

**MINUTES**  
**RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room**  
**January 26, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Nathan at 7:07 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

Mr. Ray Schmitt - Excused

Mr. Robert Zahm – Excused

And

Dr. Edward Shine, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Steven Cohen, Assistant Superintendent

Ms. Kathleen Ryan, Business Manager

Ms. Elaine Cuglietto, Director of Personnel

Mr. Gus Mountanos, Legal Counsel

On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (5-0) it was voted to move immediately into executive session to review the employment history of current and prospective employees, discuss negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law and current litigation.

On a motion by Mr. Nathan, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (5-0) it was voted at 8:19 p.m. to reconvene in public.

Mr. Nathan welcomed those present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

**Report of the Superintendent**

Dr. Shine reported on the following events occurring around the district:

- Amanda Owens, a Rye High Senior and student in the Science Research Program, was selected as an Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist. Amanda's project on Alzheimer's Disease was chosen from among 1,800 entrants worldwide. She worked under the guidance of researchers at Weill Cornell Medical School in New York City. We are waiting to learn whether her project will be one of the 40 selected for the Intel competition finals.
- Our Food Service is featuring a Tex-Mex fiesta menu in our elementary school cafeterias, with decorations and some new food choices. These special events are planned at least

twice a year at the Elementary Schools. At the middle and high school, food service coordinates with the Language Department to plan themed menus that reflect the curriculum.

- The Rye High Winter Pep Rally was a big success. Students from various off-season sports teams competed in volleyball and floor hockey games. The student body was entertained by various music groups and the dance team, and the afternoon culminated in a student versus faculty basketball game and a free-throw contest.
- Rhythm on Rye – Rye High School’s A Cappella Singing Group – was featured on Cablevision’s MSG Varsity’s “The High School” program. Next month, Rhythm on Rye will compete in the semi-finals of the International Championships of High School A Cappella.
- Osborn student Hadley Townsend was "Principal for the Morning" on January 12th - the prize she won at the Osborn Fair Silent Auction.
- Elisa Bremner of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Service is a guest lecturer this year in Scott Cifone’s 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at Milton School. During her first visit this month, Mrs. Bremner taught the class about the importance of health and nutrition. In subsequent lessons, she will teach the students about gardening.
- Last week, Midland’s 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the school finals of the National Geographic Bee.
- The Board and parents are encouraged to visit Midland School to see the creative robot artwork that the students have made from junk they brought from home. Under the direction of Art Teacher Bret Reilly, the students have constructed over 500 robots.

**Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items**

There were no communications from the public.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Nathan announced that the following items were pulled from the Consent Agenda Item 6 E, with respect to the following regulations only are being removed from the Consent Agenda

Regulation 4526 R1 Employee Computer Network Use

Regulation 4526 R3 Rye Middle School and Rye High School Student Computer Network and Internet Use

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Egan and on a vote of (4-1) with Mr. Nathan abstaining, it was voted to approve the following items:

**General**

**Recommendation:** That the Board approves the December 22, 2009 Minutes as presented.

**Recommendation:** That the Board approves the January 12, 2010 Minutes as presented

**Recommendation:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Rye City School District recognizes the high costs associated with out-of-district transportation and agrees to work cooperatively and collaboratively with other local school districts in an effort to reduce such costs, therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rye City School District Board of Education agrees to join other interested school districts in developing a transportation consortium which shall be known as the Sound Shore Pupil Transportation Consortium and have as its primary objective the creation of a safe, reliable, and efficient cooperative transportation system for eligible students attending out-of-district schools. The consortium will seek grant funding to enable a study of ways to reduce pupil transportation costs to its members. (Attachment # 1)

**Recommendation:** That the Board adopts the following new, revised policies: (Attachment # II)

Policy 5300.40 - Discipline Penalties, Procedures and Referrals

Policy 5465 - Educational Neglect

Policy 0330 - Evaluation of Professional Staff

**Recommendation:** That the Board accepts a \$1,700 donation from the Giordano Family. (Attachment # III)

**Recommendation:** That the Board accepts a donation of Varsity Boys Basketball Uniforms from Mr. and Mrs. Pickup, valued at \$1,987.50. (Attachment # IV)

**Fiscal**

**Recommendation:** That the Board approves the Treasurer's Report dated 12/31/09. (Attachment # V)

**Recommendation:** That the Board approves the \$24,000 budget transfer for Buildings & Grounds projects and supplies. (Attachment # VI)

**Recommendation:** That the Board approves the \$6,000 budget transfer for Curriculum Conference & Travel. (Attachment # VII)

**Professional Appointments**

The request by Bruna Mascia for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as Science Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective on or about her estimated due date of April 13, 2010 – June 30, 2010.

The Amendment of the Leave Replacement Appointment of Diana DeGiglio as a Library Media Specialist, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification as a Library Media Specialist, assigned to Osborn School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 1 of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$56,306.\* (pro rated amount of \$33,502\*), effective January 4, 2010 – June 30, 2010. (Diana DeGiglio was previously approved at MA +15 Step 1 of the 2006/2007 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$57,521.\* (pro rated amount of \$34,225\*), effective January 4, 2010 – June 30, 2010 at the December 8, 2009 Board of Education Meeting.)

The Amendment of Project Scope for the following persons, effective July 1, 2009 – September 7, 2009:

Lauren Gobbo	3rd Grade FLES Curriculum	Not to exceed \$3,000
Reina McGoldrick	3rd Grade FLES Curriculum	Not to exceed \$3,000
Vanessa Franco	3rd Grade FLES Curriculum	Not to exceed \$3,000

(Lauren Gobbo, Reina McGoldrick and Vanessa Franco were previously approved for the Curriculum Rate of \$40.00\* per hour, effective July 1, 2009 – September 7, 2009 not to exceed \$2,000 at the June 30, 2009 Board of Education Meeting.)

The Amendment of the following Extra Pay for Extra Work for the 2009/2010 School Year:

ACTIVITY	NAME	INDEX	09/10 STEP	09/10 RATE*
<b>High School Spring Play</b>				
Director	Green, Peter	0.07500	6	5,085

(Peter Green was previously approved for the incorrect amount of \$2,203 at the January 12, 2010 BOE Meeting.)

The following Per Diem Substitute Teachers to be used only on an as needed basis for the 2009-2010 School Year at a daily rate of \$100.00 per day:

Eric Jeraci  
Daniel Russo  
Herbert Simmons  
Barry Yawitz

**Classified Appointments**

The Resignation of Ruben Restrepo from his position as a Cleaner, assigned to Rye High School, effective at the close of business January 29, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Education Law 913, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that Employee Number 9252 is directed to report for a medical examination, which examination will include various medical assessments in order to determine the physical capacity of such person to perform her duties as an employee of the Rye City School District, the said medical examination to be before Edward Gundy, M.D., at his office located at 1 Theall Road, Rye, New York, at 1:30 p.m. on February 5, 2010, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that Employee Number 9252 is directed to produce at said medical examination any and all medical records related to the present state of her health for the past three (3) years.

**Special Education**

The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and Preschool Special Education from its meetings on:

December 2, 2009 for Student ID # 1176  
December 7, 2009 for Student ID #443  
December 9, 2009 for Student ID #318  
January 6, 2010 for Student ID #1219DOL  
January 11, 2010 for Student ID #911366 and #912019  
December 16, 2009 for Student ID #1247  
January 11, 2010 for Student ID #804  
January 12, 2010 for Student ID #1026

Mr. Nathan acknowledged the two gifts that were accepted by the Board. He thanked the Giordano family for their gift of 7th Grade Boys Basketball Uniforms in the amount of \$1700 and Mr. Nathan thanked Mr. & Mrs. Scott Pickup and their family for their donation of Varsity Boys Basketball Uniforms in the amount of \$1987.50.

**Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda**

The following regulations are being tabled to a future Board Meeting.

Regulation 4526 R1 – Employee Computer Network Use

Regulation 4526R3 – Rye Middle School and Rye High School Student Computer Network and Internet Use

**Presentation/Discussion**

**Fiscal Constraints and Challenges**

Mrs. Kathleen Ryan, Business Official continued her detailed presentation on the fiscal constraints and challenges to our school district. Included in her presentation is recent news about school funding, a review of State Aid/ARRA Funds, the Governor’s Proposal for Rye City School District, budget challenges, a review of what the district controls and a review of what the district does not control. This was the third part of Mrs. Ryan’s presentation. The first part was presented to the Board of Education in October; the second part was presented to the Board of Education in December and both are posted on the District’s website.

Mr. Nathan asked if anyone from the public would like to comment on the presentation.

Mr. Martin Gerson and Mr. Bertrand deFrondeville addressed the Board asking for clarification on some of the items in the Fiscal Constraints and Challenges presentation.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO/FROM THE BOARD**

There were no communications to/from the Board.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Kim and carried unanimously (5-0) it was voted at 9:06 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Elaine Cuglietto  
District Clerk

Video of this meeting can be found on the District’s website ([www.ryeschools.org](http://www.ryeschools.org)). Click on District and on Board of Education.