

**MINUTES**  
**RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room**  
**November 18, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Nathan at 7:40 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  
Dr. Steven Cohen, Assistant Superintendent  
Ms. Kathleen Ryan, Business Official

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

On a motion by Ms. Slack, 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 format of the Board meeting and of the Open Topic Forum which would begin the meeting subsequent to the Report of the Superintendent.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Shine presented information on District matters.

**OPEN TOPIC FORUM**

Board members met with small groups of residents until 9:00 p.m. The Board members then reported on topics of discussion in their groups.

Mr. Nathan thanked everyone who participated and said answers would be provided to questions within the next two weeks, sent by email to those who provided email addresses, and posted on the District's web site.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried 6-0-1 with Ms. Slack abstaining, it was voted to approve the following items.

**General**

1. The Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of October 28, 2008.
2. Revised Board of Education Policies 6650 - Claims Auditor; 8334 - Use of Credit Cards; 9259 - Non-Represented Employees. (Attachment I)
3. Acceptance of Gift Request from the Milton School PTO to Milton School of a plastic storage shed to be erected on the playground blacktop valued at \$750.00 and recess equipment valued at \$490.00. (Attachment II)

**Fiscal**

1. The Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 31, 2008. (Attachment III)
2. Budget Transfer Schedules for the month of October, 2008. (Attachment IV)
3. Warrants #16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 for the month of October 2008. (Attachment V)
4. A contract with Akiko Watanabe for academic support of District Limited English Proficiency students in grades 3-5 for state exams at the hourly rate of \$50.00. (Attachment VI)
5. A contract with the Summit School, Inc. for 2008-2009 educational services for one student at the rate of \$29,806.00. (Attachment VII)
6. A contract with TheraCare Pre-School Services Inc. for physical therapy and special education/consultant teacher services at the hourly rate of \$90.00. (Attachment VIII)
7. Continuing implementation of an approved I.E.P. contract with the Eastchester Union Free School District for instructional and related services for the 2008-2009 academic year at a cost of \$119,512.00. (Attachment IX)
8. Continuing implementation of an approved I.E.P. contract with the Eastchester Union Free School District for instructional and related services for the 2008-2009 academic year at a cost of \$55,186.00. (Attachment X)
9. Continuing implementation of an approved I.E.P. contract with the Eastchester Union Free School District for instructional and related services for the 2008-2009 academic year at a cost of \$89,048.10. (Attachment XI)
10. Continuing implementation of an approved I.E.P. contract with the Ardsley Union Free School District for instructional and related services for the 2008-2009 academic year at a cost of \$97,920.00. (Attachment XII)
11. The award of oil bid #08-09-014 for fuel oil to Robinson Fuel Oil Company at a price of \$2.26 per gallon. (Attachment XIII)
12. A contract with Westchester County for 2008-2009 ice rental at Playland in the amount of \$25,610.00. (Attachment XIV)

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13. A contract with Rye Country Day School for 2008-2009 ice rental in the amount of \$8,325.00. (Attachment XV)
14. The award of bid #08-09-016 for the printing of the Rye High School newspaper, the Garnet & Black, to Courier Printing Corp. for \$933.00, \$1,083.00 or \$1,200.00 per issue. (Attachment XVI)

### Personnel

1. The request by Loretta D'Ippolito for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Osborn School, effective on or about her estimated due date of January 29, 2009 – June 30, 2009.
2. The request by Megan Leddy for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Midland School, effective on or about her estimated due date of March 1, 2009 – June 30, 2009.
3. The Leave Replacement Appointment of Luisa Cioffi as an Elementary Teacher for which she holds New York State Professional Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) assigned to Osborn School 1.0 FTE, MA+45 Step 7 of the 2006-2007 Teacher Salary Schedule effective November 10, 2008 – June 30, 2009.
4. The Winter Coaching Recommendations for the 2008-2009 school year per the attached. (Attachment XVIA)
5. The following RCSD employees and non-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:

Lisa Elezovic	Cynthia Young
Barbara Finder	John Gwardyak
Henri Heyne	Todd Wagner
Quan Huynh	Charles Manna
Nancy Maika	
6. The Resignation of Mildred Howell as Claims Auditor for the Rye City School District effective November 19, 2008.
7. The Appointment of Michele Cappellano as a Per Diem Substitute Teacher to be used only on an as needed basis for the 2008-2009 School Year at a daily rate of \$100.00 per day.
8. The Appointment of Wallens Darsainvil as a Food Service Helper at \$10.50 per hour, 5 days per week, not to exceed 32 hours per week, assigned to Rye High School, with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks, effective November 3, 2008.

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9. The Salary Adjustment of Ximena Ayora, a Food Service Worker, from \$10.50 per hour to \$11.50 per hour, effective November 3, 2008.
10. The appointment of Michele Cappallano and Jean Klein as per diem substitute secretarial clerical worker to be used on an as needed basis effective November 12, 2008.
11. The Termination of Gerald Jones as a Food Service Worker, due to job abandonment effective October 27, 2008.

#### **Special Education**

1. The recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from its meeting of September 4, 2008 for Student ID#1071; from its meetings of September 11, 2008 for Students ID#1951, 1061, and 1062; from its meeting of September 18, 2008 for Student ID#1039; and from its meetings of October 23, 2008 for Students ID#790 and 789.
2. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from its meeting of September 8, 2008 for Student ID#466; from its meetings of September 16, 2008 for Students ID#1049 and 900080; from its meeting of September 18, 2008 for Student ID#686; from its meeting of September 19, 2008 for Student ID#443; from its meeting of October 2, 2008 for Student ID#599; from its meeting of October 3, 2008 for Student ID#330; from its meeting of October 7, 2008 for Student ID#1087; from its meetings of October 8, 2008 for Students ID#105 and 911294; from its meeting of October 10, 2008 for Student ID#1066; from its meeting of October 29, 2008 for Student ID#778; and from its meeting of November 4, 2008 for Student ID#1079DOL.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS TO/FROM THE BOARD**

Ms. Slack reported on the work of the Curriculum Committee, noting concern with the cost of equipment necessary for two of the classes.

Mr. Zahm noted that the Consent Agenda had been approved with nothing removed, and that significant cuts in state funding were proposed, with Rye's cuts about 9 – 10% which he said did not disproportionately single out the District.

#### **ITEM ADDED TO AGENDA**

Mr. Nathan asked for a motion to add an item to the agenda.

Mr. Zahm moved and Mr. Fox seconded the motion which carried 7-0 to add the appointment of a Claims Auditor to the agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the Appointment of Nancy Dunn as Temporary Claims Auditor for the Rye City School District, at an hourly rate of \$25.53 per hour to be effective November 20, 2008.

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Ms. Slack said that she had attended the schools consortium meeting with Dr. Shine where discussion included conversation about pressures all schools feel financially, and unfunded mandates.

Mr. Nathan said he had attended a town hall meeting where questions were asked by members of the public in attendance about the fiscal crisis and its impact on public schools.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 9:45 p.m.. to adjourn into executive session for the continuation of discussion of topics discussed during executive session preceding the start of the business meeting of the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 11:15 p.m. to reconvene in public and immediately adjourn the meeting.

Lynn Ferrari  
District Clerk