# MINUTES RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room June 30, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Slack at 6:35 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

Ms. Kathleen Ryan, Business Official

Ms. Elaine Cuglietto, Director of Personnel

Mr. Gus Montanos, Legal Counsel

\*Joined Board at 7:15 P.M.

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

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

Mr. Nathan called the final meeting of the year of the Rye City school District Board of Education to order and welcomed all present. Mr. Nathan thanked the many individuals who volunteered their time to serve on board committees and councils.

Mr. Nathan acknowledged those individual who give tremendous amounts of time to different aspects of district work. Mr. Nathan named each individual on the following Rye City School District committees:

District Wide Health and Safety Committee
Facilities Committee
Audit Committee
Finance and Budget Committee
Management Team
Curriculum Council
Community Relations Committee

On a motion by Mr. Cady seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) the Board approved a resolution honoring school district volunteers.

Mr. Nathan advised that the Board of Education would be acknowledging two retirements.

Mr. Nathan thanked Lynn Ferrari for her 23 years of dedicated service to the Rye City School District. Mr. Nathan acknowledged that Ms. Ferrari has been with the district for 23 years; 21 years as District Clerk and Coordinator of Public Information and Special Events. Mr. Nathan acknowledged that Ms. Ferrari has been present for at least 500 -600 Board of Education meetings giving thousands of hours to her position, the number of hours being daunting.

Mr. Nathan acknowledged that Ms. Ferrari has produced Board of Education minutes for each meeting, the legal record for the board action for each board meeting. She has been advisor to Board presidents, board members, superintendents, administrators, teachers and parents. She knows the district and the culture of the community which is invaluable to all of the Board of Education's work, the district's work and the students.

Mr. Nathan acknowledged that Ms. Ferrari was given praise and applause in front of the faculty and staff at the closing of the school year celebration and wanted to provide her with the same recognition at the final Board of Education meeting of the school year.

Mr. Nathan expressed his thank you to Ms. Ferrari on behalf of the entire Board of Education, wished her all the best in her future endeavors and presented her with flowers and a gift from the Rye City School District Board of Education members.

Ms. Lynn Ferrari addressed the Board of Education comparing herself to the character Clarabell from the Howdy Doody Show who never spoke until the final episode. Ms. Ferrari thanked everyone for the experience describing the enormous privilege and pleasure to serve with all of the current and past board members. Ms. Ferrari expressed her admiration for the enormous dedication and the time everyone has spent on behalf of the schools and the community.

Mr. Nathan thanked Mr. George Cady for his many years of service to the Rye City School District. Mr. Nathan acknowledged Mr. Cady for his years of service as President of the Rye Youth Council, his service at Christ Church, as a member of the Board of Education's Facilities Committee, for being an ardent advocate for students in college placement both in his work as a liaison for Middlebury College and to students in general and most recently as a member of the Board of Education.

Mr. Nathan thanked Mr. Cady for his countless hours on behalf of the community and district students. His critically valuable voice supporting major educational initiatives and wise council for the fiscal discipline of the district has been very valuable during this most challenging year financially yet one of the most successful years for our students.

Mr. Nathan acknowledged Mr. Cady's service has been a terrific demonstration of community service, dedication to education and ethical governance and thanked Mr. Cady on behalf of the entire Board of Education.

Mr. Cady was presented with a plaque from the Westchester Putnam Association of School Boards; a Rye Garnets T-shirt and a gift from the Rye City School District Board of Education members.

Mr. Cady thanked the Board of Education.

# **Hearing of the Public on Non Agenda Items**

Mr. Steve Feeney addressed the Board on behalf of the alumni and retired Board of Education members thanking and acknowledging Lynn Ferrari for her herculean contributions as the District Clerk and Public Information Officer for over twenty years. Mr. Feeney highlighted Ms. Ferrari for having played many roles in her career to support students, teachers, custodians, principals, business officers, Superintendents of Schools, Board of Education members, and the press.

Mr. Feeney acknowledged that there are very few people that have loved the Rye City School District as deeply and pervasively as Ms. Ferrari, who gave more than 100% every single day and expected nothing in return. Mr. Feeney thanked Ms. Ferrari on behalf of the alumni and retired Board of Education members present Mr. Bob Connor, Mr. Eric Langloh, Mr. Davidson Gordon, Ms. Susie Sayle and Mr. Jim Culyer as well as many others who could not be present at the meeting. Lastly, Mr. Feeney addressed Ms. Ferrari indicating that she would never know how much her service and advice has meant to the school district.

Mr. Bozidar Jovanovi'c, identifying himself as a parent and five year resident of the school community addressed the Board, regarding an issue that he has been concerned with for a few years, being an unresolved concern with the English Language instruction in the middle and high schools.

Specifically, Mr. Jovanovi'c is concerned that the current summer reading list contains only one classic book, amidst "lots of fluff." He has spoken to the middle and high school principals, as well as the English Department and school librarian, and feels that he has been "stonewalled" regarding what he considers a "deteriorating reading list from year to year." Mr. Jovanovi'c feels that the reading list needs to be evaluated, and is urging the board to issue guidelines to these departments, since he feels that the list's examples do not provide a "good basis" for the children. Since verbal expression and command of the language are major focuses on aptitude tests, he feels that the English Departments need to guide students and help to place them in college. Lastly, he suggested that, out of a thousand years of English literature, more than one classic gets put on this list, which would signify to students that this type of literature is actually worth reading.

Mr. Nathan responded that this is not reflective of the overall English language arts curriculum.

Dr. Shine responded that this was the first he heard of the issue and the concern and would communicate with the building administrators and would respond back to Mr. Jovanovi'c.

Steve Feeney addressed the Board regarding an issue that was previously brought to Dr. Shine's attention regarding the development of a systematic plan to replace lost trees and shrubbery on the district's four campuses.

Mr. Feeney reported that fifty year reunion classes have been asked to commemorate their anniversaries by planting trees as well as for the recognition of premature passing of classmates. Over the years, 12-18 trees have been planted. In 2000, the volunteer organization Trees for Rye, asked the Board of Education for permission to donate and plant six trees along Milton Road side of the high school campus. Permission was granted by the school district. However, over the past six years, many other trees have succumbed to old age, acid rain, lightning strikes, and student vandalism.

Mr. Feeney stated that since 1991, the Board of Education has dedicated zero funds toward the reforestation of its campuses. Mr. Feeney mobilized fundraising efforts. The Class of 1968 raised \$250.00 at its 40<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion. A group of environmentally concerned Rye citizens, calling themselves Trees for Life, contacted Dr. Shine, in hopes to partner with the Rye City School District on a volunteer basis to develop a plan to reforest the middle and high school campuses. Mr. Feeney introduced Ms. Ashley Craig to speak to the Board about the Trees for Life initiative.

Ms. Ashley Craig explained that Trees for Life, an accredited local environmental umbrella group, made up of community members and a few small organizations, want to resurrect the Trees for Rye effort. The organization is asking for approval of the Board to begin an inaugural planting program at the Middle and High School. Master Plans for the campuses have been drawn, in hopes to launch it this fall.

Mr. Feeney addressed the Board acknowledging that Trees for Life has raised \$1,000 which will be pooled with the \$250 raised by the Class of 1968. Mr. Feeney submitted the following proposal to the Board of Education for consideration: They will gift to the Board of Education a multi-phased reforestation plan with planting recommendations to the Rye City School District, along with a request to match the \$1250 that has already been raised. In addition, the request is that the plan be completed this fall. He proposed that the plan be sent to Board Of Education Facilities Committee for integration into the regular Facilities Committee 5 year plan, with an amount allocated annually from the 2% funding objective of the Board of Education being dedicated to these purposes. The trees would be obtained at cost and installed by volunteers at no additional cost to the district. They would ask and, if possible, require that the terms and conditions of the contract with the field maintenance contractor be enforced. The gift they are giving does come with some hooks attached to it. Mr. Feeney indicated that they would be willing to come back during the summer for further discussion.

Mr. Nathan thanked Mr. Feeney for his presentation and asked the administration take a look at the proposal and advise the Board at a later date.

Mr. Steve Feeney commended the Board on the stance they have taken regarding teacher negotiations. He advised them not to cave in now as there are broad reaching issues that impact our relationship with the teaching cadre and the Rye Teachers Association. Mr. Feeney urged the Board to remain firm and to reach out to other Boards of Education so that the over arching efforts of the New York State Teachers Association can be countered to some extent so that the playing field is somewhat more level.

Mr. Feeney thanked Mr. Nathan on behalf of the Board of Education for communicating with the community recently on this topic indicating that his reading is the court of public opinion is very much on the side of the Board of Education. Mr. Feeney asked the Board to continue to fight the good fight, to educate the public and to educate the Rye Teachers Association as to the new realities that are being experienced by the Rye community.

Mr. Feeney also inquired of the Board of Education as to why a banner from high school graduation had not yet been removed. His concerned was that graduation was over 1 ½ weeks ago and cannot understand why it is still there.

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Nathan announced that the following items would be removed from the Consent Agenda:

Fiscal Items: B-2 #6, Budget Transfer to cover principal payment of debt not budgeted from salary codes

- #3 Increase Tax Certiorari Reserve
- #4 General Fund appropriation increase to cover tax certiorari refunds
- #5 Non-resident student application
- #9 Contract with Management Advisory Group Special Services, Inc.
- #11 Heating Oil Bid
- #12 Summer Flooring (carpet and rug) work bid
- #13 Summer Roof work bid
- #17 Summer Flooring (sanding and refinishing) work bid

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

#### **Action - General**

- 1. Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of June 9, 2009.
- 2. Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of June 16, 2009.
- 3. Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of June 23, 2009.
- 4. New and Revised Policies:

#0150-HIV/AIDS

#1741 Home Schooled Students

#5420 Student Health Services

#5557 Disciplinary Reporting

#9140.1 Staff Complaints and Grievances

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5. a) Accept the gift from the Rye Youth Lacrosse, Inc. as a contribution to the Rye High School Turf Fund in the amount of \$2,000. (Attachment I)

- b) Accept the gift/grant from the Rye YMCA and General Foods Foundation for Milton School for healthy eating through school gardens in the amount of \$3,000. (Attachment II)
- c) Accept the gift from the Rye High School Football Association in the amount of \$6,250. (Attachment III)

# Action - Fiscal

- 1. Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2009
- Budget Transfers: (Attachment IV)
   #5 Budget transfer to cover transportation for Special Education students from Special Education Salary Codes (\$145,000).
  - #7 Budget transfer to reallocate Debt payment from Transfer to "Debt Service Fund" budget code to "Principal and Interest payment" budget codes (as required by auditors after 07/08 audit).
  - #8 Budget transfer to cover the cost of Blythedale services for speech and occupational therapy for special education students and for Private school tuition for special education students per contract from Special Education codes for BOCES services and Special Education salary codes.
  - #9 Budget transfer to cover Legal Settlement for Special Education and Misc. General Counsel Services from Board of Education codes, Materials and Supplies, Chief School Administrator Salary Codes and Business Office Salary Codes.
  - #10 Budget transfer to cover Athletic event transportation. Funds are being transferred from other athletic budget codes.
  - #11 Budget Transfer: <u>2009-2010</u> Budget transfer to cover the cost of math workbooks at Osborn School.
- 3. Approval of The Rochelle Group, LTD., as Consultants to the Rye City School District Food Service Department for 2009-2010 for the amount of \$13,200. (Attachment V)
- 4. A contract with the Mamaroneck School District for 2008-2009 Health and Related Services for \$21,511.68. (Attachment VI)
- 5. A contract with Delia Garrity for the period May 21, 2009 to June 30, 2010 for the amount not to exceed \$25,000. (Attachment VII)

6. The Award of RFP for 2009-2010 Communications and Media Relations Services to Schools First at a rate of \$45.00 per hour to a maximum amount of \$45,000. (Attachment VIII)

- 7. The Bid Award for Bid #08-09-031 to Northeast Environment for Oil Tank Cleaning at Osborn School during the Summer in the amount of \$1,200. (Attachment IX)
- 8. A consultant contract with Home Therapy Associates of New York, Inc. for extended school year related services for a total consulting fee of \$1,080. (Attachment X)
- 9. The Bid Award for Bid #08-09-034 to Assured Environmental for Integrated Pest Management Program for 2009-2010 at a cost of \$265.00 per month. (Attachment XI)
- 10. The award of various Cooperative Bids through the Ed-Data Cooperative Bid for 2009-2010 Purchases. (Attachment XII)

# **Action – Personnel**

- 1. The Resignation of Alfred Santilli as a Teaching Assistant, assigned to Rye High School, effective at the close of business June 26, 2009.
- 2. The Three Year Probationary Administrative Appointment of Elaine Cuglietto, as 1.0 FTE Director of Personnel (Attachment XIII)
- 3. The attached appointments for Special Education Summer School Positions, effective July 1, 2009 September 7, 2009. (Attachment XIV)
- 4. The following appointments as ELL Summer School Teachers, effective July 6, 2009 July 24, 2009:

Loretta Calandruccio \$3,058.83\* Stacy Beitler \$3,058.83\*

- 5.The Appointment of Carole Andreasen as a Teacher on Special Assignment/Director of Technology, assigned to the Rye City School District, 1.0 FTE, MA +60 Step 15 of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, effective July 1, 2009 June 30, 2010.
- 6. The Resignation of Carole Andreasen as a Teacher in the District, effective July 1, 2010.

7. The Three Year Probationary Appointment of Domenick DiDomenico as a Guidance Counselor, for which he holds New York State Provisional Certification as a School Counselor, assigned to Rye High School, 1.0 FTE, MA +15 Step 1, of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012.

- 8. The Two Year Probationary Appointment of Marisa Junta as a Math Teacher, for which she holds New York State Professional Certification as a Mathematics 7-12, assigned to Rye Middle School, 1.0 FTE, MA +60 Step 9, of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, effective September 1, 2009 June 30, 2011.
- 9. The Appointment of Bendis Mani as an Art Teacher, for which he holds New York State Initial Certification in Visual Arts, assigned to Rye High School and Rye Middle School, 0.6 FTE, MA Step 3, of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, (pro rated) effective September 1, 2009 to serve at the pleasure of the Board.
- 10. The Appointment for Additional Work Days for the following Guidance Counselors, effective July 1, 2009 September 7, 2009 at their daily rate of pay\*.

Name	School	Position	# of Days
Jaime Timm	Rye High School	Counselor	5
Susan Dickson	Rye High School	Counselor	5
Barbara Finder	Rye High School	Counselor	5
Jennifer Magner	Rye High School	Counselor	7
Domenick DiDomenico	Rye High School	Counselor	7
Vanessa Caine	Rye Middle School	Counselor	5
Judith Halpern	Rye Middle School	Counselor	5
Robert Villanova	Rye Middle School	Counselor	5
Dina Farewell	Rye Middle School	Counselor	1

<sup>\*</sup>Salary pending contract settlement

11. The Curriculum Rate of \$40.00\* per hour for the following persons, effective July 1, 2009 - September 7, 2009:

Lauren Gobbo	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade FLES Curriculum	Not to exceed \$2,000
Reina McGoldrick	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade FLES Curriculum	Not to exceed \$2,000
Vanessa Franco	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade FLES Curriculum	Not to exceed \$2,000
Steven Bluestone	Math Curriculum	Not to exceed \$2,000
Quan Huynh	Math Curriculum	Not to exceed \$2,000
Deb Fishman	ELA & Math Curriculum	Not to exceed \$3,500
Peggy Gelman	ELA & Math Curriculum	Not to exceed \$3,500
Tracey Orzo	ELA & Math Curriculum	Not to exceed \$3,500
Kerri Winderman	ELA & Math Curriculum	Not to exceed \$3,500

12. The Appointment of William Schrammel as a SAT Supervisor for the 2009/2010 school year for a total of 10 days at his daily rate of pay.

13. The appointments for Department Chairpersons, Team Leaders, Level Leaders and Coordinators, effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010, per the attached. (Attachment #)

14. The following Appointment for Extra Pay for Extra Work, effective July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010:

<u>Name</u>	<b>Assignment</b>	<u>Index</u>	<b>Step</b>	Rate*
Bonnie Manheimer	District Web Advisor	0.13500	1	\$7,171

- 15. The Appointment of Annamarie Andolina as a .9 FTE Teaching Assistant, assigned to Special Education, assigned to Midland School, Step 6 of the 2009/2010 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days a week, effective September 9, 2009 June 25, 2010.
- 16. The Appointment of Elizabeth Antinozzi as a .9 FTE Teaching Assistant, assigned to Special Education, assigned to Rye High School, Step 2 of the 2009/2010 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days a week, effective September 9, 2009 June 25, 2010.
- 17. The Appointment of Naomi Falco as a .9 FTE Teaching Assistant, assigned to Special Education, assigned to Midland School, Step 6 of the 2009/2010 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days a week, effective September 9, 2009 June 25, 2010.
- 18. The Appointment of Alana Glantz as a .9 FTE Teaching Assistant, assigned to Special Education, assigned to Midland School, Step 6 of the 2009/2010 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days a week, effective September 9, 2009 June 25, 2010.
- 19. The Appointment of Jarrett Hairston as a .9 FTE Teaching Assistant, assigned to Rye High School, Step 2 of the 2009/2010 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days a week, effective September 9, 2009 June 25, 2010.
- 20. The Appointment of Amy LoCascio as a .9 FTE Teaching Assistant, assigned to Special Education, assigned to Midland School, Step 6 of the 2009/2010 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days a week, effective September 9, 2009 June 25, 2010.
- 21. The Appointment of Christina Lucca as a .9 FTE Teaching Assistant, assigned to Rye High School, Step 6 of the 2009/2010 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days a week, effective September 9, 2009 June 25, 2010.
- 22. The Appointment of Christopher Skowronski as a .9 FTE Teaching Assistant, assigned to Rye School of Leadership School, Step 4 of the 2009/2010 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days a week, effective September 9, 2009 June 25, 2010.

23. The Appointment of Wendy Thomas as a .9 FTE Teaching Assistant, assigned to Special Education, assigned to Rye High School, Step 4 of the 2009/2010 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, 6 hours per day, 5 days a week, effective September 9, 2009 – June 25, 2010.

- 24. The Appointment of Joseph Tito as a .9 FTE Teaching Assistant, assigned to Rye High School, Step 2 of the 2009/2010 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days a week, effective September 9, 2009 June 25, 2010.
- 25. The Resignation of Mary Ann Alford from her position as a Food Service Worker, effective at the close of business June 9, 2009.
- 26. The Resignation of Jahmar McKenzie from his position as a Food Service Worker, effective at the close of business May 29, 2009.
- 27. The Resignation due to Retirement of Millie Howell from her position as a Receptionist, assigned to Central Administration, effective at the close of business June 30, 2009.
- 28. The Appointment of Daniel Gutierrez as a Per Diem Substitute Cleaner to be used only on an as needed basis effective July 1, 2009 June 30, 2010 at the following rate of pay:
  - Step 1 of custodial Unit Contract for cleaner -- \$19.03\* per hour for days and \$19.98\* per hour for nights for the 2009-2010 school year.
- 29. The stipend of Frank Mangiamele as an Asbestos Designee for the Rye City School District for the 2009-2010 school year.
- 30. The Stipend of Vito Lagani as Night Time Custodial Supervisor Rye High School and Rye Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year.
- 31. The following Appointments for Summer 2009 work:

Bonnie Manheimer CAB-Personnel \$27.95 (not to exceed 30 hours)
Cindy Young Milton \$22.12 (not to exceed 18 hours)
Peter Vavasour Athletic Department \$12.00 (not to exceed 90 hours)

- 32. The Stipend of Donna Betsch as Substitute Placement Coordinator for the Rye City School District effective September 1, 2009 June 30, 2010.
- 33. The Managerial/Confidential and Non-Represented Employee Salary Increases and Health Contribution Percentage July 1, 2009 June 30, 2010, per the attached. (Attachment XV)
- 34. The Safety and Security Officer and School Monitor Salaries July 1, 2009 June 30, 2010, per the attached. (Attachment XVI)

35. The following school nurse hours anticipated to be needed for Summer, 2009:

Name	Not to exceed	2009/2010 Hourly	Total
		Rate	
Michele Ahern	24 hours	\$47.58	\$1,142
Ninfa Fiocco	24 hours	\$49.21	<b>\$1,181</b>
Bernadette O'Neill	24 hours	\$47.58	\$1,142
Kim Potter	24 hours	\$47.58	\$1,142
Liz Carty	60 hours	\$47.58	\$2,855
Meg Donohue	60 hours	\$49.21	\$2,953
Deb O'Gallagher	60 hours	\$48.85	\$2,931
<b>Tracey Barnett</b>	90 hours	\$47.70	\$4,293

- 36. The Appointment of Cindy Young for the following additional hours at her current rate of pay for the 2008/2009 school year:
  - 34.5 hours Athletic Dept. Website and Sports Night Information
  - 60 hours Webquest Update
- 37. The resignation of Kevin Bergmann as an Elementary Teacher effective close of business on June 30, 2009.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

1. The addendum to the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and Preschool Special Education from its meetings on:

April 21, 2009 for Student ID #911804;

May 14, 2009 for Student ID # 444;

May 22, 2009 for Student ID #911695;

March 24, 2009 for Student ID #179;

June 24, 2009 for Student ID #617;

2. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and Preschool Special Education from its meetings on:

May 28, 2009 for Students ID#1189 and #874;

April 2, 2009 for Student ID #994;

April 22, 2009 for Student ID #912;

May 6, 2009 for Student ID #919:

May 13, 2009 for Students ID #1123 and #790;

May 20, 2009 for Student ID #1004;

May 21, 2009 for Student ID #826;

May 27, 2009 for Student ID #1039;

May 28, 2009 for Students ID #1077 and #1189;

June 2, 2009 for Student ID #1025;

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3. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and Preschool Special Education from its meetings on:

June 12, 2009 for Student ID #335;

April 13, 2009 for Students ID #298 and #925 and #376;

June 2, 2009 for Student ID #900080;

June 19, 2009 for Student ID #491;

June 24, 2009 for Students ID #481 and #1154;

May 6, 2009 for Student ID #649;

March 23, 2009 for Student ID #466;

March 24, 2009 for Student ID #1162;

May 11, 2009 for Students ID #1110 and #557 and #1028;

May 27, 2009 for Student ID #225;

May 29, 2009 for Student ID #1132DOL;

June 3, 2009 for Student ID #113;

June 5, 2009 for Student ID #911907;

June 9, 2009 for Student ID #374;

June 12, 2009 for Student ID #1118DOL;

April 1, 2009 for Student ID #837;

May 18, 2009 for Student ID #218;

March 11, 2009 for Student ID #398;

March 31, 2009 for Student ID #1152;

May 20, 2009 for Student ID #656;

March 11, 2009 for Student ID #911663;

March 17, 2009 for Student ID #197;

March 19, 2009 for Students ID #911839 and #1026;

March 23, 2009 for Students ID #911881 and #911882;

March 26, 2009 for Student ID #911806;

March 27, 2009 for Student ID #546;

March 30, 2009 for Student ID #308;

March 31, 2009 for Student ID #316;

April 1, 2009 for Student ID #911670;

April 13, 2009 for Student ID #300;

April 14, 2009 for Students ID #802 and #811;

April 15, 2009 for Students ID #397 and #569;

April 21, 2009 for Students ID #911845 and #911939;

April 22, 2009 for Students ID #503 and #924;

April 23, 2009 for Student ID #331;

April 24, 2009 for Students ID #852 and #493 and #615;

April 27, 2009 for Student ID #911948;

April 28, 2009 for Student ID #511;

April 30, 2009 for Students ID #930 and #1956 and #175 and #549 and #911929;

May 1, 2009 for Students ID #314 and #718;

May 4, 2009 for Student ID #451:

May 7, 2009 for Students ID #426 and #911947;

May 11, 2009 for Student ID #330;

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4. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and Preschool Special Education from its meetings on:

May 13, 2009 for Students ID #926 and #912005 and #911691 and #159;

May 15, 2009 for Student ID #1078DOL;

May 20, 2009 for Students ID #773 and #278;

May 21, 2009 for Student ID #1138;

May 26, 2009 for Students ID #911447 and #912049 and #207;

May 27, 2009 for Students ID #284 and #911550 and #778 and #729 and #388;

May 27, 2009 for Students ID #738 and #472;

May 28, 2009 for Students ID #1129 and #923;

May 29, 2009 for Students ID #970DOL and #963DOL and #964DOL and #1105DOL;

June 2, 2009 for Students ID #962DOL and #799;

June 5, 2009 for Student ID #1173;

June 8, 2009 for Student ID #960DOL;

June 12, 2009 for Student ID #1080DOL and #967DOL and #958DOL.

Dr. Shine introduced and welcomed Caryn Furst who will be filling the role as Coordinator of Public Information and Special Events for the school district. Dr. Shine invited Caryn Furst to speak to the Board of Education.

Caryn Furst addressed the Board of Education indicating she is very pleased to be given the opportunity to build upon the already excellent communications foundation in the District. Ms. Furst indicated that she is looking forward to working with the Board and to help them to achieve the school district's goals.

Mr. Nathan thanked Ms. Furst and welcomed Ms. Furst to the school district.

## Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 8:55 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session for discussion.

On a motion by Mr. Nathan, seconded by Mr. Zahm and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 9:42 p.m. to reconvene in public.

# **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

#### Fiscal B-2-6

Budget Transfers: To cover principal payment of debt not budgeted from Salary Codes

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve budget transfer to cover principal payment of debt not budgeted from salary codes. (Attachment XVII)

#### Fiscal 3

Increase Tax Certiorari Reserve by up to \$1,300,000 at 6/30/09

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the increase of Tax Certiorari Reserve by up to \$1,300,000 at 6/30/09. (Attachment XVIII)

#### Fiscal 4

General Fund Appropriation Increase to cover Tax Certiorari Refunds and Related Legal Costs.

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to increase the general fund appropriation to cover Tax Certiorari Refunds and Related Legal Costs. (Attachment XIX)

#### Fiscal 5

Admission of one non-resident student for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion was amended by Dr. Shine for two non-resident students for the 2009-2010 school year.

On a motion moved as amended by Mr. Nathan seconded by Mr. Cady and carried 4-3 with Ms. Slack, Mr. Zahm and Ms. Kim voting No, it was voted to accept two non-resident students for the 2009-2010 school year.

#### Fiscal 9

Consultant contract with Management Advisory Group Special Services, Inc. for 2009-2010 for amendment and processing of STAC forms to the New York State Department of Education.

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve this consultant contract in the amount of \$7,200. (Attachment XX)

#### Fiscal 11

Heating Oil Contract - This item has been tabled from the agenda.

#### Fiscal 12

Bid Award for Summer Flooring work at the Middle School and High School

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Cady and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the recommendation to award Bid #08-09-028 to Country Carpet and Rug for the amount of \$55,560.for summer flooring work at Rye Middle School and High School. (Attachment XXI)

#### Fiscal 13

Bid Award for Summer Roof Work at the Middle School and Midland School

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Cady and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the recommendation to award Bid #08-09-029 to J. Salvatore & Sons, Inc. for the amount of \$39,900. for summer roof work at Rye Middle School and Midland School. (Attachment XXII)

#### Fiscal 17

Bid Award for Sanding/Refinishing the High School Auxiliary Gym Floor

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Cady and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the recommendation to award Bid #08-09-036 to Gugliotti Associates, Inc. for the amount of \$15,599. for sanding and refinishing the auxiliary gym floor at Rye High School. (Attachment XXIII)

## PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

#### 2009-2010 Tax Warrant

Kathleen Ryan, Business Manager, presented information on the updated tax warrant information from the Rye City assessor necessary in order to establish the tax warrant for July 1. Taxable assessments for the warrant are finalized at \$124,914.101. The tax rate per \$1000 of assessed value of \$500.2108 The actual tax levy of the 2008-09 school year is 490.5482, resulting in a 1.97% tax rate increase for fiscal year 2009-2010.

## COMMUNICATIONS TO / FROM BOARD

Mr. Nathan asked Dr. Shine to discuss the selection of the Teacher of the Year elected at the yearend closing ceremonies.

Dr. Shine reported on the annual process for selecting a member of the faculty as Teacher of the Year. Parents, teachers and students are given an opportunity to recognize someone who has made a contribution in the classroom, in extra curricula activities and in many other ways helping young people grow.

Mr. Peter Gouveia, a middle school English teacher, was presented to the faculty and staff on Friday. Mr. Gouveia has been in the district for 11 years coming to us from Cheshire, Connecticut. The district presents him a plaque and the Doral Arrowwood donates annually a weekend gift certificate that we sincerely appreciate. If Mr. Gouveia is interested, he is able to continue on the state competition for the teacher of the year. We use this process to provide recognition for teachers, for the wonderful work that teachers do day in and day out. Mr. Gouveia is that representative this year.

Mr. Nathan asked Dr. Shine to please share congratulations with Mr. Gouveia on behalf of the Board of Education.

Mr. Nathan noted that in the consent agenda the following gifts were accepted. A \$2,000 gift from Rye Youth LaCrosse to the Rye High School Turf Food, A \$3,000 gift to Milton School from the Rye YMCA and General Foods Foundation for healthy eating through school gardens, and a gift from the Rye High School Football Association in the amount of \$6250.

- Mr. Nathan thanked each of those organizations for their support of the district.
- Mr. Nathan thanked everyone for their great work for the year.

Mr. Nathan thanked Mr. Cady for his service to the Rye Board of Education.

# Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Cady, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:20 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Elaine Cuglietto
District Clerk Effective 7/1/09