

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
December 2, 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
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. Egan 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 Law; and a review of current litigation.

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 8:02 p.m. to reconvene in public.

Mr. Nathan welcomed those present and announced that before the Board began its regular meeting he wanted to welcome those present in celebration of the Varsity Girls' Soccer Team state championship recognition. Mr. Nathan introduced Mayor, Steve Otis, who commended the team on its season and state championship. Mr. Robert Castagna, Athletic Director thanked the Board and Dr. Shine for their support of the team, thanked the mayor for his support, and offered the team congratulations on what he called a truly spectacular season. He also recognized Coach Rich Savage and Assistant Coach Kim Mooney for their leadership on and off the field, and read a letter of commendation from County Executive, Andrew Spano. Mr. Savage thanked the Board and Superintendent, and team.

Following the presentation, at 8:25 p.m., the Board adjourned into executive session, on a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Ms. Kim and carried unanimously (7-0).

On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Ms. Kim and carried unanimously (7-0) the Board reconvened in public and Mr. Nathan called the regular meeting of the Board to order.

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Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Shine presented information on District 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 Item 1, Minutes of the November 18 meeting of the Board, would be removed from the Consent Agenda to the next meeting of the Board and that General Items 3 and 4, high school curriculum, would be removed for action later in the meeting.

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

General

1. The gift of \$5,000.00 from Commerce Bank, \$1,000.00 designated for each school's PTO or Parents Organization, to support school events for the District. (Attachment I)
2. The gift of \$2,140.00 from several donors to the Jarrid Amico Memorial Scholarship Fund. (Attachment II)
3. The gift in the amount of \$3,292.80 of a portable sound system to Milton School from the Milton PTO. (Attachment III)
4. The gift of \$2,500.00 from the Blind Brook Ridge Street PTA for Heard in Rye. (Attachment IV)

Fiscal

1. Change Order GC-002 in the amount of \$2,448.00 for Monpat Inc. for the Rye Middle School roof replacement project. (Attachment V)
2. Change Order GC-003 in the amount of \$23,520.00 for Monpat Inc. for the Rye Middle School roof replacement project. (Attachment VI)
3. A contract with Ann Fleming Brown for a one-evening parent presentation at Rye High School. (Attachment VII)
4. Contracts for translation services between the Rye City School District and Renate Boston and the Rye City School District and Nicolas Ovsianikoff at the rate of \$50.00/hour on an as needed basis between October 29, 2008 and June 30, 2009. (Attachment VIII)
5. The Rye City School District 403(b) Retirement Plan Document, as of January 1, 2009. (Attachment IX)
6. A contract with Dr. Kathleen McNeila for preparatory work for the elementary foreign language program survey at a total cost of \$857.00. (Attachment X)

Personnel

1. The Appointment of Elisa Goldman as a Per Diem Substitute Teacher at the daily rate of
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\$100.00/day effective December 1, 2008 – December 12, 2008.

2. The Leave Replacement Appointment of Elisa Goldman as an Elementary Teacher for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Nursery, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-6, assigned to Midland School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 13 of the 2006-2007 Teacher Salary Schedule (salary pending contract settlement) effective December 15, 2008 – June 30, 2009.
3. The Amendment of the Leave Replacement Appointment of Jennifer Skrilow as an Elementary Teacher assigned to Milton School from MA Step 6 to MA +15 Step 6, effective September 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009.
4. Appointments for 6th Assignments or Additional Pay Beyond Annual Salary effective November 24, 2009 for those listed on the attached. (Attachment XI)
5. The Appointment as a timer, supervisor, ticket taker, chain crew, announcer, etc. at athletic events on an as needed basis throughout the 2008-2009 school year of Nicole Riti.
6. The Appointments for Extra Pay for Extra Work for the 2008-2009 school year of those listed on the attached. (Attachment XII)
7. The Appointment of Jerry Havlin and Lisa Policano Pearson as 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.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

The College Process

Ms. Patricia Taylor, Rye High School Assistant Principal/Guidance, provided an overview of the college process. The Board questioned Ms. Taylor about Advanced Placement courses and their importance. A member of the audience said he repeated his recommendation made previously to the Board that the International Baccalaureate program be implemented. Mr. Nathan thanked Ms. Taylor for her presentation.

2009-2010 Educational Assumptions and Budget Climate/Budget Calendar

Dr. Cohen and Ms. Ryan reviewed the Board's educational initiatives and the budget implications of those initiatives. (Attachment XIII)

Ms. Ryan reviewed new and known conditions that will impact the budget for Board consideration. (Attachment XIV)

Ms. Ryan presented the proposed budget development calendar for 2009-2010 for the Board's consideration. (Attachment XV)

2008 Enrollment and 2009-2018 Enrollment Projections

Dr. Shine presented the official 2008 enrollment statistics and the projections received from the District's demographer, Dr. Lloyd Bishop, through 2018. (Attachment XVI)

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ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Mr. Cady and carried 6-1 with Mr. Fox voting no, it was voted to approve new high school course curriculum, as listed:

1. Introduction to the History of Western Art (Attachment XVII)
2. Creative Digital Video (Attachment XVIII)
3. Digital Photography II (Attachment XIX)

and to approve the high school course proposal, Introduction to Philosophy. (Attachment XX)

COMMUNICATIONS TO/FROM THE BOARD

Dr. Shine said that historically there was a tremendous demand for information during budget season, so he would be most appreciative if Board members would submit their requests as soon as possible to enable fulfillment of their information needs.

There being no further business, on a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Mr. Cady and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 11:40 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Lynn Ferrari
District Clerk