

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REORGANIZATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
July 1, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Shine at 7:00 PM on June 26.

On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Mr. Cady and carried unanimously (7-0) the Board adjourned immediately into Executive Session for the discussion of negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law, litigation strategy and a review of the employment history of current and prospective employees.

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) the Board reconvened in public and moved the clock ahead to July 1 to conduct the annual reorganization meeting of the Board. The roll was called.

Present

Mr. George Cady
Ms. Kendall Egan
Mr. Edward Fox
Ms. Young Kim
Mr. Josh Nathan
Ms. Laura Slack
Mr. Robert Zahm

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

Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items

Jeanne Sinnott, resident, thanked the Board for taking the time and having patience to hear her another time about her quest to have the Board salute the flag at the beginning of Board meetings.

Dr. Shine thanked Ms. Sinnott for her comments and asked Mr. Fox and Ms. Kim to stand and recite the Oath of Office.

OPENING ITEMS

1. Mr. Fox and Ms. Kim recited the Oath of Office.
2. Nomination and Election of Board President
Dr. Shine called for nominations for the office of President, Board of Education.
Ms. Slack nominated Mr. Nathan.
Mr. Fox seconded the motion.

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Mr. Fox moved and Mr. Cady seconded the motion to close the nominations. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Dr. Shine called for the vote on the motion to nominate Mr. Nathan as president. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

3. Mr. Nathan recited the Oath of Office.
4. Nomination and Election of Board Vice-President
Mr. Nathan called for nominations for the office of Vice President, Board of Education. Mr. Fox nominated Ms. Slack. Mr. Cady seconded the motion.
Mr. Nathan called for a motion to close nominations. Mr. Fox so moved. Ms. Slack seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously,(7-0).
Mr. Nathan called for the vote on the motion to nominate Ms. Slack as Vice President. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).
5. Ms. Slack recited the Oath of Office.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) the following items were approved:

Action – Appointments

1. The Appointment of Lynn Ferrari as District Clerk for 2008/09 school year, to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is appointed and qualifies according to law.
2. The Appointment of Anne Povella as District Treasurer for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.
3. The Appointment of Kathleen Ryan as Purchasing Agent for the 2008/09 school year; Dr. Edward J. Shine to act in her absence.
4. That the District will participate in all BOCES cooperative bids when it is in the best interest of the school district.
5. The Appointment of Millie Howell as Claims Auditor for the 2008/09 school year, to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is appointed and qualifies according to law.
6. The Appointment of Kathleen Ryan as Collector of School Taxes for the 2008/09 school year, and Lynn Ferguson to act in her absence, to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is appointed and qualifies according to law.

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7. The Appointment of Ingermann Smith as General Counsel and as Labor Relations Counsel for the 2008/09 school year, to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is appointed and qualifies according to law.
8. The Appointment of Dr. Bruno DiCosmo as Medical Coordinator for the Rye City School District, at an annual stipend of \$4,500 for the 2008/09 school year, to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is appointed and qualifies according to law.
9. The Appointment of Dr. Barbara Coven and Dr. Bruno DiCosmo as a School Physicians for the 2007/08 school year, to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is appointed and qualifies according to law, with fees as here listed:

For Physical Examinations

Employee exams (teacher and staff)	\$ 70.00
Student physicals (sports, school or working papers)	\$ 35.00
Student physicals (re-exam or maturational exam)	\$ 20.00
Sports reviews (chart reviews)	\$ 5.00
Home football games	\$160.00

10. The Appointment of Frank Mangiamele as Asbestos Designee for the 2008/09 school year, to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is appointed and qualifies according to law.
11. The Appointment of Kathleen Ryan as Record Access Officer for the 2008/09 school year, to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is appointed and qualifies according to law.
12. The Appointment of Kathleen Ryan as Records Management Officer for the 2008/09 school year, to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is appointed and qualifies according to law.
13. The Appointment of Kathleen Ryan as trustee to the Rye City School District Welfare Fund.
14. The approval of Dr. Edward J. Shine as the School District's representative for the 2008-2009 school year to the State-Wide Schools Cooperative Health Plan. This position is known in the Agreement as Governor.
15. The Appointment of Accume Partners as Internal Auditor/Risk Management for the School District.

It was stated that the Oaths of Office for District Officers would be administered in the Administration Building offices on or about July 1, 2008.

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Action – Fiscal

Mr. Nathan announced that Action – Fiscal Items 1, Adoption of Tax Warrant and Tax Collection Notice; 2, Depositories; and 7, Approval of Facilities Use Fee Schedule, would be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

1. That Dr. Edward J. Shine, Superintendent of Schools certify all payrolls.
2. That a mileage reimbursement rate be established as set by the Internal Revenue Service.
3. That Anne Povella, Treasurer, sign all checks and Dr. Edward J. Shine co-sign all checks of \$50,000.00 or more.
4. That the following individuals be authorized to disburse petty cash in accordance with Policy 6670 for the amounts listed, and that such funds be administered in accordance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education:

Dr. Edward J. Shine, Superintendent of Schools	\$ 100.00
Dr. Steven Cohen, Assistant Superintendent	\$ 100.00
Mrs. Kathleen Ryan, School Business Official	\$ 100.00
Dr. Jim Rooney, Principal, High School	\$ 100.00
Dr. Ann Edwards, Principal, Middle School	\$ 100.00
Dr. Angela Grille, Principal, Midland School	\$ 100.00
Ms. Clarita Zeppie, Principal, Osborn School	\$ 100.00
Dr. JoAnne Nardone, Principal, Milton School	\$ 100.00
Ms. Shirley Klein, Director of Special Education	\$ 100.00
Mr. Steve Freer, Director, Buildings and Grounds	\$ 100.00
Mr. John Rubbo, Lunch Fund Manager	\$ 100.00
Mr. Paul Blank, Coordinator, Alternative High School	\$ 100.00

6. That the base tuition rate for Consortium members for out-of-district consortium students will be \$15,500 for classes with ratios 15:1:1, 12:1:1, 8:1:1 and may be increased no more than 5% for operating costs.
7. That Reimbursement for Travel, Food and Lodging be maintained at current levels, as follows: Breakfast: \$15.00; Lunch: \$25.00; Dinner: \$35.00

Mr. Nathan announced that Action-Organizational Item 2, Adoption of Board Meeting Calendar, would be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

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Action – Organizational

1. Board of Education Bylaws, 2008-2009. (Attachment II)
2. The Appointment of Dr. Ann Edwards as Title IX Compliance Officer.
3. That the Journal News be designated as the school district newspaper for legal notices for the 2008-2009 school year.

Mr. Nathan Announced that Action – General Items 3, Approval for Cell Phone Use and Laptop Computer Use, and 5, Approval of Bid for Leader and Drip Cap Replacement at Rye Middle and High Schools, would be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Action – General

1. The resolution regarding Door-to-Door Solicitation as follows:
WHEREAS the Rye City School District Board of Education recognizes that its parent organizations and student organizations may have occasion to fund raise during the course of the year to enrich the educational experience for all students and to raise funds for student activities, some of these activities may encourage students to do door-to-door solicitations.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rye City School District Board of Education:

1. sees possible merit in these activities,
 2. urges all organizations/clubs/activities, both parent and student-run, to communicate to its members the dangers associated with door-to-door solicitations,
 3. counsels that door-to-door solicitations by elementary or middle school children should be discouraged or avoided, and;
 4. recommends that adults provide supervision of any school-based solicitations occurring outside the home.
2. That the Board adopt the New York State Education Department approved list of Impartial Hearing Officers to conduct special education impartial hearings.
 3. The adoption of the following new and revised Board of Education Policies:
 1. 4321.4 Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment and Compensation
 2. 4321.9 Declassification of Students with Disabilities
 3. 4321.7.1 Districtwide and Statewide Assessments of Students with Disabilities
 4. 5420.1 Immunizations
 5. 5420.2 Student Tuberculosis Screening
 4. The gift to Midland School by the Midland PTO of four SmartBoards with installation at a value of \$20,000.00. (Attachment III)

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ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**Adoption of Board Meeting Calendar**

On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Mr. Zahm and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to add June 9, 2009 as a meeting date to the 2008-2009 Board of Education Meeting Calendar.

On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Mr. Zahm and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the 2008-2009 Board of Education Meeting Calendar as amended. (Attachment IV)

Approvals for Cell Phone Use and Laptop Computer Use

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Cady and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the list of employees having District cell phones and laptop computers. (Attachment V)

Bid for Leader and Drip Cap

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Zahm and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to award the contract for Leader and Drip Cap Replacement at Rye Middle and Rye High Schools to Leed Industries Corp, Port Chester, NY, at their total bid price of \$12,000.00. (Attachment VI)

Facilities Use Fee

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the 2008-2009 Public Use of District Facilities Fee Schedule, Schedule II to Board of Education Policy 1500. (Attachment VII)

Depositories

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the following as depositories for, and investment of, school funds for the 2008-2009 school year:

- Commerce Bank, Rye NY (primary depository)
- JP Morgan Chase Bank, Rye NY
- NYCLASS administered by MBIA, Armonk, NY
- Wachovia Bank, Rye, NY

Tax Warrant and Tax Collector Notices

After Board member discussion about the way to cover a revenue deficit for the 2008-2009 school year because of a decrease in assessments in the Rye City School District reported subsequent to the May 20, 2008 budget vote, with option A to raise the tax rate increase to 5.74% and option B to add \$55,000.00 from the fund balance as an appropriation, maintaining the tax rate increase as estimated at 5.64%, Mr. Nathan called for a motion.

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Mr. Fox moved that the Board approve the 2008-2009 Tax Warrant with option A, reflecting a tax rate percentage increase of 5.74%. Mr. Zahm seconded the motion which carried 5-2 with Ms. Egan and Mr. Cady opposed. (Attachment VIII)

Adjournment

Mr. Nathan thanked the Board for its support and spoke about the importance of having pride in the District for its high achievement. He said the one big worry in the year to come was the proposed local tax cap which he said he believed would knock out excellence and favor mediocrity. He said it was important to look at what the District does with its tax dollars and not allow the state to destroy what the District had built.

There being no further business, on a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 8:57 PM to adjourn into executive session for the discussion of the employment history of current and prospective employees.

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 9:44 PM to reconvene in public and adjourn the meeting.

Lynn Ferrari
District Clerk