

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING / WORK SESSION
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
October 23, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Culyer at 8:03 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
Mr. Robert Zahm

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

Mr. Culyer welcomed those present and noted that the Board had toured Midland School and attended a presentation on Midland drainage issues prior to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Culyer announced that Action – Fiscal item 1, approval of Eberlin and Eberlin Proposal for Midland Work, Phase I, would be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

Action – General

- Appointment of Mr. Culyer as the voting delegate to the 2007 New York State School Boards Association Annual Meeting.

Action – Fiscal

1. A contract with Adish Ramrattan to serve as District Web Master and eBoard Administrator for the school year 2007-2008. (Attachment I)
2. A contract with Theracare School for Occupational Therapy Services for the 2007-2008 school year. (Attachment II)
3. A contract with A & T Healthcare for nursing services for the 2007-2008 school year. (Attachment III)
4. The recommendation to reject the sole bid received on October 18, 2007 for the fixed fee fuel oil heating contract for the 2007-2008 school year submitted by Robison Oil Company and to re-bid as soon as possible. (Attachment IV)

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Action – Special Education

- The recommendation of the Committee on Special Education from its meeting of September 10, 2007 for Student ID#911409.

ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**Approval of Eberlin and Eberlin Proposal for Midland Work, Phase I**

After Board discussion and agreement that the proposal was not clear as to what Eberlin and Eberlin was being asked to prepare specifications for, and that the document should include notation that it was subject to review by construction counsel, Dr. Shine suggested that the proposal could be divided into three phases: first related to ground water and drains, taking water from behind and in front of the north wing; second, that if Phase I was not successful, to install concrete under the area; and three, renovation to the field. He suggested that construction counsel review the detailed scope of the work to ensure that it was clear. It was requested that the submission of the proposal also include information on how the projects would be funded. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda and return it to the Board at a future meeting with the above modifications included.

COMMUNICATIONS TO / FROM THE BOARD

Ms. Catherine Pacos, on behalf of all the District's PTO and PO organizations, thanked the Board members for all they do and announced that the PTOs and POs had provided refreshments for the Board for later in the meeting, and were donating a book to each school library in honor of the members of the Board of Education.

Mr. Nathan, on behalf of the members of the Board of Education, thanked Ms. Pacos and all the POs and PTOs for recognizing the Board of Education in this way.

Mr. Culyer commended Ms. Slack for her participation in the Division of Leadership Development Services Leadership program, noting that she had attended for 40 hours.

Mr. Zahm noted a communication regarding the tuition policy.

Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:32 PM, Ms. Slack moved and Ms. Egan seconded the motion that the Board adjourn and convene the work session portion of the meeting. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

WORK SESSION

Ms. Ryan reviewed the long-range financial planning document prepared as the base for the work session which was then discussed by the Board.

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Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Nathan, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 9:51 PM to conclude the work session and adjourn into executive session for the discussion of litigation strategy, the employment history of current and prospective employees, and negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law.

On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:45 PM to reconvene in public and immediately adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Ferrari
District Clerk