

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
June 6, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Culyer at 7:00 p.m. in the Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room and the Board adjourned immediately into Executive Session on a motion by Mr. Feeney, seconded by Ms. Sterling and carried unanimously (6-0), for the review of employment history of current and prospective employees.

Present

Mr. James Culyer, *President*
Mr. Stephen Feeney, *Vice President*
Mr. George Cady, *Board Member-Elect**
Mr. Edward Fox
Mr. Joshua Nathan*
Ms. Laura Slack, *Board Member-Elect**
Ms. Victoria Sterling
Mr. Michael White, *Board Member-Elect**
Mr. Robert Zahm

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

* Not present in Executive Session

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Sterling and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 7:52 p.m. to adjourn from Executive Session to attend a reception for teachers receiving their tenure appointments.

At 8:16 p.m., Mr. Culyer reconvened the meeting and welcomed those present. He stated that recently the Board had sent a letter to the community regarding contract negotiations and that there was a clarification of an amount stated as requested by the Secretarial, Clerical, School Nurse and Computer Aide unit. He noted the clarification and apologized to the SCSNCA members and the community for the error.

Mr. Culyer introduced and welcomed Ms. Slack, Mr. Cady and Mr. White, Board members-elect, who joined the Board for the meeting.

Dr. Shine then read the names of the tenure candidates and asked them to stand as their names were called, noting that their appointments would be approved by the Board on the Consent Agenda portion of the meeting.

Science Research Presentation

Mr. Patrick DeRosa, Rye High School science teacher, introduced Rye High
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School Science Research student, Melanie Chow, who presented her award-winning work to the Board, explaining her methodology and the results of her research.

Recognition of PTO/PO Presidents

Mr. Culyer thanked the PTO and Parents' Organization presidents who had served their schools and students so well, who were retiring at the end of the school year: Linda Bonaventura, Margot Willoughby, Kendall Egan, and Susan Keating. He introduced them and asked them to come forward.

Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items

There were no questions or comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Culyer announced that Action-Personnel Item 2, tenure appointment of the Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics, would be removed from the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to approve the following items:

Action – General

1. The Settlement Agreement and General Release: Docket No.:04 CV 9901 recommended by legal counsel.
2. The 2006-2007 non-resident tuition rate at \$16,204.00. (Attachment I)
3. The establishment of a scholarship fund in the amount of \$12,000.00 for "The Niehaus Family Scholarship." (Attachment II)
4. The 2006-2007 tuition rate for the Rye School of Leadership at \$29,371.00. (Attachment III)

Action – Fiscal

1. The resolution to approve Budget Transfer #22 in the amount \$16,,256.00 to cover the contract for Formula One Driver's Education expense. (Attachment IV)

Action – Personnel

1. The resignation of Donald Ross as Coordinator of Technology Management Systems assigned to the Rye City School District effective June 30, 2006.
- 2a. The resignation due to retirement of Judith Lacker as a French Teacher assigned to Rye Middle School effective June 30, 2006.

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- 2b The resignation due to retirement of Stephen Sinacori as a Special Education Teacher assigned to Rye Middle School effective June 30, 2006.
3. The request by Allison Pray for an unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as 4th Grade Teacher assigned to Milton School, effective September 1, 2006 – on or about January 26, 2007.
4. The appointments as Summer School Teachers, effective July 5, 2006 – July 21, 2006, of the following, at the stipend and assignment listed on the attached: (Mary Bellofatto, Ruthann Comstock, AnnMarie Cornacchia, Marianne DiSalvo, Meghan Donovan, Dana Emond, Debra Fishman, Dina Gelman, Erika Katz, Karen Kozan, Rebecca Ledwith, and Amy Young; and of Erika Katz as Site Coordinator at the stipend listed on the attached. (Attachment V)
5. The appointment of Carole Andreasen as Teacher on Special Assignment/Director of Technology, assigned to the Rye City School District, MA+60, Step 15 of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, plus Longevity, plus Supervisory Ratio, effective July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007.
6. The appointment of Debra Fishman as Teacher on Special Assignment Elementary Language Arts Coordinator 0.5 FTE/Osborn Elementary Teacher 0.5 FTE, MA +60, Step 14 of the 2006-2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, plus Longevity Payment, effective July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007.
7. The appointment of Laura Klein as Teacher on Special Assignment Elementary Science Coordinator 0.5 FTE/Osborn Elementary Teacher 0.5 FTE, MA+60, Step 15 of the 2006-2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, plus Longevity Payment, effective July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007.
8. The appointment of Dr. Catherine Sales as Teacher on Special Assignment, 0.4 FTE Special Education Teacher, 0.6 FTE CSES/CPSE Chairperson, assigned to the Rye City School District, Ph.D. Step 15 of the 2006-2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, effective July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007.
9. The Emergency Conditional Leave Replacement Appointment of Kellianne Egan as an Elementary Teacher, for which she has applied for New York State Initial Certification in Childhood Education Grades 1-6, assigned to Osborn School, 1.0 FTE, MA, Step 2, of the 2006-2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, effective September 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007.
10. The Emergency Conditional Leave Replacement Appointment of Thomas Bailey

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- as an Elementary Teacher, for which he holds New York State Initial Certification in Childhood Education Grades 1-6, assigned to Milton School, 1.0 FTE, MA, Step 3, of the 2006-2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, effective September 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007.
11. The tenure recommendation of Jennifer Blumenfeld, in the General Elementary Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Pre-K – 6, effective September 1, 2006.
 12. The tenure recommendation of Alison (Denmark) Gordon, in the General Education Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Provisional Certification in Pre-K – 6, effective September 1, 2006.
 13. The tenure recommendation of Traci Jeffers, in the General Education Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Pre-K – 6, effective September 1, 2006.
 14. The tenure recommendation of Yun Shim Kim, in the Music Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Provisional Certification in Music, effective September 1, 2006.
 15. The tenure recommendation of Vanessa Simpson-Kravitz, in the ELL Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in TESOL, effective September 1, 2006.
 16. The tenure recommendation of Therese (Ferrara) McDonough, in the General Education Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Pre-K – 6, effective September 1, 2006.
 17. The tenure recommendation of Anne Swenson, in the General Education Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Provisional Certification in Pre-K – 6, effective September 1, 2006.
 18. The tenure recommendation of Dulce Barker, in the Science Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Provisional Certification in Biology – General Science 7-12, effective September 1, 2006.
 19. The tenure recommendation of Kevin Barrett, in the Social Studies Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Permanent Certification in Social Studies 7-12, effective September 1, 2006.
 20. The tenure recommendation of Matthew Beckley, in the Physical Education

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- Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Provisional Certification in Physical Education, effective September 1, 2006.
21. The tenure recommendation of Kelly (Moroch) Duffy, in the Physical Education Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Physical Education, effective September 1, 2006.
 22. The tenure recommendation of Maureen Gallagher, in the Special Education Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Provisional Certification in Special Education, effective September 1, 2006.
 23. The tenure recommendation of Brenda (Heffernan) McMillan, in the Special Education Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Provisional Certification in Special Education, effective September 1, 2006.
 24. The tenure recommendation of Alex Tejera, in the Mathematics Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Provisional Certification in Mathematics 7-12, effective September 1, 2006.
 25. The tenure recommendation of Jason Friesen, in the Physical Education Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Permanent Certification in Physical Education, effective September 1, 2006.
 26. The tenure recommendation of Noreen (Finnegan) Kennedy, in the English Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in English 7-12, effective September 1, 2006.
 27. The tenure recommendation of Kathryn McCarthy, in the Social Studies Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Provisional Certification in Social Studies 7-12, effective September 1, 2006.
 28. The tenure recommendation of Nichole (Spinella) Chiffriller, in the Art Education Tenure Area, for which she has applied for New York State Permanent Certification in Art, effective September 1, 2006.
 29. The tenure recommendation of Ross Vavala, in the Spanish Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Provisional Certification in Spanish 7-12, effective September 1, 2006.
 30. The resignation due to retirement of Angela Badolato as a Senior Stenographer assigned to Rye High School effective July 28, 2006.

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31. The resignation due to retirement of Joan DeLuca as a Senior Typist assigned to Rye High School effective June 30, 2006.
32. The resignation of Maribel Peralta, as a Food Service Helper assigned to Rye High School, effective May 10, 2006.
33. The Extra Pay for Extra Work assignments for the 2005-2006 school year per the attached. (Attachment VI)

Action – Special Education

1. The recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from its meeting of January 10, 2005 for Student ID #491; from its meeting of May 9, 2005 for Student ID#444; from its meeting of May 12, 2005 for Student ID#376; from its meeting of October 3, 2005 for Student ID#494; and from its meeting of December 12, 2005 for Student ID#451.
2. The recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from its meeting of March 16, 2006 for Student ID#376; from its meeting of March 22, 2006 for an ineligible Rye High School student; from its meeting of May 3, 2006 for Student ID#704.
3. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from its meeting of March 29, 2005 for Student ID#911790; from its meetings of March 16, 2006 for Students ID#124 and 488; from its meetings of March 21, 2006 for Students ID#911839, 911230, and 394; from its meetings of March 23, 2006 for Students ID#318, 298, 475, and 320; from its meeting of March 24, 2006 for Student ID#207; from its meetings of March 27, 2006 for Students ID#331, 600, and 677; from its meetings of March 28 for Students ID#912070, 218 and 486; and from its meetings of March 29, 2006 for Students ID#427 and 529.
4. The recommendations of the subcommittee on Special Education from its meetings of April 6, 2006 for Students ID#911544, 186, 911753, and 91203; from its meeting of April 7, 2006 for Student ID#911659; from its meeting of April 19, 2006 for Student ID#911850; and from its meeting of April 24, 2006 for Student ID#911614.
5. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from its meetings of April 25, 2006 for Students ID#911378 and 172; from its meeting of April 27, 2006 for Student ID#706; from its meetings of May 3, 2006 for Students ID#397, 216, 223, and 911648; from its meeting of May 9, 2006 for Student ID#911648; from its meeting of May 10, 2006 for Student ID#911663; from its meeting of May 17, 2006 for Student ID#283; from its meeting of May 23, 2006 for Student ID#200; and from its meeting of May 24, 2006 for Student ID#11979.

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ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**Tenure Appointment**

On a motion by Mr. Nathan, seconded by Ms. Sterling and carried 5-0-1 with Mr. Feeney abstaining it was voted to approve the tenure recommendation of Robert Castagna, as Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics, for which he holds New York State Permanent Certification as a School District Administrator, effective July 1, 2006.

Mr. Culyer announced that within the Consent Agenda, the Board had approved the retirement resignations of Stephen Sinacori and Judith Lacker, and thanked them for their years of service to the District.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Shine thanked Rye High School Social Studies Teacher, Robert Steel, for his encouragement to students to submit essays to the American Legion Memorial Day Essay Contest. He reported that a record number of essays had been submitted

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**K-5 Proposed Math Curriculum**

Dr. McCann and members of the Elementary Math Curriculum Committee presented the proposed curriculum for Board Consideration.

Response to Special Education Program Assessment

Director of Special Education, Ms. Shirley Klein, reported back to the Board on the department's and Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Education response to the program assessment of the department conducted previously and presented to the Board at a previous meeting.

2006-2007 Food Service Program Budget and Facilities Improvement Plan

Mr. John Rubbo presented the department's budget and facilities improvement plan to the Board.

Enrollment Balance Committee Charge

Dr. Shine reviewed the work that had been done to address enrollment projections, noting that what the data showed was that, despite the District's best efforts to balance enrollment in the three elementary schools, imbalances were projected. He said that, realizing that it is in the best interest of the educational program to have better enrollment balance, the Board had asked that the administration meet with elementary

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principals and PTO leaders to review the issues to see if a plan or direction could be developed that would provide better enrollment balance. He asked that the Board approve the charge (Attachment VII), stating that the committee is to report findings and Options by October 30, 2006.

Capital Projects and Finance Committee Report

Mr. Culyer reported on the work of the Facilities Committee throughout the school year, stating that the most significant issue before the committee was the District's heating systems. He said that in order to prepare accurate cost estimates for the boiler replacement program, \$230,000.00 of funding is required prior to bond authorization that could be made available utilizing fund balance or transfers from the tax certiorari fund,

required in early September, 2006. He said that the Finance Committee has been reviewing potential bond counsel candidates, and will make a recommendation from the three finalists for bond financing for the Board at its June 29th meeting.

Recommended Board Policies

Given the lateness of the hour, the Board determined that it would not review the last agenda item, recommended Board Policy additions and revisions.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Nathan, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 12:30 a.m. to adjourn into executive session to complete items begun in executive session prior to the public meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Ms Sterling and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 2:00 a.m. to reconvene in public. On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Sterling and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Ferrari
District Clerk