

**MINUTES**  
**RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION**  
**Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room**  
**March 15, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Culyer at 8:05 PM and the roll was called.

Present

Mr. James Culyer, *President*  
Mr. Joshua Nathan, *Vice President*  
Mr. George Cady  
Mr. Edward Fox  
Ms. Laura Slack  
Mr. Michael White \*  
Mr. Robert Zahm

And Dr. Edward Shine, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Steven Cohen, Assistant Superintendent

\* via telephone

After the call to order the program was immediately turned over to Dr. Steven Cohen, Assistant Superintendent. Dr. Cohen, using a PowerPoint™ presentation, reviewed the rationale, benefits, the variety of languages available with a focus of discussion on the viability of Spanish and Chinese. (Attachment I)

During the presentation and at the presentation's conclusion discussion took place between and among Board members, the administration and members of the public who were present. Before adjourning the meeting there was Board consensus that the administration should move forward with planning for an elementary school program, that the language should be Spanish, the administration should look to planning a summer institute in Mandarin Chinese in the summer of 2008 and that planning should take place to initiate Mandarin Chinese in the middle school and the high school.

Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Mr. Cady and carried unanimously (5-0) it was voted at 10:30 PM to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Shine  
Superintendent of Schools