

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
November 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Slack at 7:30 p.m. and the roll was called:

Present

Ms. Laura Slack, *Vice President*
Ms. Kendall Egan
Ms. Katy Keohane Glassberg
Ms. Young Kim
Mr. Raymond Schmitt

Mr. Edward Fox Arrived at 7:35
Mr. Joshua Nathan, *President* Arrived at 7:50

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 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. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 8:08 p.m. to reconvene in public.

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

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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

- The fall sports season is coming to a close and our teams did very well. Dr. Shine congratulated the athletes and their coaches for representing Rye High School and Middle School so well. Tonight, we should celebrate the Girls Varsity Soccer Team and coach

Rich Savage on winning the Section One Class A championship last weekend. The team is still ranked number-one in the U.S. and this afternoon competed in the regional quarterfinals up in Binghamton which we just learned, they have won!

- Two of our athletes won honors: Field hockey goalkeeper Kaitlin Campbell was selected as a member of the 2010 Golden Dozen, an academic and athletic award given out by the Section 1 Field Hockey Coaches Association. Catharine Greer, Senior Captain of our soccer team was named “Con Ed Athlete of the Week.”
- Two of our high school musicians performed in the Area All-State Music Festival Concert at Purchase College last Thursday – Maddie Junkins, who plays the Cello, and Leo Neuringer who plays String Bass. This annual event brings together the most talented musicians and vocalists from schools across Westchester.
- Congratulations to the cast and crew of “Seussical.” These talented middle school students were very entertaining as they performed before large audiences over the weekend.
- Osborn students joined with several dentists here in Rye to collect extra Halloween candy. Parents, students and teachers at Osborn collected over 600 pounds of candy, which will be shipped overseas to our troops.
- Milton and Osborn 4th and 5th grade students learned how to bake bread last Thursday and took home flour and yeast to bake with their parents. This week the students brought back several hundred loaves of bread, rolls, and pretzels, along with cans of food, all of which are being donated to The Carver Center.

Hearing of the Public on Non Agenda Items

Mr. Robert Zahm addressed the Board of Education. Mr. Zahm asked the Board to carefully consider the decision to extend the lease for the Osborn and Midland Portable Classrooms with ModSpace after reviewing the district’s current enrollment projections. Dr. Shine stated that the Bishop projections have been received and the usual analysis will be performed. Dr. Shine stated that the Board, parents and teachers are aware that enrollment at elementary schools is over projection and enrollment at the elementary schools will remain higher than expected. In his opinion, the space is needed as swing space in order to be on solid ground before removing them. A commitment for an additional two years is recommended.

Ms. Lauren Rosen Osborn PTO Co-President addressed the Board of Education, inquiring as to whether students who receive either a 1 or 2 on the New York State standardized assessments are receiving Academic Intervention Services. Dr. Shine and Dr. Cohen explained the district wide bench marking criteria for academic intervention services and old vs. new scoring methods of New York State assessments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consent Agenda General 7.04

Recommended Action

That the Board approves the Rye High School Sailing Club and the Volunteer Advisors.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.01

Recommended Action

That the Board awards Bid # 10-11-011 to Wolverine Line for \$3,950 per month for 2010/11.

This item is tabled to a future Board of Education Meeting.

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

General

Consent Agenda General 7.01

Recommended Action

That the Board approves the October 8, 2010 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 7.02

Recommended Action

That the Board approves the October 12, 2010 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 7.03

Recommended Action

That the Board approves the October 26, 2010 Minutes as amended.

Fiscal

Consent Agenda – Fiscal 8.02

Recommended Action

That the Board approves the award of Bid #10-11-012 to TLC Transportation Corp. of Westchester for \$2,372 per month.

Consent Agenda – Fiscal 8.03

Recommended Action

That the Board approves the agreements with each individual noted below for the 2010-2011 school year.

Chiyoko Morimoto – Japanese (Attachment #I)

Taeko Okamoto – Japanese (Attachment #II)

Consent Agenda – Fiscal 8.04

Recommended Action

That the Board approves the attached 24-month lease extensions with ModSpace for the portable classrooms for \$1317.00, \$1371.00, and \$1719.00 per month. (Attachment #III)

Consent Agenda – Fiscal 8.05

Recommended Action

That the Board approves the contract with Dramatic Pragmatics for November 2010 through June 2011 for a maximum consulting fee of \$8,250. (Attachment #IV)

Consent Agenda – Fiscal 8.06

Recommended Action

That the Board approves the contract with Elena A. Caffentzis, M.A., CCC-SLP for November 2010 through June 2011 for a maximum consulting fee of \$4,800. (Attachment #V)

Consent Agenda – Fiscal 8.07

Recommended Action

That the Board of Education approve budget transfer #4 to put the appropriations for MTA tax into the correct expenditure code for 2010/11. (Attachment #VI)

Professional

Consent Agenda – Professional 9.01

Recommendation:

Recommendation: That the Board approves the following Appointment of Extra Pay for Extra Work for the 2010-2011 School Year:

| EPEW | ACTIVITY | NAME | INDEX | STEP | STEP |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|---------|------|-------|
| HIGH SCHOOL – ATHLETIC – WINTER | | | | | |
| Girls Basketball | JV | Nixon, Kim | 0.08000 | 6 | 5,756 |
| HIGH SCHOOLS - CLUBS | | | | | |
| Club | International Club | Soberon, Alexandra* | 0.03000 | 0 | 1,394 |
| MIDDLE SCHOOL SPEC. PERFORMANCES (MUSICAL REVIEW)-FALL | | | | | |
| Special Performance | Accompanist | Moore, Cindy | 0.02750 | 0 | 1,477 |

*Effective 10/28/10.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the following RCSD employees to work as supervisors, ticket takers, etc. at Drama/Musical Productions on an as needed basis throughout the 2010-2011 School Year:

Elizabeth Baione
Marie Carlucci
Debra Davis-Galliard
Margaret Donohue
Peter Gouveia
Rosa Magnotta
Kristi Orlando-Bangali
Erica Williams

Consent Agenda – Professional 9.02

Recommendation: That the Board approves 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, effective October 1, 2010:

Lynn Adimari
Amanada Gambacorta
Aaron Levine
Kelly Lyons
Fred Quartlebaum
Isabel Rimmer
Chris Wade

Consent Agenda – Professional 9.03

Recommendation: That the Board approves the following Stipulation of Agreement:
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Rye City School District herewith authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Settlement Agreement and General Release between the Board and a certain staff member (Employee #4752) discussed in Executive Session.

Classified

Consent Agenda – Classified 10.01

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Resignation of Christine Wolf from her position as a Computer Aide, assigned to Osborn School, effective at the close of business November 5, 2010.

Consent Agenda – Classified 10.02

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aides to be used 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:

Isabel Rimmer

Consent Agenda – Classified 10.03

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Per Diem Substitute Secretarial Clerical Worker to be used on an as needed basis:

Effective 7/1/10 – 6/30/11

Rate of pay is dependent upon the civil service title of the position being substituted for –

Hourly rate of pay is as follows:

Step 1 of Secretarial Clerical School Nurse and Computer Aide Unit Contract for the 2010-2011 School Year is:

Column A - \$15.97* Column B - \$21.3 Column C - \$22.19* Column D - \$24.27*

Column E - \$26.35* Column F - \$29.53*

Lisa Liese

Regina Maloney

Susan Peek

Isabel Rimmer

Carmella Robins

Mary Anne Veltri

*Salary pending contract settlement

Consent Agenda – Classified 10.04

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Per Diem Substitute Computer Aides to be used on an as needed basis:

Effective 11/8/10 – 6/30/11

Rate of pay is dependent upon proof of education in accordance with Secretarial Clerical School Nurse and Computer Aide Unit Contract for the 2010-2011 School Year

Hourly rate of pay is as follows:

Step 1 without Degree - \$19.57*

Step 1 with BS - \$22.83*

Step 1 with Masters - \$27.18*

Noah Appleton

Krista DeRuvo Johnson

*Salary pending contract settlement

Consent Agenda – Special Education 11.1

Recommended Action

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

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda General 7.04

Recommended Action

That the Board approves the Rye High School Sailing Club and the Volunteer Advisors

An oral presentation was made to the Board of Education by Mr. Dan Walsh and Ms. Betsy Robertsen asking the Board for its support of the Rye High School Sailing Club. Students and parents in support of the Rye High School Sailing Club were also present in the audience.

After the presentation and discussion of expectations, requirements and annual reporting suggestions, on a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the Rye High School Sailing Club and the Volunteer Advisors.

Mr. Robert Zahm addressed the Board of Education reminding them of the previous financial cost and support history of squash and crew clubs. Mr. Zahm asked the Board to carefully consider the future financial ramifications of supporting the Sailing Club and to carefully review an annual report of what the cost expenditures would be.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.01

Recommended Action

That the Board awards Bid # 10-11-011 to Wolverine Line for \$3,950 per month for 2010/11. This item is tabled at this time. It may be presented at a future Board of Education Meeting.

Presentation/Discussion Items

Consent Agenda Fiscal Item 14.01

Recommended Action

That the Board accepts the Risk Assessment Update Report prepared by Accume Partners, Inc., dated August 2010. The Board agrees with the Audit Committee's recommendation to have Government Aid and Grants as the area for Internal Audit in the 2010/11 school year.

A presentation was made by Mr. David Moran of Accume Partners of the Rye City School District Risk Assessment Update Fiscal Year 2009/2010 and Recommended Audit Plan dated August, 2010 and the Risk Assessment Update dated November 9, 2010, indicating that the District remains in a good place with improvements [reductions in risk] in almost every area of the organization.

After presentation and discussion, on a motion by Mr. Schmitt, seconded by Ms. Kim and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to accept the Risk Assessment Update Report prepared by Accume Partners, Inc., dated August 2010. The Board agrees with the Audit Committee's recommendation to have Government Aid and Grants as the area for Internal Audit in the 2010/11 school year to review the internal controls over Special Education services and special education grant administration, accounting, program monitoring and compliance.

Dr. Shine presented a third report on student achievement relating to State of New York English Language Arts and math assessments, as well as results of student achievement within the District's K-5 Math Expressions program, noting the leverage issues that will direct improvement during the 2010-2011 school year.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Schmitt, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 9:35 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session for the continuation of discussion of topics discussed during an earlier executive session; i.e., to review the employment history of current and prospective employees, discuss negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law and current litigation.

On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Mr. Nathan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:10 p.m. to reconvene in public and immediately 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.