

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
October 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Nathan at 7:45 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

Excused

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. Cady, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (6-0) 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. Kim, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 8:09 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.

Presentation to the Board

Mr. George Latimer, New York State Assemblyman representing Rye, addressed the Board on the subject of the state budget and alerted them to the possibility of a shortfall in state aid to districts. Mr. Nathan thanked Mr. Latimer for his time and the information he presented.

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 Fiscal items 9 and 13 would be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to approve the following items.

General

1. The minutes of the Board of Education meeting of September 23, 2008, as written.
2. The gifts to Heard in Rye from the Midland PTO, the Osborn PTO and the Rye Free Reading Room. (Attachment I)

Fiscal

1. The Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2008. (Attachment II)
2. The Budget Transfer Schedules for the month of July, 2008. (Attachment III)
3. Warrants #1, #2, and #3 for the month of July, 2008. (Attachment IV)
4. The Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2008. (Attachment V)
5. The Budget Transfer Schedules for the month of August, 2008. (Attachment VI)
6. Warrants #4, #5, #6, #7 and #8 for the month of August, 2008. (Attachment VII)
7. Budget Transfer #1 in the amount of \$20,783.00 from Workers' Compensation to cover the cost of Math Differentiated Instruction Boxes for all elementary school homeroom teachers. (Attachment IX)
8. Budget Transfer #2 in the amount of \$25,250.00 from Employees' Retirement Cost (Capital) to Contractual Expense (Chief School Administrator) to cover the cost of a security audit. (Attachment X)
9. The final contract with BOCES Southern Westchester for services provided in 2007-2008. (Attachment XI)
10. An extension to the Aramark Contract from October 31, 2008 to December 31, 2008. (Attachment XII)
11. A contract in the amount of \$14,194.00 with the City School District of New Rochelle for Health and Welfare Services for the 2007-2008 school year. (Attachment XIII)
12. A contract with Bilinguals, Inc. for Bilingual Evaluation Services in the amounts of \$350.00 for social history, educational, speech/language evaluation; \$450.00 for psychological evaluation; and \$575.00 for psycho-educational evaluation. (Attachment XIV)
13. A contract with Lois Heyman for Speech & Language Therapy/Hearing/FM Training at \$200.00/hour. (Attachment XV)
14. A contract with Blythedale Children's Hospital for Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy at the hourly rate of \$70.00 at school site and \$77.00 at Blythedale. (Attachment XVI)
15. A contract with Rebecca Koper, Audiology Consultant, at the hourly rate of \$150.00. (Attachment XVII)

Personnel

1. The request by Kelly Finn for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as an English Teacher, assigned to Rye High School effective January 26, 2009 – June 30, 2009.

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2. The request by Marcie Levine Jacobs for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position and an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Midland School, effective January 26, 2009 – June 30, 2009.
3. The Two Year Probationary Appointment of Nora Webber as a Special Education Teacher, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Special Education, assigned to Osborn School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 14 of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, (pro-rated) effective September 25, 2008 – June 30, 2010.
4. The Appointment of Anthony DeCristofaro as a Per Diem Substitute Science Teacher (Physics), for which he holds New York State Permanent Certification in Physics & General Science 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, at his regular rate of pay MA +60, Step 15 of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule (pro-rated) per day, plus Longevity Payment (pro-rated, plus Growth Payment (pro-rated) plus a 6th Assignment or Additional Pay Beyond Annual Salary for 1 extra science class/week at 2% of Base Salary (pro-rated), effective September 29, 2008 not to exceed 16 days.
5. The appointments as volunteers of Georgetta Morque, Squash Club, Rye High School, and Stanley Nelson, Crew, Rye High School.
6. The appointment of the following RCSD employees work as timers, supervisors, ticket takers, chain crew, announcer, etc. at athletic events on an as needed basis throughout the 2008-2009 School Year with rate of pay based upon approved rates for teachers in the 2006-2007 teacher contract:
Amy Carman
Heather Castellani Dooley
Cari Caulway
Lou DiMonaco
Emily Fitzgerald
Thomas Flynn
Rosa Magnotta
Ann Moller
Melissa Pelettieri
Catherine Telfer
7. The appointment of the following who are not employees of the RCSD:
Joseph Mazza
Robert Mazza
Effraim Ortez
8. 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.
Katy Binder
Kim Colacioppo
Maria Del Gais
Colleen DeMarco

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Kathleen Griswold
Jason King
Mary Kate Lyons
Amarilis Martins
Rani Mathew
Robin Pecchia
Cindy Pitter
Eileen Sweeney
Lisa Urban

9. The Per Diem Substitute Teaching Assistant appointment of Leslie Flamio, effective September 3, 2008, to be used only on an as needed basis for the 2008-2009 School Year.
10. The Appointment of Jarryd Williams as a Food Service Helper with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks, 5 days/week, 30 hours/week, assigned to Rye High School, effective September 25, 2008.
11. The Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide appointment of Leslie Flamio, effective September 3, 2008, to be used only on an as needed basis for the 2008-2009 School Year.
12. The per diem substitute secretarial clerical appointment of Lauren McGowan, effective October 6, 2008, to be used on an as needed basis.

Special Education

1. The recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from its meeting of June 5, 2008 for Student ID#874; from its meeting of July 31, 2008 for Student ID#1048; from its meeting of September 3, 2008 for Student ID#919; from its meetings of September 4, 2008 for Students ID#1040 and 914; from its meeting of September 11, 2008 for Student #004; and from its meeting of September 19, 2008 for Student ID#1953.
2. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from its meeting of August 19, 2008 for Student ID#985; from its meeting of August 27, 2008 for Student ID#1078DOL; from its meeting of September 4, 2008 for Student ID#1079DOL; from its meeting of September 11, 2008 for Student ID#1043; from its meeting of September 15, 2008 for Student ID#911584; from its meetings of September 17, 2008 for Students ID#421 and 911663; from its meetings of September 18, 2008 for Students ID#1080DOL and 912102; from its meeting of September 19, 2008 for Student ID#600; from its meetings of September 22, 2008 for Students ID#314 And 567; from its meeting of September 24, 2008 for Student ID#1016DOL; from its meeting of September 25, 2008 for Student ID#1068DOL; and from its meeting of September 16, 2008 for Student ID#511.
3. The appointment of nine persons as Committee on Special Education/Committee on Preschool Special Education parent members for the 2008-2009 school year, per the attached. (Attachment XVIII)

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ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**Seraph Inc. Security Audit**

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to approve the first part only of a recommended award on a bid to Seraph Inc. in the amount of \$18,050.00 for a security audit, with Dr. Shine authorized to execute the contract prepared by Ingerman Smith for these services. (Attachment XVII)

Mr. Fox suggested that the administration and Board revisit the second part of the proposed contract at another time.

Contract with Summit School

This item was removed from the agenda.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION**Report of the Independent Auditor**

Susan Barossi and Noral Galleros of the Bennett Kielson Storch DeSantis division of O'Connor Davies Munns & Dobbins, LLP, independent auditors who audited the Districts financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2008, reported to the Board on the audit. Ms. Barossi stated that the firm gave the District an unqualified opinion, the best an entity can receive. She and Ms. Galleros then reviewed all the components of the audit, stating that they found prudent practices, highly conservative investment, and a negligible margin for error at 3/10ths of 1 per cent. Mr. Cady and Mr. Fox further noted that expenditures had been less than budgeted with a surplus of only \$253,000.00.

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to accept the independent auditor's report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. (Attachment XIX)

COMMUNICATIONS TO / FROM BOARD

Mr. Nathan asked for a volunteer to serve as the Board's delegate at the New York State School Board's Convention that week. No one responded to this request.

Adjournment

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 9:55 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Lynn Ferrari
District Clerk