

**MINUTES**  
**RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room**  
**October 9, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Culyer at 7:33 PM and the roll was called.

Present

Mr. James Culyer, *President*  
Mr. Joshua Nathan, *Vice President*  
Mr. George Cady  
Ms. Kendall Egan  
Mr. Edward Fox  
Ms. Laura Slack

Excused

Mr. Robert Zahm

And Dr. Edward Shine, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Stephen Cohen, Assistant Superintendent  
Ms. Kathleen Ryan, Business Official

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Cady and carried unanimously, (6-0) the Board adjourned immediately into executive session for the review of the employment history of current and prospective employees.

On a motion by Mr. Cady, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 8:03 PM to reconvene in public.

Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items

Dr. Jaime Zung, on behalf of the Rye Teachers Association, expressed condolences to Dr. Shine on the death of his brother. He thanked the Board for its work on behalf of the community, and then presented a statement regarding contract negotiations between the Board and the RTA, stating that he and the members of the RTA present with him were there to ask the Board why it failed to offer a fair and equitable contract "to those who strive daily to turn the Mission Statement of the District into a successful reality." Mr. Culyer responded that the Board had an obligation to do its best to serve both the taxpayers of Rye and the employees of the District and would continue to work toward achieving this goal.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Culyer announced that Action-Fiscal Item 3, Approval of Contract with Eberlin and Eberlin; Item 15, Treasurer's Report for the Period Ending July 31, 2007; and Item 19, Treasurer's Report for the Period Ending August 31, 2007 would be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

**Action – General**

1. The minutes of the meeting of the Board of September 25, 2007.
2. The minutes of the Joint Meeting of the City of Rye City Council and the Board of Education of October 21, 2007.
3. The gifts for Heard in Rye from Resurrection School PTO in the amount of \$1,000.00; from Midland School PTO in the amount of \$1,500.00; and from the Rye Neck PTSA in the amount of \$2,500.00. (Attachment I)

**Action – Fiscal**

1. The appointment of Dr. Bruno DiCosmo as a School Physician for the 2007-2008 school year. (Attachment II)
2. The award of Bid 07-08-003 for Athletic Equipment Reconditioning Services to Riddell for the 2007-2008 school year. (Attachment III)
3. The proposed contract addendum for Fuller D' Angelo P.C. subject to approval by counsel. (Attachment IIIa)
4. The application of a non-resident student to attend Rye high school at the established tuition of \$17,588.00 for the 2007-2008 school year. (Attachment IV)
5. A contract with the Children's Hearing Institute for audio logical consultations for the 2007-2008 school year. (Attachment V)
6. A contract with Kim Wilson-Gerardi for physical therapy services for a student for the 2007-2008 school year. (Attachment VI)
7. A contract with Lois Heyman for Speech and Language Therapy/Hearing/FM Training for the 2007-2008 school year. (Attachment VII)
8. A contract with Iris Goldberg, Ph.D., for professional development for elementary co-teaching teams for the 2007-2008 school year. (Attachment VIII)
9. A contract for Behavioral Consultation with Millwood Learning Center for the 2007-2008 school year. (Attachment IX)
10. A contract with Anne H. Bentzen for occupational therapy services for the 2007-2008 school year. (Attachment X)
11. A contract with Daniel King for teaching the Mathematical Ideas and Images in the Writing of Jorge Luis Borges course beginning October 15, 2007 and terminating November 26, 2007 at the rate of \$200.00/day, including all expenses, for a maximum of six (6) days during the 2007-2008 school year. (Attachment XI)
12. A contract with Nancy Smith for math and science instruction coaching from October 18, 2007 to June 30, 2008 at the rate of \$2,000.00/day for a maximum of ten days, plus expenses not to exceed \$6,000.00. (Attachment XII)
13. A contract with Kathleen McNeila for evaluating the elementary foreign language

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- program and for preparing a four-year study of the secondary elective program and grade 6 expanded foreign language program, From October 9, 2007 to June 30, 2008 at the rate of \$1,200.00/day, including all expenses, for a maximum of ten days. (Attachment XIII)
14. Budget Transfer #3 in the amount of \$16,875.00 to cover the cost of additional differentiated instruction coaching as well as a review of FLES and elective programs, from curriculum summer workshops and curriculum in-service teaching. (Attachment XIVa)
  15. Budget Transfer #4 in the amount of \$15,000.00 to cover the cost of school visits for the Guidance Department, from the Social Security Program. (Attachment XIVb)
  16. The Budget Transfer Schedule for the Month of July, 2007. (Attachment XV)
  17. Warrants #1 - #6 for the Month of July, 2007. (Attachment XVI)
  18. The Budget Transfer Schedule for the Month of August, 2007. (Attachment XVII)
  19. Warrants #7-11 for the Month of August, 2007. (Attachment XVIII)

**Action – Personnel**

1. The Appointment of Merrill Winner as Special Education Summer School Teacher, effective July 9, 2007 – August 17, 2007.
2. The attached list of per diem substitute teachers to be used only on as needed basis at the rate of \$100.00/day effective September 4, 2007 – June 24, 2008. (Attachment XIX)
3. 6<sup>th</sup> Assignment and Additional Pay Beyond Annual Salary Appointments in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement, inclusive of the Middle School Elective Program, science labs above the 25-class limit, and additional class assignments, per the attached list. (Attachment XX)
4. Appointments for Extra Pay for Extra Work for the History Club and the Knit Wits Club, per the attached. (Attachment XXIa)
5. Appointments for Extra Pay for Extra Work for the 2007-2008 school year. (Attachment XXIb)
6. The Resignation of Kevin Connolly as a School Monitor/Traffic Control assigned to Osborn School, effective September 18, 2007.
7. The Resignation of Barbara Brody as a School Nurse (.5 FTE) assigned to Midland School, effective September 19, 2007.
8. The Resignation of Mandy Frohlich as a Special Education Teacher Aide assigned to Osborn School, effective October 11, 2007. Mandy's last day of work will be October 10, 2007.
9. The Appointment of Alyson Caminiti as a Special Education Teacher Aide, assigned to Milton School, at \$16.30 per hour, Step 1 of the 2007/08 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective October 9, 2007.

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10. The Appointment of Sarah Silver as a Special Education Teacher Aide, assigned to Milton School, at \$16.30 per hour, Step 1 of the 2007/08 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective October 15, 2007.
11. The increase in assignment of Linda Silverstein as a Teacher Aide assigned to Osborn School, an additional 15 minutes per day from 5 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours per day to 6 hours per day, effective September 17, 2007.
12. The increase in assignment of Guillermina DeRiggi as a Special Education Teacher Aide assigned to Midland School, to 28.5 hours per week effective September 5, 2007.
13. The Appointment of Frank Peduto as a Teacher Aide/Lunch Time, assigned to Midland School, at \$11.80 per hour, Step 1 of the 2007/08 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, 2.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective October 3, 2007.
14. The recommendation of the Westchester County Department of Human Resources to reclassify the position of Senior Typist to the title of Senior Office Assistant (Automated Systems), in the Athletic Department of the Rye City School District effective September 14, 2007. Karen Clark is hereby appointed on a permanent basis with no further civil service examination requirement as per the reclassification study.
15. The attached list of per diem substitute teacher aides to be used only on an as-needed basis effective for School Year September 4, 2007 – June 24, 2008. (Attachment XXII)
15. The attached list of per diem substitute school nurses to be used only on an as-needed basis effective for School Year September 4, 2007 – June 24, 2008. (Attachment XXIII)
16. The attached list of per diem substitute cleaners to be used only on an as-needed basis effective for School Year July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008. (Attachment XXIV)
17. The attached list of per diem substitute secretarial clerical workers to be used only on an as needed basis effective School Year July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008. (Attachment XXV)
18. The attached list of PSAT Proctors. (Attachment XXVI)
19. Additional hours to paid to school nurses for work performed during summer, 2007, as attached. (Attachment XXVII)

#### **Action – Special Education**

1. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from its meeting of August 24, 2007 for Student ID#866; from its meetings of September 10, 2007 for Students ID#899 and 900; and from its meetings of September 20, 2007 for Students ID#852 and 673.

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**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Shine reported that one hundred twenty-three Rye High School students had been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college level. He reminded those present that the National Honor

Society Induction Ceremony would begin at 7:30 PM on Thursday. Dr. Shine thanked Ms. Slack and the many teachers who had volunteered to support students as they mourned the death of fellow student, Ryan Adamson; noted two night games occurring over the weekend and the Osborn Nifty Fifties Carnival coming up on Saturday; and said that on October 24<sup>th</sup>, representatives of the middle and high schools would participate with the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council and the Westchester County Department of Transportation in a *Safe Routes to School* workshop.

**Closing Items**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Nathan, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 8:15 PM to adjourn into executive session for the discussions of negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Cady, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 9:37 PM to reconvene in public and adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Ferrari  
District Clerk