle will be replacing Emily Johnson who was previously approved for Child Care Leave of Absences, effective October 25, 2015 – January 29, 2016, February 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016, September 1, 2016 - January 29, 2017 and January 30, 2017 – June 30, 2017.)

*salary pending contract settlement

Consent Agenda Professional 9.02**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the request by Stacy Coyne for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as an ELL Teacher, assigned to Osborn School, effective on or about her estimated due date of March 2, 2017 – June 30, 2017.

Consent Agenda Professional 9.03**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the following Appointments for Extra Pay for Extra Work, for the 2016-2017 school year:

ACTIVITY	INDEX	STEP	RATE*
Athletic-SPRING			
LACROSSE (Boys) Varsity Coach	Lennon, Steven	0.09500 5	6,807

*salary pending contract settlement

Consent Agenda Professional 9.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves Julianne Corbalis at the curriculum rate of \$40.00 per hour for 20 hours of curriculum development of the Middle School Social Studies elective “Keys, Pens and Brushes”, not to exceed \$800, effective December 15, 2016 – May 1, 2017.

Recommendation: That the Board approves Nichole Chiffriller at the curriculum rate of \$40.00 per hour for 20 hours of curriculum development on the 8th Grade Art Elective Digital Art and Animation, not to exceed \$800.00, effective December 15, 2016 - May 1, 2017.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the following individuals at the curriculum rate of \$40.00 per hour for 5 hours each of curriculum revision work to the Health Curriculum, not to exceed \$200 per person, effective December 15, 2016 - May 1, 2017:

Michael Bruno
 Timothy Tolve
 Robyn Kaminer
 Melissa Pelletieri
 Lisa Lanza
 Michelle Ring
 Tracey Orzo
 Katharine Sweeney
 Gregory Moraitis
 Jill Rossiter
 Marianne DiSalvo
 Tara Taddeo
 Jennifer Bruton
 Frank Burkhardt
 Scott Cifone
 Kelly Beatty
 Cari Caulway
 Hillary Krane
 Gail Topol
 Jessica Avnir
 Lisa Tennaro

Consent Agenda Professional 9.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following to work as timers, supervisors, ticket takers, chain crew, announcers, etc. at Rye City School District Events on an as needed basis throughout the 2016-2017 school year:

Josue Galdeano Santamaria

Consent Agenda Professional 9.06**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

Gina Giordano

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

That the Board approves the Appointment of Ryan Lustyik for Temporary Work in the Rye City School District Business Office at the Rate of \$20.00 per hour not to exceed \$2,000, effective December 19, 2016 – January 19, 2017.

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, announcers, etc. at Rye City School District Events on an as needed basis throughout the 2016-2017 school year:

Joseph DeProssino

Richard Pappalardo

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 # X)

Board President Katy Keohane-Glassberg acknowledged and thanked the Rye Country Day School for their generous gift in the amount of \$3,000 for Heard in Rye. She also acknowledged the \$4,750 gift from the Midland School PTO for The Vanaver Caravan to teach a World Dance Residency from March 20-24, 2017.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION II

Chairperson of the Policy Committee Ms. Belanger announced that the Policy Committee is reviewing the following policies which may need updating.

4321.11 Public Report on Revisions to District Policies, Practices and Procedures upon a Finding of Significant Disproportionality (new policy). This is a legally required

policy. Mr. Repetto requested that perhaps we can make this policy briefer than presented. Ms. Belanger indicated that they could revisit this policy.

4325 Academic Intervention Services (AIS) (this replaces policy 4325 titled Remedial Instruction)

Ms. Belanger indicated that this a replacement of the Remedial Instruction Policy and is much clearer than the previous policy explaining academic criteria and eligibility. It will be publicly available so that parents may review and understand the process to determine eligibility.

The following two policies contain minor edits as a result due to changes in Federal law on Homeless Children.

5100 Student Attendance

5150 Student Admissions

COMMUNICATIONS TO/FROM THE BOARD

There were no further communications to or from the Board.

Board President Katy Keohane Glassberg announced that on tonight's agenda the district has entered into a lease agreement to relocate the central administration offices.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Gabriella O'Connor indicated that the district has the opportunity to take on some leased space conveniently located near the existing central office. This move would allow us to expand the administrative office to include the Special Education Department as well as the Facilities Department under one roof. All of these departments working together is a positive factor as all departments communicate frequently on a daily basis. This would be a great operational opportunity. The square footage cost is at a discounted rate to what we are paying now. We will be taking more space but at a lower square footage rate. There are certain ADA requirements that would affect the district if we were to remain at 324 Midland Avenue for the Special Education Department, the Facilities Department and for Rye School of Leadership. This move will alleviate much of the extra costs associated with these requirements. The Rye School of Leadership will be able to expand on the first floor. There will be no students, staff or public on the second or third floors at that location.

On a motion by Mr. Repetto seconded by Ms. Pasquale and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 9:02 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Elaine Cuglietto
District Clerk