

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

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Culyer at 7:13 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present

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

Excused

Mr. Joshua Nathan

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

On a motion by Ms. Mariani, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried unanimously (6-0) 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 8:03 p.m., on a motion by Ms. Mariani, seconded by Mr. Feeney and carried unanimously (6-0), Mr. Culyer welcomed those present, extended an additional welcome to those who were there to applaud Carol Petrie, the Extra Mile Award recipient, and asked Mr. Feeney to present the Board's Extra Mile Award.

Mr. Feeney said that it was his pleasure, on behalf of the Board, to present the Extra Mile award to Carol Petrie. He spoke about her dedication and commitment to the student systems technology in the District and the high school and the esteem in which her colleagues, the faculty, and administration hold her for her precise and careful attention to all the data, and for her creativity in approaching every topic and problem. Ms. Petrie said she would like to thank her co-workers, and thanked the Board for the recognition.

Mr. Culyer then announced the Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items , noting that Action General Item 2, Curriculum Approval, and Action Fiscal 1, Piano Bid, and Action Personnel Item Extra Pay for Extra Work would be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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 Ms. Sterling and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to approve the following items:

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Action – General

1. The minutes of the November 23, 2004 meeting of the Board, as corrected.

Action – Personnel

1. The resignation of Samantha Cather as a Full Time Cleaner assigned to Rye High School, effective December 10, 2004.
2. The resignation of Ruth Kapp as a Food Service Helper assigned to Rye High School, effective November 30, 2004.
3. The Appointment of Kristin Wagner, as Account Clerk-Typist, with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks, assigned to the Business Office, Central Administration Building, 12 month position, Step 2, prorated, as per the 200/2005 Secretarial Clerical Salary Schedule, effective December 6, 2004.

Action – Special Education

1. The recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from its meeting of September 23, 2004 for Student ID#440; from its meeting of March 3, 2004 for Student ID#912066; from its meeting of March 8, 2004 for Student ID#255; from its meetings of March 17, 2004 for Students ID#116 and 192; from its meeting of March 24, 2004 for Student ID#269; from its meeting of March 25, 2004 for Student ID#268; and from its meeting of May 24, 2004 for Student ID#322.
2. The recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from its meeting of September 23, 2004 for Student ID#423; from its meeting of September 28, 2004 for Student ID#444; from its meeting of October 6, 2004; for Student ID#426; from its meeting of October 13, 2004 for Student ID#411; from its meeting of October 20, 2004 for Student ID#293; from its meeting of October 21, 2004 for Student ID#376; from its meeting of November 10, 2004 for Student ID#377; from its meeting of November 11, 2004 for Student ID#298; and from its meeting of November 17, 2004 for Student ID#445.
3. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from its meeting of September 29, 2004 for Student ID#339; from its meeting of March 3, 2004 for Student ID#101; from its meetings of March 17, 2004 for Students ID#912078 and 192; and from its meeting of March 25, 2004 for Student ID#199.
4. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from its meeting of October 7, 2004 for Student ID#912929; from its meeting of November 9, 2004 for Student ID#493; from its meeting of November 15, 2004 for Student ID#417; and from its meeting of November 17, 2004 for Student ID#911512.

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ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**Approval of Curricula**

Mr. Zahm commented on his participation on the Curriculum Council during the review of the proposed curricula. He said he found the Council a great venue for community input, noted, in conjunction with the calculus curricula that there was considerable discussion for the need for parents to hire tutors for their children and that the District might want to look at this situation. On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Ms. Sterling and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to approve the Advanced Placement Calculus BC Curriculum (Attachment I); the Honors Calculus Curriculum (Attachment II); and the Modern America and Popular Music Curriculum (Attachment III) as proposed.

Piano Bid

Ms. Mariani presented a list of four concerns and two questions regarding the recommendation to accept a piano bid for piano replacement at the Performing Arts Center at Rye High School. These matters were discussed at length by the Board. Following extensive discussion, Mr. Pratt suggested that the matter be tabled with a charge to the administration to return with further information. On a motion by Mr. Feeney, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried 5-1 with Ms. Sterling voting no, it was voted to table the matter to the next meeting of the Board

Extra Pay for Extra Work

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried 5-0-1 with Ms. Sterling abstaining it was voted to approve the Extra Pay for Extra Work recommendations. (Attachment IV).

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Shine noted that it was parent-teacher conference day at the elementary schools and thanked the teachers who expend a great deal of time to make conferences meaningful to parents. He commented that this is an important part of our home-school communications and that it is appreciated by parents.

Dr. Shine noted that a check in the amount of \$250.00 was presented earlier in the day to Dr. Grille from Washington Mutual Bank as a result of the nanny of a Midland family winning a competition at the bank and naming Midland as the educational institution to receive a grant.

Dr. Shine said he and Mr. Culyer had met with Mr. George Latimer to discuss education, school finding and state and school interrelationships. He noted as well that the District would invite Milton parents and residents of the neighborhood to meetings where the planned work at Milton School would be discussed in order for all affected parties to be able to plan and understand the sequence of events related to construction.

Dr. Shine noted the dates and times of upcoming holiday concerts, reminded the Board of the Human Rights Symposium the next evening, and noted that the audit report that would be presented further on the agenda was available on the District's web site for anyone who wanted to review it.

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PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Independent Auditor's Report

Mr. Walsh introduced a representative of the Independent Auditor, Ms. Susan Barossi, who gave an overview report of the audit, noting it was an unqualified report and that the District is in healthy fiscal condition, and who reviewed recommendations and responses from the report. (Attachment V)

Mr. Culyer thanked Ms. Barossi for her report..

Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Mariani, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried (6-0) it was voted at 9:42 p.m. to adjourn into executive session for the review of the employment history of current and prospective employees and the discussion of negotiations. Mr. Culyer announced that the Board did not intend to resume the meeting in public but rather that the Board would adjourn the meeting following its executive session.

On a motion by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Ms. Sterling and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to return to public session at 10:32 p.m. and there being no further business, on a motion by Ms. Mariani, seconded by Mr. Zahm and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Ferrari
District Clerk