

**MINUTES**  
**RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room**  
**July 1, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Shine at 1:16 a.m. and the roll was called.

Present

Mr. George Cady  
Mr. James Culyer  
Mr. Edward Fox  
Mr. Joshua Nathan  
Ms. Laura Slack  
Mr. Michael White  
Mr. Robert Zahm

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

**OPENING ITEMS**

Dr. Shine asked Mr. White, Ms. Slack, Mr. Nathan and Mr. Cady to read the Oath of Office as re-elected and newly elected Board members.

Dr. Shine opened the floor for nominations for President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Zahm nominated Mr. Culyer for President for the 2006/07 school year, to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is elected according to law. Mr. Fox seconded the nomination. Mr. Fox moved and Ms. Slack seconded the motion that nominations be closed. On a unanimous vote (7-0) Mr. Culyer was elected President, Board of Education, for the 2006-2007 school year.

Mr. Culyer recited the Oath of Office as President.

Mr. Culyer called for nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Fox nominated Mr. Nathan for Vice President for the 2006/07 school year, to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is elected according to law. Ms. Slack seconded the motion. Mr. Fox moved that the nominations be closed. On a unanimous vote (7-0) Mr. Nathan was elected Vice President, Board of Education, for the 2006-2007 school year.

Mr. Nathan recited the Oath of Office as Vice President.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Culyer announced that the elementary math curriculum and the tax warrant would be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

**Appointments**

1. The recommendation that Ms. Lynn Ferrari be appointed as District Clerk for 2006/07 school year, to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is appointed and qualifies according to law.
2. The recommendation that Ms. Anne Povella be appointed as District Treasurer for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
3. The recommendation that Mr. Robert G. Walsh, Jr. be appointed as Purchasing Agent for the 2006/07 school year; Dr. Edward J. Shine to act in his absence.
4. That the Rye City School District will participate in all BOCES cooperative bids when it is in the best interest of the school district.
5. The recommendation that Ms. Millie Howell be appointed as Claims Auditor for the 2006/07 school year, to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is appointed and qualifies according to law.
6. The recommendation that Mr. Robert G. Walsh, Jr. be appointed as Collector of School Taxes for the 2006/07 school year, to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is appointed and qualifies according to law.
7. The recommendation that Dr. Bruno DiCosmo be appointed as Medical Coordinator for the Rye City School District, at an annual stipend of \$4,000, for the 2006/07 school year to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is appointed and qualifies according to law.
8. The appointment of Dr. Barbara Coven as School Physician for the 2006/07 school year, to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is appointed and qualifies according to law with fees as follows:

**For Physical Examinations**

Employee exams (teacher and staff)	\$ 60.00
Student physicals (sports, school or working papers)	\$ 30.00

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Student physicals (re-exam or maturational exam [boys])	\$ 20.00
Sports reviews (chart reviews)	\$ 5.00
Home football games	\$160.00

9. The appointment of Mr. Frank Mangiamele as Asbestos Designee for the 2006/07 school year, to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is appointed and qualifies according to law.
10. The appointment of Mr. Robert G. Walsh, Jr. as Record Access Officer for the 2006/07 school year, to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is appointed and qualifies according to law.
11. The appointment of Mr. Robert G. Walsh, Jr. as Records Management Officer for the 2006/07 school year, to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is appointed and qualifies according to law.
12. The recommendation to approve the The Rochelle Group, Ltd. for consulting services to the Food Service Department (School Lunch Program) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006.
13. The recommendation to approve Dr. Edward J. Shine as the School District's representative for the 2006-2007 school year to the State-Wide Schools Cooperative Health Plan. This position is known in the Agreement as Governor.
14. The recommendation that the bond for the Treasurer and the Assistant Superintendent for Business, Facilities for \$400,000.00 and the bond for the District Clerk for \$100,000.00 be renewed for the fiscal year July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007 and that these be filed with a certified copy of the resolution with the School District Clerk.
15. The following banks, which requested to be listed as service providers to the District. for the 2006-07 school year, as eligible to serve as depositories for, and investment of, school funds:
  - The Chase Manhattan Bank - Rye NY
  - Citibank, N.A. - Rye NY
  - The Bank of New York - Rye NY
  - CLASS M.B.I.A.-Municipal Investors Service Corp. – Armonk, NY
  - M& T Bank – White Plain, NY
  - Wachovia Bank – Rye, NY
  - Bank of America – Glen Rock, NJ
  - Webster Bank – Rye, NY

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North Fork Bank – Rye, NY  
 Commerce Bank, Rye, NY  
 Washington Mutual, Rye, NY

16. That the following individuals be designated as authorized signatories for access to the school district's safe deposit box #575 located at The Chase Manhattan Bank, Rye Branch, 73 Purchase Street, Rye, New York (two (2) signatures required):
  1. Dr. Edward J. Shine
  2. Mrs. Lynn Ferrari
  3. Mr. Robert G. Walsh, Jr.
17. That the President of the Board of Education sign the 2006/07 Financial Reports and that the Vice-President sign in the absence of Board President.
18. That Dr. Edward J. Shine, Superintendent, certify all payrolls.
19. That a mileage reimbursement rate be established as set by the Internal Revenue Service.
20. That Ms. Anne Povella, Treasurer, sign all checks and Dr. Edward J. Shine co-sign all checks of \$50,000 or more.
21. That the following individuals be authorized to disburse petty cash in accordance with Policy 6670 for the amounts listed, and that such funds be administered in accordance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education:

Dr. Edward J. Shine, Superintendent of Schools	\$ 100.00
Dr. Daniel McCann, Deputy Superintendent	\$ 100.00
Mr. Robert G. Walsh, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Business and Facilities	\$ 100.00
Dr. James Rooney, Principal, High School	\$ 100.00
Dr. Ann Edwards, Principal, Middle School	\$ 100.00
Dr. Angela Grille, Principal, Midland School	\$ 100.00
Ms. Clarita Zeppie, Principal, Osborn School	\$ 100.00
Dr. JoAnne Nardone, Principal, Milton School	\$ 100.00
Ms. Shirley Klein, Director of Special Education	\$ 100.00
Mr. Steve Freer, Director, Buildings and Grounds	\$ 100.00
Mr. John Rubbo, Lunch Fund Manager	\$ 400.00
Mr. Paul Blank, Coordinator, Alternative High School	<u>\$ 100.00</u>

22. The Public Use of District Facilities Schedule of Charges For District Facilities Use and Personnel Services for July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007. (This schedule reflects  
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approximately the annual budget-to-budget percent increase of 7.24%, and an estimated percent increase for personnel services.) (Attachment I)

23. The base rate tuition for consortium members for out of district consortium students as \$15,000.00 for classes with ratios 15:1:1, 12:1:1, 8:1:1 and \$24,000.00 for classes with ratios 6:1:1.
23. Approval of reimbursement for travel, food and lodging at current levels: Breakfast: \$15.00; Lunch: \$25.00; Dinner: \$35.00.
25. Board of Education ByLaws, 2006/07. (Attachment II)
26. The Board of Education Meeting Calendar, 2006/07. (Attachment III)
27. The appointment of Mrs. Patricia Taylor as Title IX Compliance Officer.
28. The Journal News as the school district newspaper for legal notices for the 2006/07 school year.
29. A resolution regarding Door-to-Door Solicitation 2006/07. (Attachment IV)
30. The New York State Education Department approved list of Impartial Hearing Officers to conduct special education impartial hearings.

Mr. Walsh, Dr. Shine and Ms. Ferrari signed the Oath of Office for their appointments. It was noted that the Oath would be administered to Ms. Povella in the office.

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

##### Tax Warrant

Subsequent to discussion and the decision to lower the 2006-2007 tax rate increase to an estimated 5.98% from an estimated 6.75%, on a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to direct the administration to make the necessary changes in anticipated revenue to reflect that tax rate reduction, with the understanding that the total budget must be equal to \$59,840,000.00. (Attachment V: Tax Warrant and Tax Collection Notices)

##### Elementary K-5 Math Curriculum

Subsequent to discussion, the Board made several motions regarding the Elementary K-5 Math Curriculum.

On a motion by Mr. Nathan, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried 5-1-1 it was voted to table this agenda topic as presented.

Ms. Slack moved and Mr. Zahm seconded the motion that issues regarding the math curriculum be addressed in a timely manner so at the planning session on July 22 there would be time to talk about a time line.

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Mr. Fox moved to amend this motion to link content with a time line. There was no second to this motion.

Mr. Zahm moved to amend Ms. Slack's motion to make approval of the math curriculum contingent upon a schedule or approach to resolving the issues raised. Mr. Culyer seconded this motion which carried 6-1 with Mr. Nathan voting no.

Mr. Zahm called the question on Ms. Slack's motion as amended which carried 6-1 with Mr. Nathan voting no.

Closing

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Zahm and carried 6-0-1 with Mr. Nathan abstaining it was voted at 2:21 a.m. to adjourn into executive session for the review of the employment history of current and prospective employees.

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 2:46 a.m. to reconvene in public. On a motion by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to immediately adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Ferrari  
District Clerk