

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
February 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Nathan at 6:05 p.m. and the roll was called:

Present

Mr. Joshua Nathan, *President*
Ms. Laura Slack, *Vice President*
Mr. George Cady
Ms. Kendall Egan
Mr. Edward Fox
Ms. Young Kim
Mr. Robert Zahm

And Dr. Edward Shine, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Steven Cohen, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Kathleen Ryan, Business Official
Ms. Elaine Cuglietto, Director of Human Resources

On a motion by Ms. Kim, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to adjourn immediately into executive session for the review of employment history of current and prospective employees; the discussion of negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law; and a review of current litigation.

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 8:17 p.m. to reconvene in public.

Mr. Nathan welcomed those present.

Mr. Nathan asked Dr. Shine to present the report of the superintendent. Dr. Shine presented information about various events and activities in the District.

Mr. Nathan thanked Dr. Shine and called for the Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items.

Hearing of the Public

There were no questions or comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Nathan announced that General Items 3 and 5, School District Calendar and Alternate Newspaper, and Fiscal Items 2, 3, 5, 9 and 11, Warrants, Contracts, and Bank Depository Approval, would be removed from the Consent Agenda and returned at a future meeting.

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

General

1. The minutes of the Board of Education meeting of January 6, 2009.
2. The minutes of the Board of Education meeting of January 20, 2009.
3. The gift of a \$1,000.00 Activate America Grant to Osborn School and a \$1,000.00 Activate America Grant to Milton School from the Rye YMCA. (Attachment I)

Fiscal

1. The Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2008. (Attachment IIA)
2. The Resolution to use SW BOCES Cooperative Bids. (Attachment III)
3. A contract with John A. Coleman School for the continuing implementation of IEP Contract for related services for summer 2008 and the 2008-2009 academic year at a cost of \$18,000.00. (Attachment IV)
4. A contract with The Learning Shop, Inc. for Homebound Instruction for August 2008 through January 31, 2009 at \$65.00 per hour. (Attachment V)
5. A contract with Christine Pikul d/b/a Around the Corner Stamp Store for a Felting Workshop on February 5, 2009 at a cost of \$410.00. (Attachment VI)
6. A contract with Ardsley Union Free School District for the continuing implementation of IEP Contract for instructional and related services for the 2008-2009 academic year at a cost of \$38,318.00. (Attachment VII).

Personnel

1. The request by Sharon Brown Straussberg for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Midland School, effective on or about her estimated due date of April 15, 2009 – June 30, 2009.
2. The Leave Replacement Appointment of Kim Colacioppo as an Elementary Teacher, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Pre K – 6, assigned to Midland School, 1.0 FTE, MA +15 Step 8, of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule effective March 23, 2009 – June 30, 2009.
3. The following Appointments for 6th Assignments or Additional Pay Beyond Annual Salary effective February 2, 2009. These additional assignments have been recommended in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement.

2008 – 2009 6th Assignments or Additional Pay Beyond Annual Salary

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rye Middle School</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>% of Base Salary*</u>	<u>Current Rate*</u>
Debra Davis-Galliard	Science	1 section/half year	5%	\$ 3,753.80
John Borchert	Science	1 section/half year	5%	\$ 4,894.60
Dulce Barker	Science	1 section/half year	5%	\$ 4,161.05
Juli Divi	Marine Science	2 sections/half year	7.5%	\$ 6,791.70
Quan Huynh	Inclusion Class	1 section/half year	5%	\$ 4,039.65

*Salary pending contract settlement

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4. The following Appointments for Extra Pay for Extra Work:

Name	Assignment	School	Index	Step	Amt*
Jennifer Quinn	Environmental Club	HS	0.03000	0	\$ 759**
Michael Limone	Drama Club	HS	0.02000	0	\$1,012
Sarah Misenheimer Clermont	Fall Dance Ensemble Club	HS	0.04500	0	\$2,277
Sarah Misenheimer Clermont	Spring Dance Ensemble Club	HS	0.04500	0	\$2,277
Michael Limone	Spring Musical Director	HS	0.09500±	6	\$6,441
Bendis Mani	Spring Musical Director	HS	0.02000	6	\$1,356
John Gwardyak	Awards Assembly	HS			\$40.55/hr on Thurs. 2/12/09 not to exceed 3 hours
John Gwardyak	Awards Assembly	HS			\$52.39/hr. On Fri. 2/13/09 not to exceed 4.5 hours

5. The following non-RCSD employees to work as timers, supervisors, ticket takers, chain crew, announcers, etc. at athletic events on an as needed basis throughout the 2008-2009 School Year:

Sean McSorley
Emily Yedowitz

Rates* based upon approved Rates for Teachers in the 2006-2007 Teacher Contract.

6. The following Per Diem Substitute Teacher to be used only on an as needed basis for the 2008-2009 School Year at a daily rate of \$100.00 per day:

Carol Maurer

7. The Resignation of Kristen Wagner as an Account Clerk-Typist, assigned to Central Administration Building, effective April 27, 2009.

8. The Resignation of Ximena Ayora as a Food Service Worker, effective at the close of business of January 20, 2009.

Special Education

- The recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from its meeting of November 6, 2008 for Student ID#998; from its meeting of November 13, 2008 for Student ID#1025; from its meeting of November 20, 2008 for Student ID#1096; from its meeting of December 4, 2008 for Student ID#874; from its meeting of December 10, 2008 for Student ID#919; from its meeting of December 11, 2009 for Student ID#788; from its meetings of January 8, 2009 for Students ID#1113; 1115; and 1119; from its meeting of January 14, 2009 for Student ID#1004; from its meetings of January 15, 2009 for Students ID#1039 and 1077; from its meeting of January 16, 2009 for Student ID#850; and from its meetings of January 22, 2009 for Students ID#879 and 1123.
- The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from its meeting of December 2, 2008 for Student ID#542; from its meetings of December 15, 2008 for Students ID#491 and 133; from its meeting of December 16, 2009 for Student ID#495;

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From its meeting of December 18, 2008 for Student ID#799; from its meeting of January 6, 2009 for Student ID#547; from its meetings of January 8, 2009 for Students ID#911499 and 431; from its meeting of January 9, 2009 for Student ID#431, from its meeting of January 12, 2009 for Student ID#402; from its meetings of January 20, 2009 for Students ID#1050DOL, and 1105DOL; from its meetings of January 21, 2009 for Students ID#1081DOL and 970DOL; and from its meeting of January 22, 2009 for Student ID#911888.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

2009-2010 District Calendar

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Ms. Kim and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the 2009-2010 school district calendar as presented. (Attachment VIII)

Alternative Newspaper of Record

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the Rye Sound Shore Review as an alternative newspaper of record for the 2008-2009 school year. (Attachment IX)

Financial Aid Presentation Contract

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve a contract with Mark Stephens for a Financial Aid presentation on December 10, 2008 to Rye High School seniors and their parents at a cost of \$150.00. (Attachment X)

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Dr. Shine discussed the revenue projections for the 2009-2010 budget as being similar to those for this year, including a 20% reduction in non-property tax revenue, and reviewed other revenue areas. He then reviewed proposed expenditures as well as those eliminations of positions and other budget reductions he felt necessary to present a tax rate increase of no more than 2.78%. He said these reductions resulted in an overall budget-to-budget reduction of -.66%.

Mr. Nathan thanked Dr. Shine for a very thorough presentation reflective of a very difficult year ahead. He said he believed it reflected a very good effort in response to the economic environment of the community and the country. (Attachment XI)

Dr. Shine thanked Ms. Ryan, Dr. Cohen, and Ms. Cuglietto for their efforts in the preparation of the proposed budget and thanked Ms. Ferrari for her efforts to help him communicate budget information.

After Board discussion, Mr. Nathan called for comment from the public.

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Diane Harrington spoke on behalf of library clerks and their importance to the District.

Bertrand De Frondeville thanked Dr. Shine for his efforts.

Mr. Fox encouraged those present to write to state senators and congresspersons regarding unfunded mandates and cuts in the Governor's proposed budget.

Mr. Nathan reminded those present that Legislator, George Latimer, would hold a hearing on the Governor's proposed budget from 4 – 8 p.m. at the Larchmont Public Library on February 12 and encouraged people to attend.

Mr. Nathan said that there were five more Board of Education meetings where the budget would be discussed and encouraged the community to attend and/or to communicate with the Board about the budget.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Tax Warrants and Budget Transfer Schedules

On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve Tax Warrants #27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 34. (Attachment IIB)

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Ms. Kim and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the Budget Transfer Schedules for the month of December, 2008. (Attachment IIC)

COMMUNICATION TO / FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Zahm commented on fiscal information items. He also said that since the Policy Committee would be reviewing the budget transfer policy he wanted the Committee to also look at the equipment purchase of personal computers. He said he felt the District might not be getting the real cost and that he wanted software and equipment purchases to be in the technology budget.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:21 p.m. to adjourn into executive session for the review of the employment history of current and prospective employees.

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Ms. Kim and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:45 p.m. to reconvene in public.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Contract With John A. Coleman School and Approval of School Depository

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

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A contract with John A. Coleman School for the continuing implementation of IEP Contract for instructional services and related services for summer 2008 and the 2008-2009 academic year at a cost of \$129,208.00. (Attachment XII)

Webster Bank as an additional approved official depository for the District's unused funds that are available for investment by the District's Treasurer. (Attachment XIII)

Adjournment

There being no further business, on a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Cady and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:50 p.m. to adjourn into executive session for a continuation of discussion from the executive session conducted prior to the beginning of the meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 11:57 p.m. to reconvene in public and immediately adjourn the meeting.

Lynn Ferrari
District Clerk