

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
June 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Nathan at 7:08 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
Mr. Ray Schmitt, *Board Member-Elect**

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

*Joined Board at 8:11 p.m.

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

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 8:11 p.m. to reconvene in public.

Mr. Nathan welcomed those present and welcomed Mr. Schmitt, newly elected Board member.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Shine reviewed all the year-end events and activities, and noted that Rye High School had again been named one of the top 100 high schools in the country by *Newsweek* magazine.

Mr. Nathan thanked Dr. Shine and called for the Hearing of the Public on non-agenda items.

Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items

Jeanne Sinnot commented on the recent Board of Education election and gave tribute to residents, Bertrand De Frondeville, Martin Gerson and Ray Schmitt for presenting the budget for

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The 2009-2010 school year, noting that the community owed them a debt of gratitude. She then addressed the Board on her desire to have them salute the flag at Board meetings, noting that they would not have been freely elected if it weren't for that flag. She then thanked George Cady for his service to the Board and community.

Mr. Nathan thanked Mrs. Sinnott for her comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Nathan announced that Consent Agenda Fiscal Items 4, Grounds Maintenance bid, 7, Contract with Altheus, 8, Non-Resident Tuition rates, 9, Rye School of Leadership rate, 10, Revised Facilities Use Rental Fees, 12, Proposal from Savin Engineers, and 13, ImPact Agreement, would be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

General

1. The minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of May 19, 2009.
2. The adoption of revised Board of Education Policies 6150, Budget Transfers, and 2450, Policy Dissemination Schedule. (Attachment I)
3. The gift of two Smart Boards at a value of \$8,680 from the Osborn School PTO to Osborn School. (Attachment II)
4. The gift of \$2,500 from the Rye Neck PTSA for the Heard in Rye speaker series. (Attachment III)
5. The gift of \$12,000 from the Niehaus Family for the Niehaus Scholarship. (Attachment IV)
6. The gift of eight laptop computers and cart for the Rye High School library for use by all students in the amount of \$10,470.99 from the Rye High School Parents Organization. (No Attachment Provided)

Fiscal

1. A contract with the Katonah-Lewisboro Union Free School District for Student Health and Related Services for the 2008-2009 school year for four Rye resident students being provided these services at private/parochial schools located in the Katonah-Lewisboro Union Free School District at a total cost of \$3,713.28. (Attachment V)
2. The Bid Award for Bid #08-09-024 for pruning and maintenance of trees to Beaver Tree Company for 2009-2010 at a fixed price of \$11,000. (Attachment VI)
3. The Bid Award for Bid #08-09-023 for Refuse Removal and Recycling to Suburban Carting Corp. for \$32,900. (Attachment VII)
4. The Bid Award for Bid #08-09-022 for HVAC Maintenance and Repair Services to Atlantic-Westchester, Inc. for a lump sum of \$24,380. (Attachment VIII)

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5. A contract with Joel Baehr for workshops on June 29, 2009 at a cost of \$1,000. (Attachment IX)
6. A Kids' S.P.A.C.E. contract for 2009-2010 to operate its program for District students at the Osborn School Multipurpose Room at the rate of \$300 for the year. (Attachment X)

Personnel

1. The Resignation of Jaime Degina Stabile as a Teaching Assistant/Coordinator of the Academic Intervention Center at Rye High School, effective June 30, 2009.
2. The Resignation due to Retirement of Maxine Dreckmann from her position as a Teaching Assistant (for Special Education), effective at the close of business June 30, 2009.
3. The Resignation of Silvana Martone from her position as a Part Time 0.5 FTE School Psychologist, effective at the close of business June 30, 2009.
4. Rescind the Termination of the Probationary Appointment of Nicole Riti from her position as a Math Teacher which was approved at the May 19, 2009 Board of Education Meeting. Nicole Riti will continue her Probationary Appointment, effective September 1, 2008 - June 30, 2011.
5. The Two-Year Probationary Appointment of Laura Cunningham-Barrett as a Special Education Teacher, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Special Education, assigned to Rye Middle School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 11, of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, pending contract settlement, effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011.
6. The Emergency Conditional Three Year Probationary Appointment for Peter Frost as a Music Teacher, for which he holds New York State Permanent Certification in Music, assigned to Rye High School and Rye Middle School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 12, of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012.
7. The Three-Year Probationary Appointment of Jennifer Magner as a Guidance Counselor, for which she holds New York State Provisional Certification as School Counselor, assigned to Rye High School, 1.0 FTE, MA +15 Step 1, of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, pending contract settlement, effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012.
8. The Leave Replacement Appointment of Robert Villanova as a School Counselor, for which he holds New York State Provisional Certification as School Counselor, assigned to Rye Middle School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 1, of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary
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Schedule, pending contract settlement, effective September 1, 2009 through the end of the 1st Semester.

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

Caroline O'Callaghan
 Elizabeth Ellis
 Barbara Rindo
 Janice Sganga
 Eric Stone

10. The following for Extra Pay for Extra Work for the 2008/2009 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Index</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Amount*</u>
Michael Limone	HS	Spring Production	0.04500	6	\$3,051
Jennifer Quinn Giaquinto	HS	Environmental Club	0.03000	0	\$ 759

11. The Appointment of Silvana Martone as a School Psychologist for additional hours at her hourly rate of pay per hour, for a maximum of 70 hours, assigned to Midland School, for the period June 1, 2009 – June 25, 2009.
12. The Resignation due to Retirement of Patricia Boyer from her position as Telephone Operator/Copy Center Operator, assigned to Rye High School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2009.
13. The Resignation of Dennis German from his position as a Food Service Worker, effective May 4, 2009.
14. The request by Sabrina Alampi for a Personal Leave of Absence, from her position as a Teacher Aide, assigned to Milton School, effective September 9, 2009 – June 25, 2010.

Special Education

1. The recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from its meeting of March 12, 2009 for Students ID#1147 and 1148 and from its meeting of May 21, 2009 for Student ID#822.
2. The recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from its meetings of April 23, 2009 for Students ID#1115 and 1097 and from its meeting of May 4, 2009 for Student ID#1096.
3. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from its meeting of February 24, 2009 for Student ID#911499; from its meeting of March 17, 2009 for Student ID# 911529; from its meetings of March 27, 2009 for Students ID#911763 and

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4. 912059; from its meeting of May 11, 2009 for Student ID#1110; from its meeting of May 13, 2009 for Student ID#632; and from its meeting of May 15, 2009 for Student ID#1068DOL.
5. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from its meeting of March 23, 2009 for Student ID#955; from its meetings of March 26, 2009 for Students ID#417 and 651; from its meeting of April 13, 2009 for Student ID#300; from its meetings of April 15, 2009 for Students ID#339 and 402; from its meetings of April 16, 2009 for Students ID#548 and 734; from its meeting of April 17 for Student ID#480; from its meetings of April 20, 2009 for Students ID#1088, 739, and 804; from its meetings of April 21, 2009 for Students ID#733 and 922; from its meeting of April 29, 2009 for Student ID#599; from its meeting of April 30, 2009 for Student ID#105; from its meeting of May 1, 2009 for Student ID#912050; from its meetings of May 12, 2009 for Students ID#1081DOL and 966DOL; from its meeting of May 18, 2009 for Student ID#959DOL; and from its meeting of May 20, 2009 for Student ID#278.

Ms. Slack gave tribute to Maxine Dreckmann whose retirement resignation had been accepted on the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Rye Middle School Math Standards

Dr. Cohen presented a video showing math skills in the kindergarten classroom as an introduction to a discussion of the math curriculum. Ms. Peggy Gelman, Mr. Quan Huynh, and Dr. Ann Edwards responded to Board comments and questions about grades 6-8 math standards.

Staff Developer Program Evaluation

Dr. Cohen reviewed the results of interviews and surveys about the District staff developer positions and whether District teachers were benefitting from the program, discussed specific efforts by the staff developers, and reported on program progress.

Food Service Program Budget

Mr. John Rubbo presented the background on the Food Service Program Operating Budget and discussed recommendations for the 2009-2010 school year.

Proposed Energy Performance Contracting

Ms. Ryan reviewed the proposed implementation plan for energy performance contracting. Representatives of Fuller D'Angelo P.C. and Mr. John Chardavoyne, Owners Representative, presented information on the proposed plan.

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Authorization for the Issuance of Serial Bonds

Ms. Ryan reviewed the Board's establishment of an umbrella tax certiorari borrowing authority in the 1995-1996 school year, requiring authorization on an annual basis.

Year-End Transfers

Ms. Ryan reviewed the Board's practice of approving a transfer from fund balance to provide appropriations for both legal expenses incurred related to the Osborn assessment litigation and the actual refunds made for tax certiorari judgments and settlements.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDABid Award for Grounds Maintenance and Field Maintenance

After discussion, on a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Zahm and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the recommendation to award Bid #08-09-025 for 2009-2010 Grounds Maintenance and Fields Maintenance District-Wide to Good Luck Landscaping for \$26,297. (Attachment XI)

Contract with Altheus Health and Sport

This item was removed to be brought back to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

Non-Resident Tuition Rates for 2009-2010

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the non-resident tuition rates for 2009-2010 of \$17,940 for K-5 students and \$22,440 for 6-12 students. (Attachment XII)

Rye School of Leadership 2009-2010 Tuition Rates

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the 2009-2010 tuition rate for the Rye School of Leadership at \$34,350. (Attachment XIII)

Facility Use Rental Fees

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Mr. Cady and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the attached Facility Use Rental Fees for the 2009-2010 school year. (Attachment XIV)

Proposal from Savin Engineers

It was agreed that this item would be removed to Executive Session.

ImPact Concussion Management Program Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Mr. Cady and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the ImPact, Concussion Management Program Agreement for \$450. (No Attachment Provided)

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COMMUNICATIONS TO/FROM BOARD

Mr. Nathan announced that he would be happy to accept a nomination for president of the Board for the next year.

Ms. Slack announced that she would be happy to accept a nomination for vice president of the Board for the next year.

Mr. Zahm apologized to Dr. Cohen for the way he raised points subsequent to his presentation stating that he did not treat it with the proper respect and that his questions could have been phrased differently.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Cady, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 12:09 a.m. to adjourn into executive session for the review of the employment history of current and prospective employees, negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law, and litigation strategy.

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Ms. Kim and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 2:07 a.m. to reconvene in public.

ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Proposal From Savin Engineers, PC

On a motion by Mr. Cady, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve a proposal from Savin Engineers, P.C. for Construction Project management and Administration Services for Summer 2009 Capital Projects at a lump sum cost of \$58,000. (Attachment XV)

Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried immediately it was voted at 2:09 a.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Lynn Ferrari
District Clerk