

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
April 26, 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*
Ms. Kendall Egan
Mr. Edward Fox
Ms. Katy Keohane Glassberg
Ms. Young Kim
Mr. Raymond Schmitt

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 Ms. Slack, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (7-0) 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 (7-0) it was voted at 8:20 p.m. to reconvene in public.

Mr. Nathan called the meeting to order 8:25 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Hearing of the Public on Non Agenda Items

Gabriella Amaturio, Rye High School student and field hockey player spoke on behalf of herself and other students present as well as students have signed petitions previously submitted to the Board regarding Ms. Leslie King. She asked the Board to reconsider its decision to terminate the employment of Ms. King at the end of this school year.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Nathan announced that the following item was removed from the Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda General 5.06

On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the following items:

General

Consent Agenda General 5.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the April 12, 2011 Board of Education Meeting Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 5.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the appointment of election inspectors for May 17, 2011.
(Attachment # I)

Consent Agenda General 5.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the 2011/2012 Estimated Administrative Budget for the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Education Services in the amount of \$8,719,251.
(Attachment #II)

Consent Agenda General 5.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board casts two votes, one for John DeSantis and one for Beverly A. Levine, to serve as Trustees of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the time period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014.
(Attachment #III)

Consent Agenda General 5.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education accepts the \$10,000 anonymous gift for the Burke Scholarship Fund.

Consent Agenda General 5.07

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the \$4,000 gift from the Niehaus family for scholarship renewal for one student.

Consent Agenda General 5.08

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approve a \$2,020 gift from the Milton School PTO to support the Extra Pay for Extra Work for the Co-Ed After School Sports Program (Spring Session)

Consent Agenda General 5.09

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approve the Milton School PTO gift of one SMARTBoard for \$4,295.

Consent Agenda General 5.10

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approve the Osborn School PTO gift of one SMARTBoard for \$4,295.

Fiscal

Consent Agenda Fiscal 6.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the contract with Michi Tremonte for the 2010 - 2011 school year at the rate of \$50.00 per hour. (Attachment #IV)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 6.02

Recommended Action:

Approve budget transfer of \$75,000 to provide funds for Special Education Consulting Study from unused funds. (Attachment #V)

Professional

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves Resignation due to Retirement of Dino Garr from his position as a Social Studies Teacher, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2011.

That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of Peggy Gelman from her position of a Teacher on Special Assignment/Elementary Staff Developer Mathematics, assigned to Rye City School District, effective at the close of business June 30, 2011.

That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of Frederick Illium from his position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Midland School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2011.

That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of Nancy Maika from her position as a Science Teacher, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2011.

That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of John Mazza from his position as a Special Education Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2011.

That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of Wayne Poland from his position as a Science Teacher, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2011.

That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of Patricia Ryan from her position as a Foreign Language Teacher, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2011.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Resignation of Maria Beyrer from her position as a Part-time 0.6 FTE Physical Education Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2011.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Amendment of the Child Care Leave of Absence of Marisa Junta, to be effective April 14, 2011 - June 30, 2011.

(Marisa Junta was previously approved for a Child Care Leave of Absence effective on or about her estimated due date of April 21, 2011 – June 30, 2011 at the January 25, 2011 Board of Education Meeting.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the request by Stephanie Cohn for a Child Care Leave of Absence, from her position as an Art Teacher, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective September 1, 2011 to the end of the 1st Semester.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the request by William Glynn for a Leave of Absence, from his position as a Teaching Assistant, assigned to Rye High School – Academic Intervention Center for Social Studies, effective April 11, 2011 – June 27, 2011.

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the request by Zachary Papas for a Personal Leave of Absence, from his position as a Teaching Assistant for Special Education, assigned to Milton School effective September 6, 2011 – June 22, 2012.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.06

Recommended Action:

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

	ACTIVITY	NAME	INDEX	10/11 STEP	10/11 RATE
High School Spring Play					
Spring Play	Director	Limone, Michael	0.07500	6	5,396
Spring Play	Set Construction	Gwardyack, John	0.02000	6	1,439
Spring Play	Lighting	Gwardyack, John	0.02000	6	1,439
Milton Clubs					
After School Co-ed spring	Milton - 2 days per week	Ward, Rebecca	0.03250	3	2,020

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.07

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Per Diem Substitute Teachers 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>
Jane Fitzpatrick	April 27, 2011
William Glynn	April 11, 2011
Donna Paolucci	April 25, 2011
Antionette Watkins	April 13, 2011

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.08

Recommended Action:

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

Hourly rate of pay as follows: Teaching Assistant - \$19.81 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>
John Cincotta	April 25, 2011

Consent Agenda – Special Education 9.01

Recommended Action:

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

Items removed from Consent Agenda

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried (6-1) with Ms. Kim voting No to approve the following item:

Consent Agenda General 5.06

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the acceptance of this \$25,000. gift from the Midland PTO.

Mr. Nathan recognized the many gifts that were accepted by the Board of Education. He thanked the Parent Organizations for all of their hard work as well as the parents and community members who support these wonderful organizations and their fund raising efforts. The Board approved gifts from the Milton School and Osborn School PTOs, both for \$4,295 for one SMARTBoard at each of the two buildings. Also approved was a \$4,000 gift from the Niehaus family for scholarship renewal for one student, an anonymous \$10,000 gift for the Burke Scholarship Fund, and a \$2,020 gift from the Milton PTO to support the Co-Ed After School Sports Program.

Mr. Nathan announced that the Board has also accepted the resignations due to retirement of the following seven teachers of the District:

Mr. Dino Garr, Ms. Peggy Gelman, Mr. Fred Illium, Ms. Nancy Maika, Mr. John Mazza, Mr. Wayne Poland and Ms. Patricia Ryan.

Mr. Nathan noted that the resignation of Ms. Annmarie Cornacchia was accepted at an earlier Board of Education meeting in the Fall.

Presentation/Discussion

Review of 2011-12 Contingent Budget

Ms. Kathleen Ryan, the District's Business Official, provided a detailed presentation describing the Contingency Budget and the cuts it would require, as well as a summary of the Adopted Budget. The Board also unanimously approved the SW BOCES Administrative Budget for 2011-2012, along with the SW BOCES Election of Board Trustees.

Mr. Nathan asked for Comments from the Public. The following members of the public addressed the Board of Education regarding the school district budget: Mr. Bertrand deFrondeville, Mr. Martin Gerson, and Ms. Molly Howsen.

Communications To/From Board

Mr. Nathan announced to the public that each member of the Board has received a copy of the Pre-Algebra textbook that has been selected by the middle school for review.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Fox seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 9:15 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session to review current litigation.

On a motion by Mr. Nathan seconded by Mr. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 11:30 p.m. to return to Public Session and immediately adjourn the meeting.

Elaine M. Cuglietto
District Clerk

Budget Hearing

The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on May 3. At this meeting the Board will conduct a public hearing on the 2011-12 budget.

Video of this meeting can be found on the District's website (www.ryeschools.org). Click on District and on Board of Education.