

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD PLANNING SESSION
Wainwright House, Rye, New York
July 20, 2010

The Board of Education's annual Planning Session was called to order at 6:05 p.m. at the Wainwright House, 260 Stuyvesant Avenue, Rye New York

Present

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

And Dr. Edward Shine, Superintendent of Schools

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Egan 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 10:00 p.m. to reconvene in public.

Public Session 2010 – 2011 Planning Session – The Board of Education reviewed a draft of the Goals, Education Focus and Priorities developed at its July 6, 2010 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Nathan announced that the following items were removed from the Consent Agenda:

- Consent Agenda – Fiscal 5.02 Consent Fiscal 5.02 –
Recommendation: That the Board approves the contract with Furst & Associates, Inc. for Public Information & Special Events consulting services for 2010/11 for the amount of \$46,125. Attorneys at Ingerman Smith LLP are preparing an updated contract for 2010/11.

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

General

Consent Agenda – General - 4.01 - Approval of gift from the Rye High School Class of 2010 of picnic table and benches valued at \$1,000.

Consent Agenda – General – 4.02 - Approval of gift from Rye Middle School PO of 3 wireless slate boards. The value of this gift is \$1,047.

Consent Agenda – General – 4.03 - Approval of gift from The Niehaus Family for \$4,000. for a scholarship renewal for one Rye High School student.

Fiscal

- Consent Fiscal 5.01 -
Recommendation: That the Board approves a tuition of \$34,840 per student for the Rye School of Leadership for 2010/11.
- Consent Fiscal 5.03 -
Recommendation: That the Board approves the contract with The Rochelle Group, LLC for School Lunch consulting for 2010/11 for the amount of \$11,880.
Attorneys at Ingerman Smith LLP are preparing an updated contract for 2010/11.
- Consent Fiscal 5.04 –
Recommendation: That the Board approves the contract with Lifestyle Integrated Fitness Training, LLC for Athletic Training Services for 2010/11 for the amount of \$36,400. Attorneys at Ingerman Smith LLP are preparing an updated contract for 2010/11.
- Consent Fiscal 5.05 –
Recommendation: That the Board approves the contract with Neuropsychological Services of Westchester, LLC for 2010/11 consulting services at the same rate as 2009/10, of \$1,250.
Attorneys at Ingerman Smith LLP are preparing an updated contract for 2010/11.
- Consent Fiscal 5.06 –
Recommendation: That the Board of Education awards the Rye City School District's portion of the cooperative bid with the Mamaroneck UFSD for 2010/11 Athletic Equipment Reconditioning Services to Riddell for per piece items totaling \$7,087.78. A purchase order defining the District's commitment within the established budget will be issued for the needed reconditioning work that will maintain manufacturer's warranties, where applicable. (Attachment #I)
- Consent Fiscal 5.07 –
Recommendation: That the Board awards Bid #09-10-027 for Kitchen Equipment to H. Weiss Equipment Co. for \$59,000.

- Consent Fiscal 5.08 –
Approval of budget transfers #27 and #28 for BOCES services during the 2009/2010 school year.
Recommendation: That the Board of Education approve these transfers for BOCES services during the 2009/2010 school year. (Attachment #II)
- Consent Fiscal 5.09 –
Approval of budget transfer #29 for \$100,000 to cover the expense for 22 SMARTBoards for the 2009/2010 fiscal year.
Recommendation: That the Board of Education approves budget transfer #29 (Attachment #III)
- Consent Fiscal 5.10 –
Approval of Budget Transfer #30 in the amount of \$90,000 to cover the cost of the Teacher's Retirement Incentive for the 2009/2010 fiscal year.
Recommendation: That the Board of Education approve budget transfer #30 for the 2009/2010 fiscal year. (Attachment #IV)

PROFESSIONAL

6.01 – Professional – Resignation – Teachers (2)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Resignation of Eric Savino from his position as a Physics Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective September 1, 2010. (Eric Savino was approved as a Three-Year Probationary Appointment as a Physics Teacher, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013 at the June 1, 2010 Board of Education Meeting.)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Resignation of Alison Harris from her position as a Special Education Teacher, assigned to Midland School, effective September 1, 2010. (Alison Harris was approved as a Leave Replacement Special Education Teacher, effective September 1, 2010 – November 24, 2010 at the June 29, 2010 Board of Education Meeting. Alison Harris accepted a full-time position in another district.)

6.02 - Professional – Probationary Appointment – Teachers (4)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Emergency Conditional Three-Year Probationary Appointment of Francesca Miller as a Social Studies Teacher, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Social Studies 7-12, assigned to Rye Middle School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 5 of the 2010-2011 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$70,604, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Emergency Conditional Two-Year Probationary Appointment of Thomas Burke as an English Teacher, for which he holds New York State Professional Certification in English Language Arts 7-12, assigned to Rye Middle School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 7 of the 2010-2011 Teacher Salary Schedule \$76,618, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Emergency Conditional Three-Year Probationary Appointment of Kelly McMahon as a Social Studies Teacher for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Social Studies 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 1 of the 2010-2011 Teacher Salary Schedule \$59,758, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Three-Year Probationary Appointment of Matthew Teitsch as a Science Teacher, for which he holds New York State Initial Certification in Physics 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, 1.0 FTE, MA +60 Step 1 of the of the 2010-2011 Teacher Salary Schedule \$64,915, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013.

6.03 – Professional – Leave Replacement Appointment Teachers (4)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Kathleen Finnegan as a Mathematics Teacher, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Mathematics 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 4 of the 2010-2011 Teacher Salary Schedule \$67,545 (pro rated amount of \$33,772.50), effective September 1, 2010 – January 28, 2011.

(Kathleen Finnegan will be replacing Mary Georgiadis who was previously approved for a Child Care Leave of Absence, effective September 1, 2010 – January 28, 2011 at the June 15, 2010 Board of Education Meeting.)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Emergency Conditional Leave Replacement Appointment of Suzanne Adams as an English Teacher, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in English Language Arts 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 3 of the 2010-2011 Teacher Salary Schedule \$64,108 (pro rated amount of \$32,054), effective September 1, 2010 – January 28, 2011.

(Suzanne Adams will be replacing Monica Goldstein who was previously approved for a Child Care Leave of Absence, effective on or about her estimated due date of October 1, 2010 – January 28, 2011 at the June 29, 2010 Board of Education Meeting.)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Jane Citron as an English Teacher, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in English Language Arts 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 1 of the 2010-2011 Teacher Salary Schedule \$59,758, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.

(Jane Citron will be replacing Brittany Foster Rothstein who was previously approved for a Child Care Leave of Absence, effective on or about her estimated due date of November 8, 2010 – June 30, 2011 at the June 29, 2010 Board of Education Meeting.)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Matthew Friedler as a School Counselor, for which he holds New York State Provisional Certification as a School Counselor, assigned to Rye High School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 3 of the 2010-2011 Teacher Salary Schedule \$64,108, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.

(Matthew Friedler will be replacing Jaime Condon who was previously approved for a Child Care Leave of Absence, effective on or about her estimated due date of November 7, 2010 – June 30, 2011 at the June 15, 2010 Board of Education Meeting.)

6.04 – Professional – Part Time Appointment Teacher (1)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Emergency Conditional Part Time Appointment of Kristin Castaldi as an Art Teacher, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Visual Arts, assigned to Milton School, 0.7 FTE, MA Step 1 of the 2010, 2011 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$59,758 (pro rated amount of \$41,830.60), effective September 1, 2010 to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

6.05 – Professional – Appointment Special Education Summer Work

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Appointment of Annette Keslinger for Special Education summer work as follows:

Speech & Language Therapist – IEP Development± \$39.39 per hour* (Not to exceed 60 hours)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Additional Work for Special Education of the following on an as needed bases at the rate of \$39.39* per hour for CSE/504 Meetings±, effective July 1, 2010 – August 31, 2010:

Abramson, Suzanne

Avnir, Jessica

Ballone, Cheryl

Bolnik, Nicole

Boyum, Ori

Carman, Amy

Castellani, Heather

Davis-Galliard, Debbie

Emond, Dana

Finn, Kelly

Gallagher, Maureen

Gouveia, Peter

Keegan, Jennifer

Kovalyk, Michelle

Krane, Hillary

Libertucci, Lisa

Nigg, Heidi

O'Leary, Laura

Pellettieri, Melisa

Pennella, Stephanie

Reist, Dana

Ridley, Katie

Romano, Jeannie

Short, Suzanne

Straussberg, Sharon

Tramaglini, Jennifer

Recommendation: That the Board approves Tracey Barnett for Additional Summer Work for Special Education on an as needed basis at her hourly rate of pay of \$47.70 for CSE/504 Meetings±, effective July 1, 2010 – August 31, 2010.

Recommendation: That the Board approves Cindy Young for Additional Summer Work for Special Education on an as needed basis at her hourly rate of pay of \$22.12 for CSE/504 Meetings±, effective July 1, 2010 – August 31, 2010.

± Number of hours depending on CSE requirements

*Salary pending contract settlement

Recommendation:

That the Board approves the Appointment for of Meghan Lorys as a Teacher Aide for Special Education summer work at Step 1, of the 2010-2011 Teacher Aides/Teaching Assistants Salary Schedule, \$17.58 per hour, 4 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective July 12, 2010 – August 13, 2010.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Appointment of Zachary Papas as a Teacher Aide for Special Education summer work at Step 1 of the 2010-2011 Teacher Aides/Teaching Assistants Salary Schedule, \$17.58 per hour, 4 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective July 19, 2010 – August 30, 2010.

CLASSIFIED

7.01 – Classified – Termination – Teacher Aide

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Termination of Sarah Silver from her position as a Teacher Aide for Special Education, effective July 20, 2010.

8.01 - Consent Agenda – Special Education - Approval of the Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education (Attachment #V)

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- Consent Fiscal 5.02 –

Recommendation: That the Board approves the contract with Furst & Associates, Inc. for Public Information & Special Events consulting services for 2010/11 for the amount of \$46,125. Attorneys at Ingerman Smith LLP are preparing an updated contract for 2010/11. After discussion, the recommendation was amended as follows

Recommendation: That the Board approves the services with Furst & Associates, Inc. for Public Information & Special Events consulting services on a month to month basis, authorized by the Superintendent, not to exceed a twelve month total of \$45,000.

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried 4 to 3 with Ms. Kim, Ms. Slack and Mr. Schmitt voting no, the recommendation was approved.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr Fox, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 11:00 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Edward J. Shine

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