

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
September 23, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Nathan at 7:10 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present

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

Excused

Mr. George Cady
Mr. Robert Zahm

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

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

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Cady and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 8:00 p.m. to reconvene in public.

Mr. Nathan welcomed those present and reviewed the order of the meeting and ways for those present to participate in the meeting.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Shine, Dr. Cohen and Ms. Ryan presented information on District, curriculum and financial and facilities matters.

Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items

There were no questions or comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Nathan announced that General items 1, 2 and 3 and Fiscal item 11 would be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

General

1. The Gift of \$1,500.00 to Heard in Rye from the Midland PTO for the 2008-2009 Speaker Series. (Attachment I)

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2. The Gift of an outdoor classroom environment from the Osborn PTO to Osborn School in honor of recently retired teachers Michele Garrison and Gail Pullman. (Attachment II)
3. The appointment of Mr. Joseph DeRuvo as a Title IX Compliance Officer for the 2008-2009 school year. (Attachment III)

Fiscal

1. A contract with Sullivan Diagnostic Treatment Center – The Center for Discovery, for the 2008-2009 school year. (Attachment IV)
2. A contract with Summit School for special education services to pre-school and/or school-aged special education students for the 2008-2009 school year. (Attachment V)
3. A contract with Home Therapy Associates of New York for special education services to pres-school and/or school-aged special education students for the 2008-2009 school year. (Attachment VI)
4. A contract with Jewish Community Center of Mid-Westchester (Toward Tomorrow) for special education services to pre-school and/or school-aged special education students for the 2008-2009 school year. (Attachment VII)
5. A contract with Developmental Delay Rehabilitation Services, Inc. for special education services to pres-school and/or school-aged special education students for the 2008-2009 school year. (Attachment VIII)
6. A contract with Westchester Association for Retarded Children – The Children’s School for Early Development for special education services to pre-school and/or school-aged special education students for the 2008-2009 school year. (Attachment IX)
7. A contract with the Alcott School for special education services to pre-school and/or school-aged special education students for the 2008-2009 school year. (Attachment X)
8. A contract with Children’s Hearing Institute for audiological consultations at the hourly rate of \$150.00 for audiological consultations at Osborn School for the 2008-2009 school year. (Attachment XI)
9. A contract with Marcia Schreier, teacher of the hearing impaired, at the hourly rate of \$70.00, for one Chapter 378/District of Location student at Rye Country Day School for the 2008-2009 school year. (Attachment XII)

Personnel

1. The request by Shannon Gold for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Milton School effective January 26, 2009 – June 30, 2009.
2. The following Appointments for the Building Level Web Advisor effective September 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Index</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Rate*</u>
Robert Tolve	High School	0.03500	0	\$1,771
Bonnie Manheimer	Middle School	0.03500	0	\$1,771
Iris Praid	Midland	0.03500	6	\$2,373
Cindy Young	Milton	0.03500	6	\$2,373
Christine Wolf	Osborn	0.03500	0	\$1,771

3. The following Appointments for 6th Assignments or Additional Pay Beyond Annual Salary:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Christine Connor	Science	2 extra classes/week all year
Laurie Sandler	Science	2 extra classes/week all year
Shawn Amdur	Music	1 extra class/week all year
Cathy Telfer	Art	½ year/spring

4. The appointments for Extra Pay for Extra Work for James Angelo and Laura Schilling as timers, supervisors, ticket takers, chain crew, announcer, etc. at athletic events on an as-needed basis throughout the 2008-2009 school year.
5. 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.
- Gayle Brody
Michele Garrison
Christine Hopkins
Katherine Ice
Valerie Kehlenbeck
Leslie Lynch
Lauren McGowan
Arian West Modansky
Catherine Pacos
Natalie Schirone
Scott Seaver
Peter Tamalonis
6. The following student teachers to be used only on an as needed basis as per diem substitute teachers for the 2008-09 school year at a daily rate of \$100.00 per day. Student teachers are allowed to substitute teach per their cooperating university advisors for the building grade level/subject area in which they are student teaching.
- Susan Keating
Anthony DeBenedetto
Andrea Lambiasi
Alaina Cuglietto
Erin Murphy
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Settlement Agreement and General Release between the Board and a certain tenured staff member (Employee #2300) discussed in Executive Session;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board herewith accepts the irrevocable resignation of said tenured staff member.

8. The Resignation of Ana Ibanez as a Food Service Worker, effective September 3, 2008.
9. The Leave Replacement Appointment of Daniel Giorgi as a Teacher Aide, with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks, assigned to Osborn School, at Step 1 of the 2008/2009 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 22, 2008.
10. The corrected hourly rate for Teacher Aide assigned to Special Education Helaina Winnicki, to Step 2 of the of the 2008/2009 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 3, 2008.
11. The appointment of Enisa Sabovic as a Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide to be used only on an as needed basis for the 2008-2009 School Year at Salary Step 1 of the Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Unit Contract for the 2008-2009 School Year and at Salary Step 1 of the Teacher Aide for Special Education of the Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Unit Contract for the 2008-2009 School Year.
12. The appointment of Sonia Ferrerosa as a Per Diem Substitute Cleaner/Custodian to be used only on an as needed basis effective July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 at Step 1 of the Custodial Unit Contract for cleaner day and night rates.
13. The appointment of Nancy Dunn as a per diem substitute secretarial clerical worker to be used on an as needed basis effective 7/1/08 – 6/30/09 at the rate of pay dependent upon the civil service title of the position being substituted for.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried 5-0-2 with Ms. Slack and Ms. Kim abstaining, it was voted to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2008 meeting of the Board.

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Cady and carried 4-0-3 with Ms. Slack, Mr. Fox and Ms. Kim abstaining, it was voted to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2008 meeting of the Board.

On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Ms. Kim and carried 5-0-2 with Mr. Zahm and Mr. Cady abstaining, it was voted to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2008 meeting of the Board.

Agreement with College of New Rochelle

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the Facility License Agreement with the College of New Rochelle for the use of it's pool at the rate of \$1,250.00 amended from the resolution. (Attachment XIII)

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PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Dr. Shine reviewed the proposed charges to Board committees for the 2008-2009 school year. There was consensus that the charges were accurate with the following requests made: Mr. Zahm said he wanted a schedule of the Policy Committee meetings; Ms. Slack would be added to the Technology Committee; the published schedules of the Management Team, Community Relations and all committees would be made available.

Mr. Zahm said he would like meeting time to discuss electronic board documents.

Bertrand de Frondeville commented that the Facilities Committee charge may have to be amended to take into account decisions of the audit committee to look into how allocated funds were spent. Mr. De Frondeville also said he didn't feel Heard in Rye presentations should be on tutoring or sports but on academic matters. He also said the Board should investigate a bank deposit program and assess costs involved in hardware, staffing and software.

Mr. Cady responded that it was not the structure of the Facilities Committee to oversee funds.

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Cady and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the memorandum of charges to Board committees.

COMMUNICATIONS TO / FROM BOARD

Mr. Zahm inquired about plans for work sessions. Dr. Shine said the Board had discussed one in the fall and one in March.

The Board discussed when to hold an open topic forum and determined that the last meeting in October or the first meeting in November would be selected.

Dr. Shine asked whether the Board would support a work session in December on middle and high school enrollment and space issues.

Mr. Nathan suggested that the budget calendar be prepared so that the Board could determine a date to have a productive open topic forum in March.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Cady and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 8:55 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Lynn Ferrari
District Clerk