

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
February 14, 2012

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

Present:

Ms. Laura Slack, President
Mr. Raymond Schmitt, Vice President
Mr. Joshua Nathan
Ms. Kendall Egan
Mr. Edward Fox
Ms. Katy Keohane Glassberg
Ms. Karen Belanger

Dr. Edward Shine, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Mary Anne Evangelist, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Ms. Kathleen Ryan, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Ms. Elaine Cuglietto, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Ms. Slack called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. She welcomed those community members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Shine reported on recent activities and achievements throughout the District.

- At Midland, each third grade class recently enjoyed an Arctic presentation from the group, 2Hands 2Learn. They explored all of the Arctic cultures, geography, landscape, animals and food; and included an authentic snack. Midland is also participating in a series of Coupon Workshops being hosted by the Carver Center to assist local families in using coupons to buy groceries, and has set up a collection box in the school lobby. The Midland student council is currently holding a Coat Drive to benefit the Don Bosco center in Port Chester. They are collecting coats, sweaters, hats, gloves/mittens until February 24. Additionally, Midland thanks the parent volunteers who serve on the school's Recess Committee for providing more outdoor time for children.
- Students at Milton Elementary School participated in a Saint Jude Math-A-Thon and raised \$4,900 for Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Most students opted to have their prizes donated back to the patients at Saint Jude's. Milton also recently held its Art

Across America celebration for fifth graders, during which students shared their projects about important American people, places, and icons and provided a musical performance. The event concluded with a luncheon featuring food and drinks that are popular in various areas of the country.

- Osborn kindergartners performed the play, “Goin’ Buggy,” last week on February 9. Also last week, Osborn students enjoyed the Circus Arts program that visits our elementary schools each year. Third and fourth graders had the opportunities to demonstrate their new circus skills during two separate performances.
- Eighth grade students at the Middle School recently completed a science career project, for which they worked in pairs to interview professionals who utilize science in their careers. The students brainstormed questions to ask, conducted their interviews, and translated the information they obtained into research papers and posters that they presented in class. Pictured are students in Debra Davis-Galliard’s class presenting a “typical day in the life” of their interview subjects, summarizing the pros/cons, responsibilities, and educational requirements of the featured careers.
- Six Rye High School seniors have been named Finalists in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program Competition. After being recognized as Semifinalists this past fall, Molly Jordan, Alexander Mun, Leo Neuringer, Celia Palmer, Claire Pfister, and Gwendolyn Wiegold were selected as Finalists based on evaluations of information such as academic records, the school’s curricula and grading system, test scores, written recommendations, participation in activities and leadership, and essays. They are among approximately 15,000 students throughout the nation who are now eligible for scholarship awards.
- Rye High School sent two teams to the Regional Science Olympiad Competition this past Saturday and out of 32 teams from the Lower Hudson Valley our students won the following:
 - 6th Place in Disease Detectives: Jessica Jahnke & Claire Pfister
 - 6th Place in Geological Mapping: Jack McCartney & Ryan Ackert
 - 5th Place in Forensics: Will Frolich & Axel Hufford
 - 4th Place in Dynamic Planet: Axel Hufford & Bradley Krapes
 - 4th Place in Robot Arm: Liam Costino & Alex Reifsydner
 - 3rd Place in Magnetic Levitation: Jack McCartney & Nick Philip
 - 2nd Place in Water Quality: Jack McCartney & Nick Philip
 - Honorable Mention for Gravity Vehicle: Connor Murphy and Peter WhiteCongratulations to these students and their coach, Mrs. Leahy. The team also thanks Mr. Curella and Mr. Rodefeld for helping them prepare.
- The Middle School Jazz Band and High School Jazz Band, both directed by Dan Brown, along with the HS Jazz Lab Band, directed by Todd Beaney, put on an excellent show during the Winter Jazz Night recently at the Middle School. The students worked hard to prepare for this showcase and their practice paid off with a successful performance.

- The Girls Squash Teams recently went to the Pro Tournament of Champions at Grand Central Station. The Tournament was recently mentioned as one of the Top 10 Most Unusual Sporting Venues because of its temporary all glass viewing court. The Girls watched two professional matches then the tournament arranged for two of the Top 10 players in the world to do a Q & A with the girls and then play them on the famed court.

Hearing of the Public on Non Agenda Items

There were no communications from the Public.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

General

Consent Agenda General 6.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the January 24, 2012 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 6.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Minutes of January 31, 2012 as presented.

Consent Agenda General 6.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board adopts the following policies as amended after a full review, effective February 15, 2012. (Attachment # I)

- 6120 Fund Balance
- 6240 Investments and Deposits
- 6300 Bond, Revenue and Tax Anticipation Notes
- 6410 Authorized Signatures
- 6700.1 Contracted Services
- 6760 Construction Payment Procedures
- 6900 Disposal of District Property
- 9259 Non-Represented Employees

Consent Agenda General 6.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the \$10,000.00 anonymous gift for the Burke Scholarship Fund.

Consent Agenda General 6.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the gift of golf bags for the Boys Golf team from Rye High School Parent Organization procured from fundraising activities of the RHS Golf Teams, valued at approximately \$2,000.00.

Consent Agenda General 6.06

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the \$15,000.00 gift from David and Anna Reno with \$5,000.00 designated to each of the Midland School, Middle School and High School.

Consent Agenda General 6.07

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the \$3,248.10 gift from the Osborn Parent Teacher Organization for new sound equipment, electrical wiring and outlet repair work, and installation of new speakers at the Osborn School auditorium.

Fiscal

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves Participation in Cooperative Bids through SW BOCES (Attachment #II)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Contract for Health and Welfare Services with the Bedford Central School District for \$871.62 for the 2011/12 school year. (Attachment #III)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Contract for Health Services with Scarsdale Public Schools for \$901.31 for the 2011/12 school year. (Attachment # IV)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the RFP Consultant Services Agreement with Education, Inc. for the 2011/12 school year. (Attachment # V)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the 2011 contract with Mr. Bates for \$3,200. (Attachment # VI)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.06

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves Budget Transfer #17 in the amount of \$10,268.00 to reallocate Capital Fund accounts for Aramark work needed at Milton. (Attachment # VII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.07

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves Budget Transfer #18 in the amount of \$7,500.00, to reallocate Cafeteria Fund accounts for electrical improvement work started over the summer and architectural services for the design of work to repair the floor in High School kitchen. (Attachment # VIII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.08

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education increases the General Fund budget by \$31,241.74 for gifts.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.09

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Reports for November 2011, December 2011, and January 2012. (Attachment # IX)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.10

Recommended Action: That the Board of Education approves Budget Transfer # 19 in the amount of \$50,948.38 to realign budget codes to reflect appropriate type of expenses. (Attachment # X)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.11

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves Budget Transfer #20 in the amount of \$165,427.00 to reallocate custodial and maintenance code amounts to cover ongoing costs. (Attachment #XI)

Consent Agenda – Appointment 8.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves an additional School Physician for the 2011/12 school year to serve until the next organizational meeting or until a successor is appointed: Dr. Robert Cavallo.

Professional

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following for Extra Pay for Extra Work for the 2011-2012 school year:

	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>INDEX</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>RATE</u>
High School Athletic-SPRING					
TENNIS (Boys)	JV Coach	Caulway, Cari	0.06500	6	4,724
TENNIS (Boys)	Asst. to Var. Prog	Parsons, Mark		Volunteer	
TRACK	Asst. to Var. Prog. (Girls)	Guzinski, Ron	0.07500	6	5,450
Middle School - Spring					
BASEBALL	Modified 7/8 Coach (Red)	Garr, Dino	0.06500	6	4,724
SOFTBALL	Modified 7/8 Coach (Red)	Carman, Amy	0.06500	0	3,525
High School - Clubs					
Social	Improv Club	Blank, Matthew	0.03000	Volunteer	
Clubs	Sailing	Walsh, Claire		Volunteer	
Clubs	Sailing	Keen, Steve		Volunteer	

That the Board approves the following RCSD employees to work as timers, supervisors, ticket takers, chain crew, announcers, etc. at athletic events on an as needed basis throughout the 2011-2012 School Year:

Deanna DelBorgo

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of James Fatigate as a Driving and Traffic Safety Education Instructor at \$39.39 per hour, 40 hours per session, not to exceed 3 sessions for the spring of the 2011-2012 school year. This rate includes preparation time and is dependent upon enrollment.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following for ELA After School Support Work, at the rate of \$39.39 per hour not to exceed 18 hours each, effective February 28, 2012 – April 5, 2012 plus 1 hour of training each prior to February 28, 2012:

- Katrina Anderson
- Stacy Beitler
- Nanci DuPuis
- Marisa Galvin
- Jaclyn Osinoff
- Debora Rosado
- Courtney Santore
- Kaitlyn Sassone
- Alison Sheehy

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.04**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Amendment for the Additional Work as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>% of Salary</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Gregory Janos	Health & Wellness	2.5%	\$1,515.

(Gregory Janos was previously approved at \$67.35 per class for 6 out of 12 weeks at the January 10, 2012 Board of Education Meeting. This was done with the misunderstanding that it was one class per day. Health & Wellness is a program in place of the Physical Education class.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.05**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 2011-2012 School Year:

Hourly rate of pay as follows:

Teaching Assistant - \$20.47 is hourly rate of pay, Salary Step 1 of Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Unit Contract for the School Year.

Teaching Assistant for Special Education - \$24.97 is hourly rate of pay, Salary Step 1 of Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Unit Contract for the School Year.

Allison Weaver

Effective: January 23, 2012

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.06**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Salary Amendment of Nanci Dupuis, as a Leave Replacement Special Education Teacher, assigned to Midland School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 1 of the 2011-2012 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$60,356 (pro rated amount of \$20,521.04, effective January 11, 2012 – April 20, 2012.

(Nanci Dupuis was previously approved at an incorrect pro rated salary of \$18,437.86 at the January 24, 2012 Board of Education Meeting.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.07**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of Allison Weaver as a .9 FTE Teaching Assistant, for Special Education, Step 1 of the 2011-2012 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule \$24.97 per hour, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days a week, effective January 30, 2012 - June 22, 2012.

(Allison Weaver is replacing Steven Sciavillo who resigned effective at the close of business January 20, 2012. Allison Weaver has been a Substitute Teacher Aide, effective Dec 12, 2011.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.08

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the following Per Diem Substitute Teacher to be used only on an as needed basis for the 2011-2012 School Year at a daily rate of \$102.00 per day:

Name	Effective Date
Kristen Vasko	January 25, 2012
Michele Aulenti	February 2, 2012
Rachael Callahan	February 6, 2012
Louis Caratelli	February 15, 2012
Michelle Civetta	February 15, 2012
Kelly Dudek	February 15, 2012
Amanda Garey	February 15, 2012
Jade Giorgi	February 15, 2012
Sara Sabatino	February 15, 2012
Erika Stahl	February 15, 2012

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.09

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Resignation of AnnaMarie Andolina from her position as a Teaching Assistant for Special Education, assigned to Midland School, effective at the close of business January 24, 2012.

That the Board approves the Resignation of Thomas Durning from his position as a Teaching Assistant, assigned to Rye High School, effective at the close of business February 3, 2012.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.10

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Benit John as a Social Studies Teacher, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Social Studies 7-12, assigned to Rye School of Leadership, 1.0 FTE , BA Step 1 of the 2011-2012 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$54,229 (pro rated amount of \$10,845.80), effective February 1, 2012 – March 30, 2012.

(Benit John is replacing Geri Jones who is on a Child Care Leave of Absence.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.11

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following for 6th Assignment or Additional Pay Beyond Annual Salary: This additional assignment has been recommended in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement.

Name	Assignment	Frequency	% of Base Salary	Contract Rate
Peter Gouveia*	BRMS	½ year/spring	5%	\$6,000

(Peter Gouveia will be replacing Francesca Miller who was previously approved for this 6th Assignment.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.12

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Agreement By and Between The Rye City School District and the Rye Teachers Association (RTA) Concerning a Retirement Incentive Plan. (Attachment #XII)

Classified

Consent Agenda – Personnel 10.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Resignation of Carlos Huanca from his position as a Food Service Worker, assigned to Rye High School, effective at the close of business January 23, 2012.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 10.02

Recommended Action: That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Food Service Workers with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks:

Name	Pay Per Hour	Not to exceed	Days per week	Position	Location	Effective Date
Adriane Scott	\$12.00	32.5 hours per week	5	Food Service Worker	High School	2/15/12

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Food Service Worker to be used on an as needed basis for the 2011-2012 School Year:

Name	Pay Per Hour	Not to exceed	Days per week	Position	Location	Effective Date
Jesus DeJesus	\$10.50	30.00 hours per week	As needed basis	Food Service Worker	High School	1/31/12

Consent Agenda – Personnel 10.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Increase of Assignment for Jennifer Serena, as a Teacher Aide, at \$13.51 per hour, Step 1 of the 2011-2012 Teacher Aides/Teaching Assistants Salary Schedule, 2.5 hours per day, 5 days per week to a Teacher Aide, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective February 6, 2012.

(Jennifer Serena will be replacing Dolores Hausler who has resigned effective at the close of business February 29, 2012. Dolores Hausler is on an unpaid medical leave. Jennifer Serena is presently serving a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks, effective January 3, 2012.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 10.04

Recommended Action:

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

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 2011-2012 School Year is:

Column A - \$15.97*

Column B - \$21.35*

Column C - \$22.19*

Column D - \$24.27*

Column E - \$26.35*

Column F - \$29.53*

Michelle Civetta

Effective: February 15, 2012

Consent Agenda – Personnel 11.01

Recommended Action:

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

Mrs. Slack acknowledged that the Board approved an anonymous gift of \$10,000 for the Burke Scholarship Fund; a \$2,000 gift from the High School PO for golf bags for the Boys Golf Team; a \$15,000 gift from David and Anna Reno with \$5,000 designated to each of the Midland School, Middle School, and High School; and a \$3,248.10 gift from the Osborn PTO for new sound equipment, electrical writing and outlet repair work, and installation of new speakers at the Osborn School auditorium.

PRESENTATION /DISCUSSION

13.01 Bond Referendum Update

Assistant Superintendent for Business Kathleen Ryan provided a presentation on financial information regarding the bond referendum. (Attachment #XIV)

Armand Quadrini of KSQ Architects presented a summary of the District Capital Project Status Update, outlining the components of the bond referendum and the reductions that have been made since the December vote. (Attachment #XV).

13.02 Special Education Opportunities Review

Mr. Nate Levenson of the District Management Council presented a Special Education Opportunities Review, providing his report and recommendations to the Board of Education. (Attachment #XVI)

Ms. Slack asked for public comment on the presentations of the evening. Mr. John Borchert middle school science teacher, community members Mr. Bertrand deFrondeville and Ms. Nancy Pasquale commented on the special education

Adjournment:

On a motion by Ms. Egan seconded by Mr. Nathan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:45 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session to review current negotiations.

On a motion by Ms. Slack seconded by Ms. Keohane-Glassberg and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 12:15 a.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