

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
May 18, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Slack at 7:00 p.m. and the roll was called:

Present
Ms. Laura Slack, *Vice President*
Ms. Kendall Egan
Ms. Young Kim
Mr. Raymond Schmitt

Absent
Mr. Joshua Nathan, *President*

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

*Mr. Fox arrived at 8:15 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. Slack, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (4-0) 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. Schmitt, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (4-0) it was voted at 8:08 p.m. to reconvene in public.

Ms. Slack welcomed those present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Shine reported on the following happenings around the school district:

All three of our elementary schools are holding D.A.R.E. graduations. Congratulations to all of our 5th grade students who have completed the D.A.R.E. program. For those who don't know about D.A.R.E., this is a program run by the Rye Police, the Rye Youth Council and the Schools that gives our students the skills they need to say no to drugs and to resist peer pressure. I especially want to thank Detective John Wood, our D.A.R.E. officer, for his commitment to the program and to our children.

Memorial Day may be a guaranteed three-day weekend, but it is much more than that. It is one of those “teachable moments” that allows parents to help their children understand the real, deep meaning of this holiday, which was established to reflect on the impact of lives lost in war and to celebrate our veterans. The best way to teach our children about this observance is by example and to discuss the significance of the holiday with them. You might even attend our local Memorial Day observance. Each year, our local Veterans of Foreign Wars hold a ceremony on the steps of City Hall. This year, it will be held on Monday, May 31st from 10-11:30 a.m.

Today is the date of the school budget vote and Board of Education election. While we don’t yet know the results, I want to thank Rye residents for their active participation in the budget development process, in the many public discussions we have had about this difficult budget and, hopefully, their commitment to come out and vote in this rainy cold and damp weather. This year for the first time, the community will receive the results of the vote in an electronic newsletter sent out late this evening. For this and other reasons, once again, I urge all residents to sign up for our electronic newsletter. There’s a link right on the District home page.

Hearing of the Public on Non Agenda Items

Mr. Ryan Eckert, a freshman at Rye high School addressed the Board of Education and read a letter in support of Mathematics Teacher Ms. Elaine Surovich.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Schmitt and carried unanimously (4-0) to approve the following items:

General

Consent Agenda – General – 6A - Approval of the informal minutes of the Joint Meeting of the City Council and the School Board of the City of Rye on April 10, 2010 as presented.

Consent Agenda – General – 6B - Approval of the April 27, 2010 minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda – General – 6C - Approval of the May 4, 2010 minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda – General – 6D – Approval of the Amendment to Appoint Election Inspectors for May 18, 2010. (Attachment #I)

Consent Agenda – General – 6E – Approval of \$6,000. grant for the Christopher Mello Scholarship Fund from the David E. Retik & Christopher D. Mello Foundation. (Attachment #II)

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Consent Agenda – General – 6F – Approval of gift from the Rye Middle School Parent Organization of a bench, personalized with “RMS Class of 2010” in the amount of \$1168, for the bench and \$178.50 for shipping. (Attachment #III)

Fiscal

Consent Agenda – Fiscal– 7A – Resolution to participate in Cooperative Bid for 2010-2011 Athletic Equipment Reconditioning with Mamaroneck City School District as the Lead Agent. (Attachment #IV)

Consent Agenda – Fiscal 7B – Appointment of Fuller D’ Angelo to prepare the Request for Proposal for Energy Performance Contracting Proposals at No Cost. (Attachment #V)

Consent Agenda – Fiscal 7C – Approval of Health and Welfare Services Contract with Tarrytown School District for \$3,240. for the 2009-2010 school year. (Attachment #VI)

Consent Agenda – Fiscal 7D - Approval of Contract for Health Services with Yonkers Public Schools for \$649.51 for the 2009-2010 school year. (Attachment #VII)

Consent Agenda – Fiscal 7E - Approval of Health and Welfare Services Contract with Katonah-Lewisboro School District for \$2,827.80. for the 2009-2010 school year. (Attachment #VIII)

Consent Agenda – Fiscal 7F – Approval of Budget transfer # 18 for \$8,000. to cover the cost of tuition for home instruction for one home bound special education student. (Attachment #IX)

Consent Agenda – Fiscal 7G – Approval of Budget transfer # 19 for \$19,000. to provide additional funding for gas service at the Milton School. (Attachment #X)

Consent Agenda – Fiscal 7H – Approval of Budget transfer # 20 for \$80,820. to cover tuition and related services. (Attachment #XI)

Consent Agenda – Fiscal 7I – Approval of Treasurer’s Report for the period ending April 30, 2010. (Attachment #XII)

PROFESSIONAL

The Board approves the tenure recommendation of Jaime Saracino in the Elementary Education Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Professional Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and New York State Professional Certification in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), assigned to Milton School, effective September 1, 2010.

The Board approves the tenure recommendation of Elijior Boyum in the Elementary Education Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Permanent Certification in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6, assigned to Midland School, effective September 1, 2010.

The Board approves the tenure recommendation of Nicholas Apiscopa in the Elementary Education Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Permanent Certification in Pre-K-6, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective September 1, 2010.

The Board approves the tenure recommendation of Christine Cadalzo in the Elementary Education Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6, assigned to Osborn School, effective September 1, 2010.

The Board approves the tenure recommendation of Kathryn Ridley in the Elementary Education Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Professional Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), assigned to Milton School, effective September 1, 2010.

The Board approves the tenure recommendation of Reina McGoldrick in the Foreign Language Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Spanish 7-12, New York State Permanent Certification in Spanish N-6/Pre K-6 Extension and New York State Permanent Certification in ESOL K-12, assigned to The Rye City School District, effective September 1, 2010.

The Board approves the tenure recommendation of Lauren Gobbo in the Foreign Language Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Spanish 7-12 and New York State Initial Extension Annotation in Spanish 1-6, assigned to The Rye City School District, effective September 1, 2010.

The Board approves the tenure recommendation of Maite Mero in the Foreign Language Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in French 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, effective September 1, 2010.

The Board approves the tenure recommendation of John Murolo in the Mathematics Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Permanent Certification in Mathematics 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, effective September 1, 2010.

The Board approves the tenure recommendation of Quan Huynh in the Mathematics Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Permanent Certification in Mathematics 7-12 and pending New York State Permanent Certification in Mathematics Extension 5-6, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective September 1, 2010.

The Board approves the tenure recommendation of Connor Dowling in the Science Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Initial Certification in Biology and New York State Initial Certification in Chemistry 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, effective September 1, 2010.

The Board approves the tenure recommendation of Michael Carey in the Social Studies Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Initial Certification in Social Studies 5-9 and New York State Initial Certification in Social Studies 7-12, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective September 1, 2010.

The Board approves the tenure recommendation of Catherine Flynn in the Special Education Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Special Education, assigned to Milton School, effective September 1, 2010.

The Board approves the tenure recommendation of Nora Webber in the Special Education Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Special Education, assigned to Osborn School, effective September 1, 2010.

The Board approves the Termination of the Probationary Appointment of Brian Mulvihill from his position as a Foreign Language Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective June 30, 2010.

The Board approves the Resignation of Julio Rodriquez from his position as a Science Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective July 1, 2010.

The Board approves the Resignation of Elizabeth Howell from her position as a Math Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective June 30, 2010.

The Board approves the Resignation of Elaine Surovich from her position as a Math Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective June 30, 2010.

The Board approves the Resignation of Colette Tutino from her position as an Elementary Spanish Teacher, assigned to Rye City School District, effective June 30, 2010.

The Board approves the Resignation of Alexander Heyne from his position as a Teaching Assistant, assigned to Rye High School, effective June 24, 2010

The Board approves the Amendment of the Child Care Leave of Absence for Kristie Orlando-Bangali to be effective April 27, 2010 – June 30, 2010. (Kristie Orlando-Bangali was previously approved for a Child Care Leave of Absence effective on or about her estimated due date of May 7, 2010 – June 30, 2010 at the February 23, 2010 Board of Education Meeting. Kristie Orlando-Bangali gave birth on April 27, 2010.)

The Board approves the One-Year Probationary Appointment of Stephanie Pennella as an Elementary Teacher for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Pre K, K and Grades 1-6, assigned to Midland School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 7, of the 2006/07 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$72,192*, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. (Stephanie Pennella was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Teacher effective September 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008, September 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 and September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.)

The Board approves the One-Year Probationary Appointment of Marie Tarpey Brennan as an Elementary Teacher for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Childhood Education Grades 1-6, assigned to Midland School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 6, of the 2006/07 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$69,359*, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. (Marie Tarpey

Brennan was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Teacher effective September 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008, September 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 and September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.)

The Board approves the One-Year Probationary Appointment of Debora Rosado as an Elementary Teacher for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Pre K, K and Grades 1-6, assigned to Midland School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 11, of the 2006/07 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$84,030*, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. (Debora Rosado was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Teacher effective September 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008, September 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 and September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.)

The Board approves the Three-Year Probationary Appointment of Aaron Marsh as a Mathematics Teacher for which he holds New York State Initial Certification in Mathematics, Grades 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, 1.0 FTE, BA Step 2, of the 2006/07 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$52,615*, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013.

The Board approves the Three-Year Probationary Appointment of Aleksey Vodyanitskiy as a Mathematics Teacher for which he holds New York State Initial Certification in Mathematics 7-12, assigned to Rye Middle School, 1.0 FTE, MA +30 Step 4, of the 2006/07 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$66,071*, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013.

The Board approves the Two-Year Probationary Appointment of Katrina Smith as a Science Teacher for which she holds New York State Professional Certification in Earth Science 7-12, assigned to Rye Middle School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 7, of the 2006/07 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$72,192*, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012. (Katrina Smith has provided proof that she was previously tenured by New York City Department of Education.)

That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Allison Bily as an Elementary Teacher for which she holds New York State Professional Certification in Early Childhood Education Birth – 2 and New York State Professional Certification in Childhood Education Grades 1-6, assigned to Midland School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 7, of the 2006/07 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$72,192*, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. (Allison Bily was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Teacher effective September 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 and September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.)

The Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Lisa Libertucci as an Elementary Teacher for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Childhood Education Grades 1-6, assigned to Midland School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 5, of the 2006/07 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$66,526*, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. (Lisa Libertucci was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Teacher effective September 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 and September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.)

The Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Brittany Shaw as an Elementary Teacher for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Childhood Elementary 1-6, assigned to Osborn School, 1.0 FTE, MA +15 Step 6, of the 2006/07 Teacher Salary Schedule,

\$70,978.* effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.(Brittany Shaw was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Teacher effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.)

The Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Kim Colacioppo as an Elementary Teacher for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Pre K-6, assigned to Midland School, 1.0 FTE, MA +30 Step 9 of the 2006/07 Teacher Salary Schedule \$82,411*, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. (Kim Colacioppo was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Teacher effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010)

The Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Hillary Krane as an Elementary Teacher for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Pre K, Kindergarten & Grades 1-6, assigned to Milton School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 8 of the 2006/07 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$75,076*, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. (Hillary Krane was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Teacher effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.)

The Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Erin Trapasso as an Elementary Teacher, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Pre-K, K and Grades 1-6, assigned to Osborn School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 8 – 5 months and MA Step 9 – 5 months, of the 2006/07 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$76,493*, September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. (Erin Trapasso was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Teacher effective November 23, 2009 – June 30, 2010 at the November 24, 2009 Board of Education Meeting. Erin Trapasso was previously a teacher with the Rye City School District from September 2000 – June 2003.)

The Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Dayna Reist as an Elementary Teacher, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) and New York State Initial Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), assigned to Milton School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 4 - 5 months and MA Step 5 - 5 months, of the 2006/07 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$65,085*, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. (Dayna Reist was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Teacher effective December 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 at the November 24, 2009 Board of Education Meeting.)

The Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Bari Rabine as a Spanish Teacher, for which she holds New York State Conditional Initial Certification in Spanish 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 8, of the 2006/07 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$75,076*, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. (Bari Rabine will be replacing Kim Mooney who was previously approved for a Personal Leave of Absence, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 at the February 23, 2010 Board of Education Meeting.)

The Board approves the Appointment of Kimberly Morganti as a 0.9 FTE Teaching Assistant, assigned to Rye High School Academic Intervention Center, Step 1 of the 2009/10 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, \$19.14 per hour, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective May 17, 2010 – June 25, 2010. (Kim Morganti has met all requirements to be Certified as a New York State Mathematics Teacher. Her Certification is pending.)

Action/Discussion Items

Dr. Shine advised the Board that there were several Board policies that would be discussed at the June 1, 2010 Board of Education Meeting. Included in the information sent to the Board was a copy of the Board of Education By-Laws. The Policy Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks and would appreciate if the board has any concerns or revisions to be reviewed in order to bring it forward in a timely fashion. Ms. Kim asked all Board members to hold onto copies of the proposed policies in order that they do not have to be copied again.

Ms. Slack remarked that the Policy Committee considered the Zephyr students' comments and concerns were addressed in the proposed policy.

Recess:

On a motion by Ms. Kim, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (4-0) to Recess the meeting at 8:22 p.m. to observe the closing of the polling place in the Rye Middle School gymnasium and hear the results of the election and budget vote.

Election Results:

The Board reconvened at 9:25 p.m. and District Clerk Elaine Cuglietto read the results of the budget and candidate election votes:

With 1597 voters, there were 942 Yes votes and 663 No votes for the 2010-2011 school year budget in the amount of \$69,719,000.00.

(It was later declared that there were 1621 voters including all absentee ballots)

The following votes were cast for the candidates as listed:

Kendall Egan - 1227 - Votes

Katy Keohane Glassberg – 1187 - Votes

Write in votes were received as follows:

Mr. Doug Tuttle – 1; Mr. George Krajca – 1; Mr. Robert Zahm – 1; Mr. John Alfano – 1;

Mr. Martin Gerson – 1; Ms. Maureen Gomez – 1; Mr. Peter Lane – 2

On a motion by Ms. Kim, seconded by Mr. Schmitt and carried unanimously (5-0) it was voted to certify the budget vote.

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Kim and carried unanimously (5-0) it was voted to certify the candidate vote.

Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (5-0) it was voted at 9:28 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). Click on District and on Board of Education.