

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION / RYE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL
MEETING
Council Chambers, Rye City Hall
April 30, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The City Clerk called the roll of members of the City Council and Dr. Shine called the roll of the members of the Board of Education:

Present

Mr. James Culyer, *President*
Mr. Stephen Feeney, *Vice President*
Mr. James Culyer
Ms. Sarah Mariani
Mr. George Pratt
Mr. Robert Zahm

Excused

Mr. Joshua Nathan

And Dr. Edward J. Shine, *Superintendent of Schools*

Mayor Steve Otis asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Otis asked City Manager, Paul Shew, to review the following:

1. A brief report on Shared Services, a topic that was discussed at the 2004 Joint Meeting and one that both agencies have worked on in the past few years.
2. The introduction of Sally Wright and Commissioner Connors so that they could share information and perspective on the Respect Manuel produced in and through the cooperation of the RPD and the local merchants association. They, in turn, gave credit to a host of people who contributed to the production of the booklet, especially, Ann Kantarian, Gail Fell and the Rye police officers.
3. Parking for faculty and staff at Milton School during construction at the school which is still of concern. Teachers have requested permit parking. Permit parking is not possible as it requires legislative action in Albany. The members of the council asked their administration to see if some parking places can be reserved at the Dock Side Deli, the boat basin and the fire house to accommodate people who are shared between schools to allow increased convenience as they move from school to school.
4. The introduction of Mr. William Rodriguez of Rye Recreation who introduced a proposal for Teens in Government. Members of the Board and the City Council suggested that the city and school administrations do what they can to support the effort.

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5. The football team's bonfire was discussed and both boards agreed that, if it is to be held again, volunteers are essential to its success.

Other issues discussed:

1. Nugent Stadium Lights – Mr. Pratt provided some background information and explanation of the efforts to increase use of the lights to support the athletic program and the concerns of the neighbors.
2. \$22 million Addition and Alteration Bonds – Mr. Feeney gave a quick update on the interest rates for the \$22 million and the bond refunding that the school districts recently executed.
3. Mr. Pratt reported that the District Health and Safety Committee met for the first time on April 28. Traffic and safety issues still exist at the schools.

At 10:50 a.m., both bodies voted to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy.

At 11:30 a.m. both entities reconvened in public and immediately adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Shine
Superintendent of Schools