

MINUTES  
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room  
June 29, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Culyer at 6:30 p.m. in the Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room. 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. Feeney, seconded by Ms. Sterling and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 8:23 p.m. to reconvene in public.

Mr. Culyer welcomed those present and apologized for the delayed start of the meeting.

Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items

Susan Sayle thanked Steve Feeney and Victoria Sterling for the thousands of hours they had given to the schools and the community as Board members. She wished them well, and also wished Dr. McCann well in his new position, commending him for all he had done for the District.

Jeanne Sinnot added her thanks to those expressed by Ms. Sayle and commented on the experiences of her grandchildren in the schools, stating that their teachers go out of their way to encourage children. She also expressed thanks to those from the community who had spoken out to help keep spending reasonable, and for their years of experience.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Culyer announced that Action-General Items 3 and 4, (Enrollment Balance Committee Charge and K-5 Math Curriculum); Action-Fiscal Items 1, 2, 3, 5, 11 and 13 (Food Service Budget, Tax Certiorari Serial Notes, Bid Awards, Appropriation of Tax Certiorari Reserve, Network Services Contract, and Milton Gym Estimate and Authorization) and Action-Personnel Items 4 and 6 (Administrative Salary and Contract Adjustments and Food Service Workers Hourly Rates) 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 minutes of the May 16, 2006 meeting of the Board, as written.
2. The minutes of the June 6, 2006 meeting of the Board, as written.
3. The elementary science curriculum as presented, for use in the elementary schools. (Attachment I)
4. The appointment of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP to serve as Bond Counsel. (Attachment II)
5. Board Policies 5110, School Attendance Areas; 5330, Searches/Interrogation/Investigation; 4321.4, Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment and Compensation; 3545, Wellness; 4323, Last Chance Resolution and Mediation Sessions.
6. The non-resident students recommended for admission in September, 2006 under Board Policy 6254. (Attachment III)
7. The gift in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the David E. Retik and Christopher D. Mello Foundation for the Christopher Mello Scholarship Fund. (Attachment IV)

**Action – Fiscal**

1. The fee for Facilities Management Service Contract to Aramark for the 2006-2007 school year in the amount of \$343,288.00 with additional award options for one year. (Attachment V)
2. Budget Transfer #23 in the amount of \$10,009.99 for the 2005-2006 school year to cover the cost of emergency roof repairs made by High Tech at the High

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- School, Middle School, and Osborn School not covered under warranty. Funds would be transferred from unexpended electric funds in the high school, Milton, Midland and Osborn Schools and District-Wide budget codes. (Attachment VI)
3. Budget Transfer #24 in the amount of \$31,700.00 for the 2005-2006 school year to cover the cost of transportation for athletic events, with funds transferred from the unused Teacher's Retirement (Admin) budget line. (Attachment VII)
  4. Budget Transfer #25 in the amount of \$1,622,790.00 for the 2005-2006 school year required after the reclassification of teachers' payroll expense to the correct ST 3 codes based upon actual percentage spent by each teacher in each budget code, with the notation that in some cases, new budget codes have been established to enable the tracking of actual expenses. (Attachment VIII)
  5. Budget Transfer #26 in the amount of \$25,401.00 for the 2005-2006 school year to cover the cost of the Deputy Superintendent's final pay for unused vacation, with funds transferred from unspent building administration and mentor salaries. (Attachment IX)
  6. The resolution to award the contract for refuse removal for the school year 2006-2007 to Capital Waste Services at their bid price of \$49,896.00 after several bid openings for this contract, with the note that this amount is \$2,896.00 over budget, an amount which will have to be covered by budget transfers. (Attachment X)
  7. The Special Education Bus Transportation Contract Bid to Ardsley Bus Corporation for the 2006-2007 school year. (Attachment XI)

**Action – Personnel**

1. The resignation of Andrea Hecht as Permanent Substitute Teacher assigned to Rye High/Middle Schools effective June 27, 2006.
2. The resignation of Barbara Yablon as Permanent Substitute Teacher assigned to Rye High/Middle Schools effective June 27, 2006.
3. The resignation of Elizabeth Howell, Teaching Assistant assigned to Rye High School Academic Intervention Center, effective June 27, 2006.
4. The resignation of Peter Thomas, Teaching Assistant/Academic Intervention Intern, effective June 27, 2006.

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5. The request by Kelly Finn for an unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as English Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective on or about January 29, 2007 – June 30, 2007.
6. The request by Megan Leddy for an unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as First Grade Teacher assigned to Midland School, effective on or about November 8, 2006 – June 30, 2007.
7. The Emergency Conditional Three Year Probationary Appointment of Marion Considine, as a Foreign Language Teacher, for which she has applied for New York State Initial Certification in French, assigned to Rye High School, 1.0 FTE, on BA, Step 1 of the 2006-1007 Teacher Salary Schedule, effective September 1, 2006 – June 30, 2009.
8. The Emergency Conditional Three Year Probationary Appointment of Allison Fish as Special Education Teacher, assigned to Midland School, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Special Education K-12, 1.0 FTE, MA, Step 6, of the 2006-2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, effective September 1, 2006 – June 30, 2009.
9. The Emergency Conditional Three Year Probationary Appointment of Megan (Degina) Stotsky as Special Education Teacher, assigned to Rye Middle School, for which she holds New York State Provisional Certification in Special Education K-12, 1.0 FTE, MA+15, Step 5, of the 2006-2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, effective September 1, 2006 – June 30, 2009.
10. The Emergency Conditional Three Year Probationary Appointment of Elaine Surovich, as Mathematics Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Mathematics 7-12, 1.0 FTE, BA+15, Step 3 of the 2006-2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, effective September 1, 2006 – June 30, 2009.
11. The Emergency Conditional Leave Replacement Appointment of Ori Boyum as Elementary Teacher-At-Large, for which he holds New York State Provisional Certification in Elementary Education PreK-6, 1.0 FTE, MA, Step 5, of the 2006-2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, effective September 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007.
12. The Leave Replacement Appointment of Noelle Mongello as an Elementary teacher at Large, for which she holds Initial New York State Certifications Early Childhood Education Birth – Grade 2 and childhood education Grades 1-6, 1.0

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- FTE, MA Step 2 of the 2006-2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, effective September 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007.
13. The appointment of the following as Permanent Substitute Teachers effective September 6, 2006 through June 22, 2007 @ \$93/day, Secondary Level, 1.0 FTE: Sally Linehan, Peter Mastalli, and Robert Tolve.
  14. The recommended appointments as Special Education Summer School Teachers, Aides/Assistants, CSE Evaluators, CSE Attendees, Support Staff and IEP Readers, of those listed on the attached, effective July 5, 2006 – August 11, 2006. (Attachment XII)
  15. The appointments listed on the attached as department chairpersons, team leaders/coordinators, and level leaders, effective September 1, 2006. (Attachment XIII)
  16. The resignation of Amy Caffero, Special Education Teacher Aide, effective June 30, 2006.
  17. The resignation of Elizabeth Fitzmaurice, Special Education Teacher Aide, effective June 30, 2006.
  18. The resignation of Lucille Lambiasi, .5 FTE part time Special Education Teacher Aide, effective June 30, 2006.
  19. The resignation of Eva Spellman, part time .7 FTE Special Education Teacher Aide, effective June 30, 2006.
  20. The resignation of Shawna Holmes, as a Food Service Helper, effective June 16, 2006.
  21. The termination of Robert DeRosa, as a Food Service Helper assigned to Midland School effective June 19, 2006.
  22. The termination of Oscar Liborio, as a Food Service Helper assigned to Rye High School effective June 7, 2006.
  23. The Probationary Appointment of Christine Piucci, as a Senior Office Assistant (Automated Systems) with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks, assigned to Rye High School, Guidance Department, 11 month position, 1.0 FTE, Step 4, (pro-rated) as per the 2000/2005 Secretarial Clerical Salary Schedule effective July 10, 2006.

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24. The Probationary Appointment of Maureen M. Ragone, as a Senior Office Assistant (Automated Systems), with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks, assigned to Rye High School, Guidance Department, 12 month position 1.0 FTE, Step 4, pro-rated, as per the 2000/2005 Secretarial Clerical Salary Schedule effective July 14, 2006.
25. The Probationary Appointment of Daniela Vitiello, as an Office Assistant (Automated Systems), assigned to Rye High School, 10 month position 1.0 FTE, Step 4 prorated, as per the 2000/2005 Secretarial Clerical Salary Schedule effective June 26, 2006, Probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of 52 weeks effective September 1, 2006.
27. Managerial/Confidential Salaries July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 per the attached. (Attachment XIV)
28. Safety and Security Office and School Monitors Salaries July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 per the attached. (Attachment XV)

**Action – Special Education**

1. The recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from its meeting of May 11, 2006 for Student ID#709; from its meeting of April 21, 2006 for Student ID#700; from its meeting of May 12, 2006 for Preschool Initial Referral; from its meeting of May 18, 2006 for Student ID#709; from its meeting of June 1, 2006 for Preschool Initial Referral; from its meeting of June 14, 2006 for Student ID#728; from its meeting of March 30, 2006 for Student ID#522; and from its meeting of May 26 for Student ID#439.
2. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from its meeting of May 4, 2006 for Student ID#482; from its meeting of May 8, 2006 for Student ID#689; from its meeting of May 11, 2006 for Student ID#647; from its meetings of May 15, 2006 for Students ID#911876 and 578; from its meetings of May 17, 2006 for Students 911550, 316 and 324; from its meeting of May 18, 2006 for Student ID#911695; from its meeting of May 22, 2006 for Student ID#481; from its meeting of May 23, 2006 for Student ID#911691; from its meeting of May 24, 2006 for Student ID#911607; from its meeting of May 30, 2006 for Student ID#911306; from its meeting of June 5, 2006 for Student ID#330; from its meeting of June 7, 2006 for Student ID#284; from its meeting of June 8, 2006 for Student ID#912000; from its meetings of June 12, 2006 for Students ID#715 and 225; from its meeting of June 15, 2006 for Student ID#911230; from its meeting of June 16, 2006 for Student ID#061330; from its meetings of June 21, 2006 for  
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- Students ID#753, 911598, and 911664; from its meeting of May 5, 2006 for Student ID#061820; from its meeting of May 10, 2006 for Student ID#188; from its meeting of May 11, 2006 for Student ID#113; from its meeting of May 16, 2006 for Student ID#431; from its meeting of May 18, 2006 for Student ID#911529; from its meetings of May 22, 2006 for Students ID#911373 and 308; from its meeting of May 30, 2006 for Student ID#912107; from its meeting of June 1, 2006 for Student ID#197; from its meeting of June 7, 2006 for Student ID#569; from its meeting of June 13, 2006 for Student ID#911294; from its meeting of June 20, 2006 for Student ID#911907; from its meetings of June 22, 2006 for Students ID#569, 911714, and 911317; from its meeting of May 27, 2006 for Student ID#716; from its meeting of April 20, 2006 for Student ID#241; from its meeting of April 26 for Student ID#911737; from its meeting of May 5, 2006 for Student ID#061820; from its meeting of May 17, 2006 for Student ID#253, from its meeting of May 19, 2006 for Student ID#122; from its meeting of May 24, 2006 for Student ID#187; from its meetings of May 30, 2006 for Students ID#911260 and 911358; from its meeting of June 2, 2006 for Student ID#911251; from its meetings of June 12, 2006 for Students ID#911407 and 912015; from its meeting of June 13, 2006 for Student ID#911894; from its meeting of June 16, 2006 for Student ID#756; From its meeting of October 3, 2005 for Student ID#911937; from its meeting of March 9, 2006 for Student ID#398; from its meeting of May 1, 2006 for Student ID#911763; from its meeting of May 11, 2006 for Student ID#10393; from its meeting of May 15, 2006 for Student ID#911512; from its meeting of June 7, 2006 for Student ID#220; from its meeting of June 15, 2006 for Student ID#335; from its meeting of June 16, 2006 for Student ID#911441; from its meeting of June 21, 2006 for Student ID#739; from its meeting of June 28, 2006 for Student ID#911514.
3. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from its meeting of October 3, 2005 for Student ID#911937; from its meeting of March 9, 2006 for Student ID#398; from its meeting of May 1, 2006 for Student ID#911763; from its meeting of May 11, 2006 for student ID#10390; from its meeting of May 15, 2006 for Student ID#911512; from its meeting of June 7, 2006 for Student ID#220; from its meeting of June 15, 2006 for Student ID#335; from its meeting of June 16, 2006 for Student ID#911441; from its meeting of June 21, 2006 four Student ID#739; and from its meeting of June 28, 2006 for Student ID#911514.
  4. The recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from its meeting of March 16, 2006 for Student ID#439; from its meeting of March 9, 2006 for Student ID#581; from its meeting of March 22, 2006 for Student ID#615; from its meeting of March 29, 2006 for Student ID#586; from its meeting of March 30, 2006 for Student ID#573; from its meetings of March 31, 2006 for Students ID#617, 507, and 567; from its meetings of April 6, 2006 for  
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- Students ID#553 and 552; from its meeting of April 18, 2006 for Student ID#699; from its meeting of April 20, 2006 for an Initial Referral; from its meetings of May 4, 2006 for Students ID#572 and 670; from its meeting of May 11, 2006 for Student ID#709; from its meeting of May 18, 2006 for Student ID#730; and from its meeting of May 22, 2006 for Student ID#681.
5. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from its meeting of May 2, 2006 for Student ID#707; from its meeting of May 4, 2006 for Student ID#710; from its meeting of May 26, 2006 for Student ID#714; from its meeting of May 30, 2006 for Student ID#694; from its meeting of June 5, 2006 for Student ID#725; and from its meeting of June 21, 2006 for Student ID#718.
  6. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from its meeting of March 16, 2006 for Student ID#648; from its meeting of March 22, 2006 for Student ID#911660; from its meeting of March 27, 2006 for Student ID#911903; from its meetings of March 29, 2006 for Students ID#466 and 911946; from its meetings of April 3, 2006 for Students ID#912050 and 545; from its meeting of April 18, 2006 for Student ID#911584; from its meetings of April 19, 2006 for Students ID#912059 and 548; from its meetings of April 20, 2006 for Students ID#599, 911601, 480, and 685; from its meeting of April 5, 2006 for Student ID#644; from its meeting of May 12, 2006 for Student ID#417; from its meeting of March 28, 2006 for Student ID#911710; from its meetings of May 25, 2006 for Students ID#911681 and 911565; from its meetings of May 26, 2006 for Students ID#911612 and 651; from its meetings of May 30, 2006 for Students ID#911306, 159, and 912063; from its meetings of May 31, 2006 for Students ID#406 and 211; from its meeting of June 6, 2006 for Student ID#900080; from its meetings of June 8, 2006 for Students ID#911393, 911670, and 911582; from its meeting of June 9, 2006 for Student ID#911514; from its meeting of June 15, 2006 for Student ID#911765; from its meetings of April 25, 2006 for Students ID#912030, 912052, and 911806; from its meeting of April 26, 2006 for Student ID#571; from its meeting of April 27, 2006 for Student ID#911309; from its meeting of May 1, 2006 for Student ID#249; from its meeting of May 2, 2006 for Student ID#472; from its meetings of May 3, 2006 for Students ID#175, 912094, and 479; from its meetings of May 4, 2006 for Students ID#911929, 656, and 297; from its meeting of May 5, 2006 for Student ID#664; from its meeting of May 8, 2006 for Student ID#692; from its meetings of May 9, 2006 for Students ID#139 and 369; from its meeting of May 19, 2006 for Student ID#911847; from its meeting of May 30, 2006 for student ID#912063; from its meeting of June 8, 2006 for Student ID#911582; from its meeting of June 9, 2006 for Student ID#911366; from its meeting of May 11, 2006 for Student ID#374; from its meetings of May 12, 2006 for students ID#105, 911845; and 911804; from its meetings of May 16, 2006 for Students ID#911532, 431, and 911447; from its meetings of May 17, 2006 for Students ID#911863, 205, and 283; from its meetings of May 19, 2006



- for Students ID#912049, 911847, 911618, 911397, 912053, and 911888; from its meetings of May 23, 2006 for Students ID#388, 200, and 911872; and from its meetings of May 24, 2006 for Students ID#911499 and 11979.
6. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from its meeting of March 9, 2006 for Student ID#398; from its meeting of May 11, 2006 for Student ID#10393; from its meetings of May 15, 2006 for Students ID#911512 and 911763; from its meeting of June 7, 2006 for Student ID#220; and from its meeting of June 13, 2006 for Student ID#911937.

### **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Shine reported that the school year ended happily with a series of meaningful moving up ceremonies, and an also-meaningful high school graduation. He noted that employees had their own closing day recognition program for faculty and staff, honoring the nine people who will be retiring as well as a number of others whose contributions through the year have been deeply appreciated. Dr. Shine said that Mr. Culyer, Mr. Feeney and Mr. Cady were in attendance, on behalf of the Board.

Dr. Shine said that the District was in the process of gathering information on the success of students on the Regents exams and said he will report those numbers when they are gathered. He said that the High School and Middle School parent leadership have successfully raised their \$80,000 goal for funding for cafeteria renovations, that the Midland PTO is in the process of installing a new playground on the north side of the school, and that work is moving forward with the installation of the new Midland gym floor.

Rye Recreation and the Rye YMCA both begin their summer programs the following week, Dr. Shine reported, and that they would be utilizing the schools. He said the District's summer school would begin in July next month under the direction of Mr. DeRuvo.

Dr. Shine reminded those present that all schools and offices would be closed on Tuesday in honor of the Fourth of July holiday.

### **SEPARATE ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS**

Subsequent to discussion and comment by the board, the following Monthly Financial Reports and Analysis were approved, as follows:

#### **Treasurer's Comprehensive Bank Reconciliation**

On a motion by Ms. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Zahm and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to approve the Treasurer's Comprehensive Bank Reconciliation by Fund

Report for the Period Ending May 30, 2006. (Attachment XVI)

Revenue Budget Status Report

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Ms. Sterling and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to approve the Revenue Budget Status Report for the Period Ending May 30, 2006 as amended to add "fiscal year" before "period ending May 31, 2006.

Appropriation Status Report

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Mr. Nathan and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to approve the Appropriation Status Report for the Period Ending May 30, 2006.

**PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Special Education Report Follow-Up

Dr. Shine said that at the June 6, 2006 meeting of the Board, Mr. Zahm had requested information on what would be required to implement the Cooperative Teaching Model at Midland School. He noted that the information provided by Mrs. Klein shows that 1.0 FTE additional teacher is needed to implement the model at Midland School, adding that there are more students at Midland and IEP requirements dictate more teacher time. He said that Mrs. Klein had also reported that, after completing all the IEPs for the 2006-2007 school year, there is a need for an additional 1.0 FTE at Midland to support special education needs, AIS needs and students needing modifications under Section 504.

Mrs. Klein reviewed the requirements of the identified students explaining that the Special Education Department would recommend utilizing the Designated Special Education Teacher Per Grade Model at Midland School rather than the Cooperative Teaching Model because of the specific needs of the classified students. She said they believed that this model will provide the appropriate level of service for classified students and general education students in grades K-5.

Mr. Culyer suggested that the Board continue with presentation and discussion on all enrollment and staffing needs before making a decision on the recommendations from this presentation.

Milton Construction Update

Representatives of Andron provided a status report on Milton construction progress, stating that they were on target to complete the classrooms. They said the new addition and south wing were under way, that painting would be taking place on the ground floor, that millwork and flooring were ready, and that the multipurpose room and cafeteria would be ready in early October.

Boiler Replacement Plan

Mr. Valentine was present to answer any Board questions on the proposed Boiler  
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Replacement Plan. The Board reviewed a letter from Mr. Alex Ferrini of LaPatner and Associates regarding the plan and their belief that the Program Manager concept would be an appropriate way to proceed with the management of the varied work described in the Capital Plan including for a boiler replacement process. At the suggestion of the Board, the administration agreed to try to accelerate the heating system planning by expediting an RFQ for a design team and a program manager.

#### Elementary Enrollment and Staffing

Dr. Shine reported that it appeared that Midland School's Kindergarten enrollment of 85 with an average class size rounded of 22 will be exceeded in the normal entries that occur during the summer, and that Midland's 2006-2007 first grade has seven students leaving and 12 new students already registered for September. He said that it would be anticipated that an additional section would be required to accommodate this enrollment. He said that since these additional positions had not been budgeted, he needed the Board's authorization to move forward to staff them.

The Board discussed the impact on the budget of adding staffing, with suggestions to instead cap the affected grades at Midland and potentially at Osborn and send any newly enrolled students, after capping, to Milton school where there was currently space to accommodate them. The Board also discussed exceeding class size guidelines to preclude the need for additional staffing. With no agreement on next steps, Mr. Zahm requested that the administration not distribute class assignments to parents and students at Osborn School in the event that the sixth section of first grade at Osborn would be eliminated and class composition would change. Mr. Culyer asked whether the rest of the Board concurred with this request and consensus was reached.

#### High School Cafeteria Renovation

Dr. Shine reported that the Rye High School Parents' Organization had successfully raised the \$80,000.00 they planned for renovations to the high school cafeteria. He said the only problem anticipated was a potential delay on the delivery of furniture on a timely basis. The Board complimented the parents on their efforts to raise funds for and work on this project.

Mr. Culyer suggested a brief break subsequent to this presentation and the Board agreed at 11:10 p.m. to take a five minute break.

The Board reconvened at 11:15 p.m. and continued with the meeting.

#### Tax Warrant, 2006-2007

Mr. Walsh reported that the City of Rye final assessment roll is usually adjusted to reflect the settlement of tax certiorari claims and changes in STAR exemptions and canceled exemptions which he said are finalized during the grievance period in June of each year. He noted that the District's budget is set and voted upon before this time so

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anticipated and estimated amounts must be used. He said that it is necessary, however, to consider these assessment adjustments before setting the actual tax if the total budget is to be achieved as revenue. He noted that the tax rate for 2006-2007 was estimated to be \$445.0448 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation based upon a total assessed value of \$122,508,543.00, but that with the finalization of the City Assessor's assessments, the total assessed value is actually \$123,325,659.00, providing a tax rate for the 2006-2007 school year of an estimated \$442.0961 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. He said that this would reduce the tax rate increase from the 2005-2006 school year to 6.04% from 6.75%. He further explained the percentage increase in assessed value, basic Star exemptions, enhanced STAR exemptions, and that there were no tax certiorari adjustments in 2005-2006. (Attachment XVII)

The Board discussed this reduction in the tax rate increase and asked Mrs. Povella about the interest rate for District investments. Mrs. Povella reported that interest earned had been higher than budgeted.

The Board requested that an additional amount be added to the District's revenue estimates to further reduce the tax rate increase to below 6.04%. It was agreed that Mr. Walsh would re-present this information at the July 1 meeting of the Board, to directly follow this meeting, to provide the percentage tax rate increase reduction that could be achieved factoring in additional interest earned, for Board decision in its adoption of the Tax Warrant at that time.

#### Portable Classroom Leases

Mr. Walsh reviewed the options and recommendations for discussion of the renewal of the leases for portable classrooms in the District. He said that because each of the three elementary schools has a two classroom unit with leases expiring this summer, current plans were to go forward with lease extensions. He said that for Midland and Osborn, the earlier installed units had their leases extended previously to expire in 2008 and the additional lease renewals would also be extended for two years, also to expire in 2008.

#### Banking Service Bids

Mr. Feeney reviewed the rationale for having the District maintain a number of banking service options and the list of those who had responded to the District's RFP, noting that the information received would be reviewed by the Borrowing and Investment Sub-Committee before a report would be given to the Board. The Board would approve recommended banking service providers at the July 1 meeting to be held directly following this meeting.

### **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

#### 2006-2007 Food Service Budget and Capital Expenditures

Mr. Zahm questioned the technology expenditures for the Food Service  
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Department. Mr. Rubbo said that these included specifically a kitchen computer, updates, elementary school computers, towers, CPUs, and printers. Mr. Zahm questioned why the Food Service Department was not on the District server. Mr. Rubbo explained that it required its own server in order to manage the point of sale communication from one check out station to the other to the main accounting function. Mr. Zahm said he wished to have further discussion on this matter in the future.

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Mr. Nathan and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to approve the 2006-2007 Food Service Program operating budget in the amount of \$1,408,354.00 and capital expenditures in the amount of \$235,000.00 for facilities improvement. (Attachment XVIII)

#### Food Service Program Hourly Rate Schedule

Mr. Feeney said he had a problem paying bigger increases to food service workers than those received by other employees. Mr. Rubbo reviewed the rationale for this recommendation as explained in the attached.

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Sterling and carried 5-1 with Mr. Feeney voting no, it was voted to approve the Food Service Program hourly rate schedule for 2006-2007 per the attached. (Attachment XIX)

#### Bid Awards for Approved Projects

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Ms. Sterling and carried unanimously (5-0) (Mr. Nathan had stepped away from the meeting) it was voted to approve the award of a contract to Leed Industries, Corp. for the Rye High School north/south portion of the junior corridor roof and for the Midland School north end of main wing roof, in the amount of \$368,000.00; the award of the asbestos abatement contract for the Rye High School cafeteria to Niram, Inc. in the amount of \$31,700.00; and the award of the contract with Empire Energy Specialists, Inc. for the Rye Middle School gymnasium and entrance doors in the amount of \$127,890.00. (Attachment XX)

#### Milton Gym Estimate and Authorization

Mr. Joe Costa of Fletcher Thompson presented the Milton gym redesign and estimates for the cost of executing the designs. Because of the Board's decision that it needed extended discussion time to come to a resolution on this matter, it was decided that the topic would be moved to the Board's special meeting of June 19th and no action was taken.

#### Administrative Salary and Contract Adjustments

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Ms. Sterling and carried 5-1 with Mr. Fox voting no it was voted to approve the Superintendent's salary and contract recommendation. (Attachment XXI)

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Network Support Service Contract

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Mr. Nathan and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to approve the District Network Support Service contract extension with CCC Computer Center at a fixed annual cost of \$200,340.00 for 2006-2007. (Attachment XXII)

Appropriation of Tax Certiorari Reserve

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Sterling and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to approve the appropriation of Tax Certiorari Reserve in an amount not to exceed \$1,700,000.00 to cover legal expenses for Osborn Memorial Home litigation. (Attachment XXIII)

Tax Certiorari Serial Notes

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to authorize the issuance of \$600,000.00 serial bonds of the City School District of the City of Rye, Westchester County, New York, to pay the cost of judgments, compromised claims or settled claims arising from court orders on various proceedings brought pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law for said School District. (Attachment XXIV)

Enrollment Balance Committee Charge

On a motion by Ms. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Nathan and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to approve the charge to the Enrollment Balance Committee including a recommendation that the committee is to report findings and options by October 30, 2006. (Attachment XXV)

Elementary Math Curriculum

The motion by Ms. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Feeney, to adopt the Elementary School Mathematics K-5 curriculum as presented failed on a vote of 3-2-1 with Mr. Zahm and Mr. Fox voting no and Mr. Nathan abstaining.

Special Education Staffing

Determining that there was a confirmed need to add one special education position to accommodate additional classified students at Midland School, the Board agreed that it was supportive of Dr. Shine recruiting to fill this position.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO / FROM THE BOARD**

Mr. Culyer said that before the meeting was adjourned and the July 1 meeting begun, he would like to thank Steve Feeney and Victoria Sterling for their years of service to the board, and therefore to the schools and the entire community.

Mr. Culyer said that Mr. Feeney had served for fifteen years and added service as vice president, president and vice president again to his long list of responsibilities. He

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said that Mr. Feeney worked hard to help obtain the District's Triple A bond rating, chaired the finance committee, the budget analysis sub-committee, and the audit and credit sub-committee, as well as the budget analysis subcommittee. He added that Mr. Feeney served on the facilities and policy committees, and has served as liaison between the board, the city and the Osborn Home during the litigation process.

Mr. Culyer said that Ms. Sterling had served the Board and the community since 1996, working hard not only as a Board member and vice president of the Board, but also as a liaison to the technology committee, the curriculum council, and strategic planning team. Mr. Culyer said Ms. Sterling provided leadership in all areas, encouraging the documentation of curriculum, systemic change, and a steady focus on maintaining the District's investment in technology.

On behalf of the Board and the community, Mr. Culyer thanked both, adding that personally, it had been a great experience to work closely with both, and that he would miss both Mr. Feeney and Ms. Sterling.

Mr. Culyer then presented each with a certificate of appreciation signed by the president of the Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association and by himself. He then presented Mr. Feeney with a token thank you for service as vice president, adding that it had been an honor to serve with Mr. Feeney.

George Pratt spoke from the audience to wish Dr. McCann farewell, stating that it had been a pleasure and an honor to associate with Dr. McCann and that in his estimation, Dr. McCann had been responsible for tremendous growth in the District.

Mr. Feeney and Ms. Sterling both offered comments, suggestions and advice to the Board, both saying that it had been their honor and pleasure to serve the community as Board of Education members.

Mr. Culyer extended his and the Board's best wishes to Dr. McCann, thanking Dr. McCann for all he had done for the District.

#### Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Zahm and carried 5-1 with Mr. Feeney voting no, it was voted at 1:10 a.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Ferrari  
District Clerk