

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
September 7, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Culyer at 7:03 P.M. and the roll was called.

Present

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

And Dr. Edward Shine, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Daniel McCann, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Robert Walsh, Assistant Superintendent

* *arrived 7:20 p.m.*

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On a motion by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Zahm and carried unanimously (5-0) it was voted to adjourn into executive session for the review of the employment history of current and prospective employees, and the discussion of negotiations.

Upon reconvening in public at 8:04 P.M., on a motion by Ms. Mariani, seconded by Mr. Feeney and carried unanimously (7-0), Mr. Culyer welcomed those present and called for the hearing of the public after explaining this portion of the agenda and related guidelines.

Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items

There were no questions or comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Ms. Mariani, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the following items:

Action – General

1. The resolution to rescind a gift to the Rye City School District to fund the Grogilo Golf Award, by authorizing the closure of the trust fund and return of the balance of \$7,693.57 to Mr. Groglio. (Attachment I)

Action - Personnel

1. The resignation of Esther Lee as Teaching Assistant assigned to Rye High School
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Academic Intervention Center, effective September 1, 2004.

2. The appointment of Todd Wagner as Secondary Permanent Substitute Teacher, 1.0 FTE effective September 7, 2004 – June 30, 2005.
3. The emergency conditional appointment of Tineca Johnson as Secondary Permanent Substitute Teacher, 1.0 FTE effective September 7, 2004 – June 30, 2005.
4. The emergency conditional appointment of Barbara Yablon as Secondary Permanent Substitute Teacher, 1.0 FTE effective September 7, 2004 – June 30, 2005.
5. The part time appointment of Esther J. Lee, as Science Teacher, 0.5 FTE, for which she has NYS Provisional Certification in Biology, 7-12, Physics 7-12, and Math 7-12, assigned to Rye School of Leadership, MA Step 2 of the 2003-2004 Teacher Salary Schedule, (pending contract agreement between the Board of Education and the Rye Teachers Association), prorated, effective September 1, 2004 to serve at the pleasure of the Board.
6. The appointment of Christina Lucca, as .9 FTE Teaching Assistant, assigned to the Rye High School Academic Intervention Center
7. The resignation of Nanci Patrella as a Teacher Aide assigned to Milton School, effective August 18, 2004.
8. The Leave Replacement Appointment of Alexis Gleason as a Special Education Teacher Aide, with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks, assigned to Midland School at \$13.64 per hour, Step 12 of the 2004-2005 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, 6.5 hours/day, 5 days/week, effective September 3, 2004 to June 30, 2005.
9. The Appointment of Ana Madeira as a Special Education Teacher Aide, with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks, assigned to Midland School at \$13.64 per hour, Step 1 of the 2004-2005 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, 6.5 hours/day, 5 days/week, effective September 3, 2004.

Action – Special Education

1. The recommendation of the Committee on Special Education from its meeting of August 30, 2004 for Student ID#912063.

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PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Elementary Additions and Alterations

Dr. Shine reviewed the progress of the elementary school additions and alterations to date. He noted that since the last presentation to the Board, the projects are following a timeline to accomplish providing space for September 2005 at Osborn and Midland Schools. He noted that representatives of the architectural firm and the construction management firm were present, and also that the most recent drawings from the architect, Fletcher Thompson, were in the Board packets and also were available in larger scale at the meeting. He noted that prior to preparing the drawings, the District and architect had established contact with a modular classroom manufacturer so that the drawings were based on a module that is reasonable for manufacture and for transportation.

Dr. Shine said that the estimate for this work and for work at Milton School had just been delivered immediately prior to the meeting and would be reviewed by the construction management firm since the Board had not had time to analyze the information prior to the meeting.

Mr. Daniel Valentine, Mr. Louis diGaitano and Ms. Julie Kim each presented information to the Board. Board members discussed the information they presented as well as funding issues and questions, enrollment figures, and the costs of materials and the likelihood of their increasing in cost over the short term. They further discussed whether asbestos removal could be paid for out of capital reserve funds rather than new construction funds and what drove the increases in estimates since the last presentation. Board members determined that they would endeavor to finalize their authorization process at the meeting of September 21, once answers to key questions were provided.

Rye Youth Soccer Turf Field Proposal

The Board discussed the request by Rye Youth Soccer for exclusive rights to the turf field for ten years, citing their \$20,000 contribution to the Turf Committee and inclusive of a \$4,000 a year donation for two ten-week periods of use in the spring and fall. The Board discussed this request noting that any decision could not be binding on future Boards, that the City was collecting a fee of \$5 a head for other sports use, that supervision would be required, that no taxpayer dollars could be used to subsidize this program, and that there was not a quid-pro-quo obligation since their contribution was to the Turf Committee, not to the District. It was suggested that the administration investigate the ramifications of short term usage by Rye Youth Soccer but no consensus on granting the organization's request for a 10-year commitment.

COMMUNICATIONS TO / FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Feeney reminded those present that there would be a turf field grand opening on September 19 prior to the kick-off of the first night football game.

Mr. Feeney asked Board members to return 2004 Rye High School yearbooks if they weren't going to need them because the yearbook advisor was short on copies.

Mr. Feeney reminded those present that there would be a guided tour of Milton

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Point in the near future.

Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Mariani, seconded by Mr. Zahm and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:10 P.M. to adjourn into executive session to discuss negotiations and pending litigation, with no expectation of reconvening in public for further discussion or action.

On a motion by Mr. Feeney, seconded by Ms. Sterling and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:54 P.M. to reconvene in public.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Nathan, seconded by Mr. Zahm and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:54 P.M. to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Ferrari
District Clerk