

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
June 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Nathan at 7:03 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 8:20 p.m.

On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Mr. Cady 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 Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 8:20 p.m. to reconvene in public.

Mr. Nathan welcomed those present and offered thanks to the six retiring PTO and Parents Organization presidents retiring from office: Suzanne Davies, Gayle Regan, Melanie Smith, Suzanna Keith, Sue Melfi, and Wendy Buffone.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Shine reported on the Senior Recognition Awards Ceremony, noting that awards totaling \$164,000 had been given as scholarships to graduating seniors, and that there were 61 scholarships and academic achievement awards given at the ceremony. He thanked the organizations, families and groups that provide recognition and funds to graduating seniors.

Dr. Shine also added his thanks to the Board's thanks to the Parents Organization and PTO Presidents for all they have done for the students of their schools, for the schools and for the community.

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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 addressed the Board on her desire to have them salute the flag at Board meetings and asked for an answer as to why the Board did not.

Mr. Nathan replied that the Board had reviewed the subject at its summer retreat last year, as he had shared with her, and decided not to begin the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, but that they would address it again in their summer session this year.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Nathan announced that General Item 1, Grades 6-8 Math Standards, and Fiscal items 1, Bonds, 4, Aramark Contract, 5, Food Service Budget, 6, non-resident student application, 9, Electronic School Board software license; 10, engagement of Fuller D'Angelo, and 12, contract with Delia Garrity, would be removed from the consent agenda.

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 gift from the Midland PTO to Midland School of three SmartBoards at a total cost of \$15,000. (Attachment I)
2. The gift from the David E. Retik and Christopher Mello Charitable Foundation, Inc. to the Christopher Mello scholarship fund in the amount of \$6,000. (Attachment II)

Fiscal

1. The recommendation to renew the Network Service Agreement with CCC Computer Center at a fixed annual cost of \$200,340 for the 2009-2010 school year. (Attachment III)
2. The recommendation to approve the Consulting Services Agreement with CCC Computer Center for Data Support Services at an annual cost of \$98,325 for 2009-2010. (Attachment III)
3. The proposal for Athletic Training Services from Lifestyle Integrated Fitness Training, LLC (L.I.F.T.) commencing with the 2009-2010 school year with the understanding that after an agreement is drafted by the District's Counsel, the Superintendent shall execute it. (Attachment IV)
4. A letter of engagement with the Outsourcing Partnership, LLC, d/b/a/ Accume Partners for Internal Audit Services for 2009-2009 and 2009-2010, and authorization for the Board President to execute the Letter after Legal Counsel has reviewed it. (Attachment V)
5. A contract with the Pleasantville Union Free School District for IEP Instructional Services for the 2990-2010 school year for \$55,400 for instructional and related services

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for the period beginning September 8, 2009 ending June 25, 2010 with the understanding that the Superintendent may execute the contract after it has been reviewed by District's Counsel. (Attachment VI)

6. A contract with Altheus Health and Sport in the amount of \$4,000 for on-site workshops on June 29, 2009. (Attachment VII)
7. The appointment of Dr. Young Don Oh as school physician for the 2008-2009 school year at \$160 per home football game. (Attachment VIII)

Personnel

1. The Appointment of Mary Gould as a Teacher on Special Assignment/CPSE Chairperson, assigned to the Rye City School District, 1.0 FTE, MA +60 Step 15 of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule*, plus Longevity Payment, effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.
2. The Appointment of Catherine Sales as a Teacher on Special Assignment/0.4 FTE Special Education Teacher and 0.6 FTE CSE Chairperson, assigned to the Rye City School District, Ph.D. Step 15 of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule*, plus Longevity Payment, effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.
3. The Appointment of Iris Praid as a Teacher on Special Assignment (Coordinator of Technology Curriculum and Instruction), assigned to the Rye City School District, 1.0 FTE, MA +30 Step 6 of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule*, plus Longevity Payment, effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.
4. The Appointment of Debra Fishman as a Teacher on Special Assignment/ Elementary Staff Developer, assigned to the Rye City School District, MA +60 Step 15 of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule*, plus Longevity Payment, effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.
5. The Appointment of Peggy Gelman as a Teacher on Special Assignment/Elementary Staff Developer Mathematics, assigned to Rye City School District, MA +60 Step 15 of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule*, plus Longevity Payment effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.
6. The Appointment of Tracey Orzo as a Teacher on Special Assignment/Elementary Staff Developer, assigned to Rye City School District, 0.8 FTE, MA +15 Step 14 of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule*, effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.
7. The Appointment of Kerri Winderman as a Teacher on Special Assignment/Elementary Staff Developer, assigned to Rye City School District, 0.2 FTE, MA +15, Step 12 for 5 months, MA +15 Step 13 for 5 months of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule*, effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.
8. The Appointment of Kerri Winderman as a Testing Coordinator at the Curriculum Rate of \$40.00* per hour, not to exceed 175 hours, effective July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

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9. The Appointment of Lisa Lonnegren as a Math Teacher, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Childhood Education N-6 & Mathematics 7-9 Extension, assigned to Rye Middle School, 0.6 FTE, MA +45, Step 13 for 2 months, MA +45 Step 14 for 8 months of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule*, effective September 1, 2009 to serve at the pleasure of the Board.
10. The Appointment of Conrad Power as a Part Time Biology Teacher, for which he holds New York State Permanent Certification in Biology, General Science 7-12, assigned to Rye School of Leadership, 0.3 FTE, MA +60 Step 15, of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule*, plus Longevity payment effective September 1, 2009 to serve at the pleasure of the Board.
11. The Probationary Appointment of Lauren McGowan as Senior Office Assistant (Automated Systems), with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty two weeks, assigned to Rye City School District, Central Administration Building, Personnel Department, 12 month position, 1.0 FTE, Step 4, as per the 2005/2010 Secretarial Clerical Salary Schedule.
12. The Food Service Worker Hourly Rates for the 2009/2010 School Year per the attached. (Attachment IX)

Special Education

- The recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from its meeting of March 5, 2009 for Student ID#1124; from its meetings of April 30, 2009 for Students ID#951 and 950; from its meeting of April 28, 2009 for Student ID#1029; from its meeting of May 4, 2009 for Student ID#1096; from its meetings of May 7, 2009 for Students ID#915, 785, 981, 917, and 850; from its meeting of May 14, 2009 for Student ID#821; from its meeting of May 21, 2009 for Student ID#822; and from its meeting of May 28, 2009 for Student ID#1077.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

College Report

Patricia Taylor, Rye High School Assistant Principal, Guidance, presented information on the work of the Guidance Department, the college process and college admission for the Class of 2009.

FLES Program Survey

Dr. Cohen, Dr. Joanne Nardone, Principal and Ms. Lisa Jenner, Foreign Language Department Chair, discussed the results of the survey of parent opinion about the Spanish Foreign Language in Elementary Schools program.

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Test Reduction Proposal

Dr. Shine and Dr. Cohen discussed the test reductions proposal for the 2009-2010 school year, noting that the testing budget had been reduced by \$22,000 from the 2008-2009 school year. They noted that they had reviewed all the optional testing conducted with building principals and said that they believed their recommendations will not reduce the amount of information currently used to guide instruction.

2009-2010 Enrollment and Staffing Projections

Dr. Shine reviewed projected enrollment, current as of June 10. He said each school has attempted to gather data from parents and teachers about student status for the 2009-2010 school year, noting that in the budget building process he had projected the reduction of six positions solely on a mathematical basis, subsequently adding two sections back into the budget. He said he anticipated returning to this information on June 30th and then late in August for the best allocation of limited staffing resources, and that he would keep the Board informed over the summer.

MTA Tax

Ms. Ryan reviewed the imposition of the MTA Tax on school districts, noting that it was not planned to be in effect for public schools until September 1, noting that districts must remit the taxes and then would receive revenue from the state to offset the tax.

Board of Education Policies

Ms. Slack reviewed the proposed policy changes and additions which would be returned to the Board for adoption on June 30th, and reviewed suggested changes to Board Bylaws.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDAGrades 6 – 8 Math Standards

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Cady and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the grades 6-8 math standards for use in the schools for one year. (Attachment X)

Issuance of up to \$600,000 of Serial Bonds to Pay Tax Certiorari Judgments

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried 5-2 with Mr. Zahm and Ms. Kim voting no, it was voted to authorize the issuance of up to \$600,000 of serial bonds to pay the cost of tax certiorari judgments during the 2009-2010 fiscal year. (Attachment XI)

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Aramark Contract

It was decided to remove this item to executive session.

2009-2010 Food Service Program Budget and Facilities Projects

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Zahm and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the 2009-2010 Food Service Program Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,613,871.76 and the Capital Projects recommendations in the amount of \$144,000. (Attachment XII and XIII)

Subscription License, Electronic School Board Software

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the recommendation to purchase a Subscription License for the Classic Version of Electronic School Board software for \$8,900 with the understanding that Dr. Shine will not sign the contract until reviewed by legal counsel and that the program would not be put into use until all points made by members of the Board to be provided to Dr. Shine have been addressed. (Attachment XIV)

Engagement of Fuller D' Angelo LLC

It was agreed that this item would be removed to permit review by construction counsel.

COMMUNICATIONS TO / FROM BOARD

Mr. Zahm requested that an August meeting be scheduled so that there would not be a surprise meeting called. Dr. Shine replied that he had already notified the Board that he would review potential dates for summer meetings and schedule them.

Mr. Zahm said he wanted the 2010 year end meeting on June 29th, not June 30th.

Mr. Zahm said he wanted Board meetings available on demand and as a live broadcast.

Mr. Zahm asked when the administration will provide information on moving portable classrooms.

Mr. Zahm said he was concerned about telephone expenditures.

Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Cady and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 12:03 a.m. to adjourn into executive session for a continuation of discussion of topics discussed in the first executive session.

On a motion by Mr. Cady, seconded by Ms. Kim and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 2:16 a.m. to reconvene in public.

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ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Aramark Contract

On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve an extension to the existing ARAMARK Management Services, LP Agreement in the amount of \$170,618 for the period July 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009. (Attachment XV)

Non-Resident Student Application

Mr. Nathan moved and Ms. Egan seconded the motion to approve a seventh grade non-resident student application for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion did not carry. The vote was 3-3-1 with Mr. Zahm, Ms. Kim and Ms. Slack voting no and Mr. Fox abstaining.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Cady, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 2:20 a.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Lynn Ferrari
District Clerk