

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
November 23, 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
Mr. Edward Fox
Ms. Katy Keohane Glassberg
Ms. Young Kim
Mr. Raymond Schmitt

*Mr. Joshua Nathan, *President* – Arrived at 7:30 p.m.

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

On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Ms. Egan 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. Nathan, seconded by Ms. Slack and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 9:10 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:

- We had an enormously successful fall sports season. Who can forget the nail biting finish to the Rye Harrison football game? Well, the team went on to finish the season as league champions.
The Girls' Cross Country team was also league champion. Two of our students

ran in the state meet. Ellie Friedmann came in 53rd out of 118 female competitors and Taylor Love placed 13th among the 114 male runners.

The Boys Soccer Team made it to the quarter finals in the sectional playoffs.

Our Girls Field Hockey team finished its season as undefeated League and Conference Champions. It lost a tough Sectional Championship game against Lakeland.

The Girls Volleyball Team had a rebuilding year with a record that did not reflect the team's dedication and hard work.

Girls Tennis won the League Championship and sent several players to Sectionals in October.

Rye Girls Soccer finished the season as League, Conference, Section, and Regional Champions. In the State Tournament in Cortland last weekend, the team had a heartbreaking 2-1 loss to Garden City in double overtime as its season came to an end with a 22-1 record.

The Girls Swim Team also posted an undefeated season, making it League and Conference Champions. Five Rye swimmers and 1 diver traveled to States in Buffalo last week. Their individual and relay team results helped Section One's team win its 3rd consecutive Championship.

- Rye High School students distinguish themselves not just on playing fields, but also in the Arts.
Five vocal music students performed in the Area All-State Festival concert in early November. Faith Logan and Rob Keller were members of the Mixed Chorus; and Julie Iles, Roxie Pell, and Jenna Langbaum were members of the Women's Chorus.
- Congratulations to Michael Collins, Kaitlin Campbell and Lillian McCabe. These three Rye High School seniors each signed a National Letter of Intent last week committing to attend a specific college and to play a specific sport. Michael will enter SUNY Binghamton in the fall to play Lacrosse. Kaitlin will attend Boston College to participate in Crew and Lillian will enter Davidson College to play Basketball.
- 5th grade students from both Midland and Osborn schools took field trips to Philadelphia. As part of their American history studies, the students visited the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and the many other historic sites in Philadelphia.
- Mayor French answered questions from Osborn's 2nd grade students last week. This Cultural Enrichment activity supplemented the curriculum on "Communities" and was timed to coincide with elections in each of the 2nd grade classrooms.
- Well over 150 people participated in the November 17th Deane Flood Memorial Scholarship Run/Walk. This was the 19th annual Run/Walk. Thank you to Craig Sandhaus and everyone who participated in or contributed to the fund. To date,

this year's event has raised \$1,025 for scholarships.

- A reminder to the parents of middle and high school students:
The first quarter marking period ended on November 12th. Report cards will be mailed home tomorrow.
- The Rye community is always extremely generous and our students take "giving" to heart. This Thanksgiving is no exception. Rye students and their parents have donated to families in need.
From the hundreds of loaves of bread baked by students and donated to the Carver Center Food Pantry, to the Carver Center Thanksgiving Food Drive, vans of food, including turkeys, were sent to our neighbors in Port Chester.
Thanksgiving presents what we educators call "teachable moments" for families. Clearly, giving to others is one of those lessons.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for its continued generosity and for setting such a good example for our youngsters.
I also want to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving.

Hearing of the Public on Non Agenda Items

There were no communications from the public on non-agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consent Agenda Fiscal 8.02

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

General

Consent Agenda General 6.01

Recommended Action

That the Board approves the November 9, 2010 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 6.02

Approval of gift from the Japanese Parent Group of Rye High School and Rye Middle School in the amount of \$2,200, \$550 for Rye High School, \$550 For Rye Middle School, \$550 ELL program and \$550 Media Center.

Recommended Action

That the Board of Education accepts this gift from the Japanese Parent Group.

Fiscal

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.01

Recommended Action

That the Board approves the Agreement with Indian Head Camp to use their facilities from May 15, 2011 to May 19, 2011 for a fee of \$230 per person, with a minimum of 20 people.

(Attachment #I)

Consent Agenda – Fiscal 7.02

Recommended Action

That the Board approves the contract with Mr. Dave Wottle for an evening presentation on The College Process on January 6, 2011 at the rate of \$500 per day, plus lodging. (Attachment #II)

Consent Agenda – Fiscal 7.03

Recommended Action

That the Board approves the Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 31, 2010

(Attachment #III)

Consent Agenda – Fiscal 7.04

Recommended Action

That the Board of Education approves this transfer of \$22,705 to cover the reallocation to each school based on actual student enrollment. (Attachment #IV)

Consent Agenda – Fiscal 7.05

Recommended Action

That the Board approves the agreement with Lighthouse International for a total of \$9,000 for the 2010-11 school year. (Attachment #V)

Consent Agenda – Fiscal 7.06

Recommended Action

That the Board approves this agreement with Education, Inc. for a maximum of 272-800 hours at \$55 per hour for the 2010-11 school year. (Attachment #VI)

Professional

Consent Agenda – Professional 8.01

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Amendment of the Child Care Leave of Absence for Jaime Condon to be effective November 15, 2010 – June 30, 2011.

(Jaime Condon 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.)

Consent Agenda – Professional 8.03

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Amendment of the Leave Replacement Appointment of Cynthia LeClair Thom as an Elementary Teacher (Academic Intervention Services), for which she holds New York State Professional Certification in Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6 and New York State Permanent Certification in Pre K – Grade 6, assigned to Midland School, 1.0 FTE MA Step 7, of the 2010-2011 Teacher Salary Schedule \$76,618 (pro rated amount of \$31,797), effective September 1, 2010 – January 5, 2011. (Cynthia LeClair Thom was previously appointed as a Leave Replacement Teacher for Michele Kovalyk, effective September 1, 2010 – November 24, 2010 at the September 7, 2010 Board of Education Meeting. Michele Kovalyk is not expected to return until January 3, 2011.)

Consent Agenda – Professional 8.04

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Appointment of Michelle Tobias as a Teacher of Special Education on the Secondary Level, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Special Education, for Off-Campus Instruction, 2 hours plus one hour of prep time per week, at the Home Instruction Rate of \$49.89 per hour, effective September 7, 2010 – June 30, 2011.

Consent Agenda – Professional 8.05

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

EPEW	ACTIVITY	NAME	INDEX	10/11 STEP	10/11 STEP
HIGH SCHOOL – ATHLETIC – WINTER					
Girls Basketball	8 th Grade Coach	Valentine, Ashley	0 06500	0	3,490
Wrestling		Billington, Max			Volunteer
Boys Squash	Varsity	Bruno, Matthew	0 06500	0	3,490

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Appointment of John Gwardyak for Performing Arts & Visual Arts Technical services for the 2010-2011 school year at the following rates not to exceed \$5,000:

\$40.55 hourly rate – Monday to Thursday hourly rate

\$52.39 hourly rate – Friday to Sunday hourly rate

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:

James Angelo
 Deb Antonecchia
 Cristina Balsama
 Vanessa Caine
 Charles Carman

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Stephanie DiMartini-Loughran
Ed DiNunzio
Julie Divi
Leslie King
Lynn Kraut
Julianne May
Phyllis Reynolds
Judd Rothstein
Annette Russo
Pat Ryan
Karen Scoli
Dorothy Sorensen
Bob Steel
Kristen Warner

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That the Board approves the following to work as supervisors, ticket takers, chain crew, announcer, etc. at athletic events on an as needed basis throughout the 2010-2011 School Year:
Matthew Bruno
Joe Carlucci

Classified

Consent Agenda – Classified 9.01

Recommendation: That the Board approves request of Meghan Lorys for a Personal Leave of Absence from her position as a Teacher Aide for Special Education, assigned to Milton School, effective January 21, 2011 - June 24, 2011.

Consent Agenda – Classified 9.02

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Appointment of Andrew Dapolite as a Substitute Videographer at the rate of \$25.00 per hour for the 2010-2011 School Year.

Consent Agenda – Classified 9.03

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Per Diem Substitute Cleaner to be used on an as needed basis: Effective 11/29/10 – 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

Antony Pcter Maria Singam

Consent Agenda – Special Education 10.1

Recommended Action

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

Mr. Nathan expressed thanks on behalf of the Board of Education for the gift from the Japanese Parent Group of Rye High School and Rye Middle School in the amount of \$2,200, \$550 for Rye High School, \$550 For Rye Middle School, \$550 ELL program and \$550 Media Center.

Presentation/Discussion Items

Dr. Shine presented information on the current school enrollment after BEDS (Basic Educational Data System) Day in October for each of our schools for 2010 together with Dr. Bishop's projections. (Attachment # VIII) Dr. Shine discussed the challenges that the District and the Board face in regard to space issues, class size guidelines, birth to kindergarten ratios, personnel and staffing issues as well as the financial and budgetary implications of the district's growth. Members of the Board expressed concern about the fact that the projections are based upon what happened in the past and projecting that into the future. Other factors need to be considered, and the Superintendent was encouraged to explore some other forecasting tools.

Mr. Zahm requested that the full Bishop Report Projections, rather than extracts of the report, be placed on the school district's website. Mr. Zahm suggested an analysis of the carrying capacity for each elementary school building.

Dr. Shine will research enrollment trends of other school districts in Westchester.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 9:55 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, and current litigation.

On a motion by Mr. Schmitt seconded by Mr. Nathan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 11:20 p.m. to reconvene in public and immediately adjourn the meeting.

Elaine M. 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.