

**MINUTES**  
**RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room**  
**March 29, 2011**

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

Present

Mr. Joshua Nathan, *President*  
Ms. Laura Slack, *Vice President*  
Mr. Edward Fox  
Ms. Katy Keohane Glassberg  
Ms. Young Kim  
Mr. Raymond Schmitt

Excused

Ms. Kendall Egan

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

On a motion by Mr. Nathan, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (6-0) 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 (6-0) it was voted at 8:05 p.m. to reconvene in public.

Mr. Nathan welcomed those present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Shine welcomed everyone to the Budget Meeting and Open Topics Forum. Dr. Shine shared some recent news from our schools as follows:

- Students have been involved in many exciting academic activities and lessons, musical and artistic performances, athletics, and more. In addition, each building's rapid response to reach out and help those in Japan is a true demonstration of the kindness and compassion that exist within our District and community.

- Rye High School students participated in the Model UN program, representing the United Kingdom in various committees and topics as they learned about the work that is done in the UN.
- Middle School students Yuika Abe, Michael Turner, and Will Durkee, as well as High School student Erin Crotty, performed at the Rye High School Media Center's second Live Music event this afternoon, which showcased musical talents in the two schools.
- The Middle School has temporarily dedicated its Liberty Tree, originally planted in honor of the 9/11 tragedy, as a Wishing Tree for the Japanese tragedy. The tree is blooming with kind messages and thoughts for the people of Japan and their families, written on paper and tied to the branches. Each of the District's schools is involved in outreach initiatives to aid Japan.
- Dr. Bill Bethke of High Touch High Tech brought a unique science lesson to Midland's third graders. Students had the opportunity to create condensation and ice necklaces.
- The annual Milton School Fair was held on Saturday, March 19th. This year's event was based on the theme, "Ahoy Milton" and was a great success, with activities and entertainment for families, and a coin drive that raised over \$1,600. for disaster relief in Japan.
- Osborn will hold a "Kids Save Japan Day" on April 5, where students will sell Japanese-themed goods to raise money for the school's Japan fund. Osborn has already made successful fundraising efforts to help those in Japan, selling T-shirts, rice balls, Origami crafts, and other items.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Nathan announced that the following item was removed from the Consent Agenda:  
Consent Agenda Professional 8.05 and  
Consent Agenda Professional 8.07

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Schmitt and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the following items:

#### **General**

##### **Consent Agenda General 6.01**

###### **Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the March 15, 2011 Minutes as presented.

##### **Consent Agenda General 6.02**

###### **Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the March 21, 2011 Minutes as presented.

**Consent Agenda General 6.03**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education accepts this gift from the High School Parents' Organization of \$1,594.00 for Kaplan scholarships.

**Fiscal**

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.01**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the admission of thirteen new non-resident, tuition paying students for 2011/12.

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.02**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the attached resolution authorizing a two-year partial refund for an incorrect assessment based on square footage at 11 Hook Road. The refund amount is \$5,037.54 (Attachment #I)

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.03**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the budget transfer in the amount of \$7,800.00. (Attachment #II)

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.04**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the contract with Mr. Lindsay Bates for \$3,000. (Attachment #III)

**Consent Agenda General 7.05**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Health and Welfare Services Contract with the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District for \$2,330.07 for the 2009-10 school year. (Attachment #IV)

**Professional**

**Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.01**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Resignation of Andra O'Brien from her position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Midland School, effective June 30, 2011.

**Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.02**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Resignation of Julia Ryan from her position as Assistant to the Program for Girls Lacrosse, effective at the close of business March 18, 2011.

**Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.03**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the request by Nicole Bolnik 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 May 4, 2011 – June 30, 2011.

That the Board approves the request by Rebecca Hurta for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Osborn School, effective September 1, 2011 to the end of the First Semester. (Rebecca Hurta was previously approved for a Child Care Leave of Absence, effective January 27, 2011 – June 30, 2011 at the February 8, 2011 Board of Education Meeting.)

That the Board approves the request by Vanessa Lawson for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as an English Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective September 1, 2011 to the end of the First Semester. (Vanessa Lawson was previously approved for Child Care Leaves of Absence, effective February 24, 2010 – June 30, 2010 and September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.)

That the Board approves the request by Andrea Mondella for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Osborn School, effective September 1, 2011 to the end of the First Semester.

**Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.04**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Anna Schapiro as a Mathematics Teacher for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Mathematics 7-12, assigned to Rye Middle School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 4 of the 2010-2011 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$67,545 (pro rated amount of \$20,601.23), effective March 31, 2011 – June 30, 2011. (Anna Schapiro is replacing Marisa Junta who was previously approved for a Child Care Leave of Absence, effective April 21, 2011 – June 30, 2011 at the January 25, 2011 Board of Education Meeting. Marisa Junta will be absent due to illness effective April 4, 2011.)

**Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.06**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Extra Pay for Extra Work for the 2010-2011 school year:

				10/11	10/11
	ACTIVITY	NAME	INDEX	STEP	RATE
<b>Athletics-SPRING</b>					
LACROSSE (Girls)	Asst. to the Program	Morrison, Keri Anne, (effective 3/28/11)	0.05500	1	2,631

(Keri Anne Morrison is replacing Julia Ryan who resigned effective at the close of business March 18, 2011.)

**Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.08**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the following Per Diem Substitute Teacher to be used on an as needed basis for the 2010-2011 School Year at a daily rate of \$102.00 per day:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Simon Berk	March 28, 2011

**Classified**

**Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.01**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of Robin Roude as a Teacher Aide, with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks assigned to Osborn School at \$13.08 per hour, Step 1 of the 2010-2011 Teacher Aides/Teaching Assistants Salary Schedule, 2.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective March 28, 2011. (Robin Roude will be replacing Daniel Giorgi who resigned effective at the close of business March 11, 2011.)

**Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.02**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Substitute Teacher Aide to be used only on an as needed basis for the 2010-2011 School Year:

Hourly rate of pay as follows:

Teacher Aide - \$13.08 is hourly rate of pay, Salary Step 1 of Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Unit Contract for the School Year.

Teacher Aide for Special Education – \$17.58 is hourly rate of pay, Salary Step 1 of Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Unit Contract for the School Year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Robin Roude	March 28, 2011

**Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.03**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Substitute Cleaners to be used on an as needed basis:

Effective 3/30/11 – 6/30/11

Step 1 of Custodial Unit Contract for cleaner

\$19.03\*per hour for days and \$19.98\* per hour for nights for the 2010-2011 school year

Frank Rogewitz 

Joseph Uddo

**Consent Agenda – Special Education 10.01**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education recommendations as attached. (Attachment #V)

Mr. Nathan thanked the Rye High School Parents' Organization for their generous gift in the amount of \$1,594 to support Kaplan Scholarships. The Board appreciates all of the volunteer work on the part of our parent organizations.

Mr. Nathan announced to the public that in the consent agenda that was approved by the Board of Education, the Board approved the appointment of Patricia Taylor as High School Principal, effective July 1, 2011. Mrs. Taylor has served as Assistant Principal of Guidance and Student Support Services since 2001 and has a strong history with the District, having started her public education career at Rye High School as a guidance counselor in 1982.

### **Open Topic Forum**

The meeting moved into a public hearing in the form of an Open Topic Forum for approximately one hour, where each Board member spent time with a group of citizens to discuss concerns about the budget. After the conversation portion ended, the Board members returned to the Board table and each presented an overview of their group session. The major topics were:

- Class size and enrollment
- Facility needs
- Programs to protect
- Technology for teacher and student use

Mr. Nathan thanked everyone who participated and indicated that the concerns raised would be addressed by Dr. Shine and the administration in a future.

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

There were no other communications from the public at this time.

### **2011– 2012 School District Budget**

Dr. Shine asked for further direction from the Board on the 2011 – 2012 School District Budget. Dr. Shine said that the budget planning was coming to a close with the Board asked to adopt the budget at its April 12, 2011 meeting. Board members provided their comments on various components of the budget including potential program reductions, potential staffing reductions, recommended projects, per pupil allocations, tax rate percentage and usage of district fund balance.

The following members of the public also addressed the Board of Education with their concerns regarding the school district budget proposed.

Mr. Bob Zahm, Mr. Martin Gerson, Ms. Nancy Pasquale, Mr. Bertrand deFrondeville and Ms. Karen Belanger.

### **Communications To/From Board Members**

Mr. Nathan announced that along with the school district budget vote there are two school board member seats up for election on May 17, 2011. He announced that Mr. Edward Fox's term and Ms. Young Kim's term would be expiring on June 30, 2011. Mr. Nathan asked the two board members if they would be seeking reelection this year. Ms. Young Kim announced to the Public that she will not seek reelection and Mr. Ed Fox announced to the Public that he will seek reelection for one more term of office.

Mr. Nathan announced that anyone interested in seeking a seat of the Rye City School District's Board of Education should contact District Clerk Elaine Cuglietto at 411 Theodore Fremd Avenue, Rye New York to pick up candidate information packets and petitions.

### **Adjournment:**

On a motion by Mr. Schmitt seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 12:04 a.m. to adjourn to Executive Session the meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Fox seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 1:15 a .m. to adjourn the meeting.

Elaine M. 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.

