

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
March 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Slack at 7:05 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

* Mr. Josh Nathan arrived at 9:30 p.m. after the Board's recess to receive the vote tallies on the bond referendum question.

On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Mr. Schmitt 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 review current litigation.

On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Mr. Schmitt and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 8:00 p.m. to reconvene in public.

Ms. Slack welcomed those community members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Shine reported on the following happenings around the school district.

- As a culmination to a third grade lesson on Greek mythology, Midland students each picked one god or goddess to research and dress up as for a presentation to parents and guests. The children provided a few clues, and parents were asked to guess which god/goddess they were representing. Everyone enjoyed traditional Greek foods to celebrate the event. Midland students also celebrated their 11th annual Great Midland Read Aloud in honor of what would have been Dr. Seuss' 108th birthday. Each child from 1st to 4th grade went back to last year's teacher for reunions during which they read Dr. Seuss books. The kindergartners went to their fifth grade 'buddy' classes where the older children read to the younger ones.
- In commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, retired U.S. Navy Captain Michael Fierro and current U.S. Navy Captain Cindy Thebaud visited Milton School recently to speak to students about the Navy and the War of 1812. They discussed the role of the US Navy, life on board a Navy ship, the importance of math and science to their careers, and much more. Students greeted them with musical performances.
- Osborn students had the opportunity to meet and write with poet and teacher Ted Scheu. Mr. Scheu has authored several poetry books, and will visit more classes tomorrow. Osborn students continue to enjoy the school garden, and have been busy preparing to make stepping stones to put in the interior courtyard. Also coming soon to the garden is a worm bin, as well as 32 bird houses from the PTO that students will decorate and hang.
- The Parson Street Players recently performed Pippin, under the direction of Mr. Michael Limone. The cast, dancers, ensembles, and crew members all did an exceptional job making each of the three shows a success.
- The following teams have received the Scholar Athlete Team Award from New York State Public High School Athletic Association for the winter season: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Ice Hockey, Boys Swimming & Diving, Boys Track & Field, and Girls Track & Field. This distinction requires that athletes of each team earn a combined average of 90 or above. Congratulations to the Boys Varsity Squash Team for taking a third place national title at the 2012 High School Squash Championships, which 155 teams competed in. The team is ranked second out of all public high school squash teams in the country. Congratulations also go out to senior Taylor Love, who competed at the New York State Winter Track Championships at Cornell University on March 3rd. He finished 4th in the State in the 1600 Meter Run.

Hearing of the Public on Non Agenda Items

Ms. Slack announced that they would be honoring a request to have individuals speak before the bond referendum results were delivered later in the meeting.

Ms. Dorothy Sorensen addressed the Board representing the Secretarial/Clerical School Nurse and Computer Aide unit speaking against the FTE position reductions in the Superintendent's recommended budget for the 2013-2014 school year and its negative impact on all students of the school district.

Ms. Slack thanked the group for attending the meeting and voicing their concerns. She reminded them that there are still two future Board of Education meetings before the adoption of the Superintendent's recommended budget and that the Board will be deliberating until that time.

Osborn Elementary 1st grade teacher Ms. Rosemary Marszycki, addressed the Board of Education on behalf of her colleagues at Osborn School referencing school policy #2265 Shared Decision Making and School Based Planning. Ms. Marszycki stated that the Osborn teachers, staff, parents, and community members want greater participation in the search for the new Osborn School Principal.

Osborn School PTO Co - President Ms. Molly Howson addressed the Board of Education regarding the selection of the next Osborn School Principal. Ms. Howson requested a more collaborative process in selection of their new principal.

Ms. Slack addressed the community advising them that the Board appreciates the input from the faculty and parents regarding the search process for the new Osborn School Principal. The Board has considered the most effective process. Giving great weight to our excellent professional search firm and that it is essential to keep the process as confidential as possible. The Board does value community input and has asked Dr. Shine to conduct focus groups with the faculty and parents to gain insight. Dr. Shine and the new Superintendent together with input from the Board of Education will be responsible for the interviewing and selecting of the new Osborn School Principal.

Ms. Slack announced that the following items were removed from the Consent Agenda: Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.02, Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.04, and Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.08

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Ms. Egan seconded by Mr. Schmitt and carried (6-0) to approve the following items:

General

Consent Agenda General 6.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the February 28, 2012 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 6.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Action Physics Textbook Conceptual Physics - 11th edition for use in the schools. (Attachment #I – Evaluation of Textbook)

Fiscal

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.01

Recommended Action:

Approval of Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement governing NYCLASS. (Attachment #II)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Contract for Health and Welfare Services with the Tarrytown Union Free School District for \$1,346.00 for the 2011/12 school year. (Attachment #III)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the contract with Susan Skaf for French and Spanish translation services for the 2011-2012 school year. (Attachment #IV)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.06

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the SEDCAR-1 Agreement with HTA of New York for the 2011/12 school year. (Attachment #V)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.07

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the SEDCAR-1 Agreement with Fred S. Keller School for the 2011/12 school year. (Attachment #VI)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.09

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the SEDCAR-1 Agreement with Program for Little Learners for the 2011/12 school year. (Attachment #VII)

Professional

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Resignation of Robert McKiernan from his position as Assistant Principal for Guidance and Student Support Services, assigned to Rye High School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2012.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of Debra Bobson, from her position as a Special Education Teacher, assigned to Osborn School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2012.

That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of Craig Sandhaus, from his position as a Special Education Teacher, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2012.

That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of Marci DeRario, from her position as a Special Education Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2012.

That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of Susan Lovequist, from her position as a Home and Careers Teacher, assigned to Rye Middle School and Rye High School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2012.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the request by Traci Tasso for a Child Care Leave of Absence, from her position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Osborn School, effective September 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013.

(Traci Tasso was previously approved for Personal Leave of Absences, effective September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010, September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 and a Child Care Leave of Absence, effective September 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Amendment of the Child Care Leave of Absence of Noreen Kennedy to be effective February 29, 2012 – June 30, 2012.

(Noreen Kennedy was previously approved for a Child Care Leave of Absence effective on or about her estimated due date of March 9, 2012 – June 30, 2012 at the January 10, 2012 Board of Education Meeting.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the request by Maureen Gallagher for a Personal Leave of Absence, from her position as a Special Education Teacher, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013.

That the Board approves the request by Kevin Barrett for a Personal Leave of Absence, from his position as a Social Studies and an English Teacher, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013.

That the Board approves the request by Laura Cunningham-Barrett for a Personal Leave of Absence, from her position as a Special Education Teacher, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.06

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>	11/12 <u>STEP</u>	11/12 <u>RATE</u>
ATHLETIC	Assistant to Program	Pusateri, Theresa (4/2-6/30)	0.06000	6	4,360
High School - Clubs					
Sports	Weight Lifting & Fitness(Spring)	Plato, Jonathan	0.01500	3	942

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.07

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:

Danielle McGuire	Effective: February 16, 2012
Kristi Rachiele	Effective: February 16, 2012
Sophie Berry	Effective: March 9, 2012

Classified

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of Lisa DePauw as a Teacher Aide, with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks assigned to Osborn School 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, effective March 5, 2012.

(Lisa DePauw is replacing Jennifer Serena who was approved for an Increase in Assignment to a 6.5 hour a day Teacher Aide at the February 14, 2012 Board of Education Meeting. Lisa DePauw was previously approved as a Substitute Teacher Aide, effective January 25, 2012 at the January 24, 2012 Board of Education Meeting.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 10.01

Recommended Action:

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

Board President Laura Slack noted that the Board approved the resignation of Rye High School Assistant Principal for Guidance and Student Support Services Mr. Robert McKiernan, effective June 30, 2012. Also approved were the retirements of four staff members; Debra Bobson, Marci DeRario, Susan Lovequist, and Craig Sandhaus. Ms. Slack noted that there will be more opportunities to thank these individuals for their service and contributions to the District and our students as we approach the end of the school year in June.

Items removed from the Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.02

Recommended Action:

After discussion and clarification by Ms. Ryan, on a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (6-0)

That the Board approves the proposal from KSQ Architects PC for the architectural and engineering services required for the replacement of two ventilation systems at the MS/HS that have failed or exceeded their useful life, at a cost of \$17,500. The Board authorizes the Board President to sign a contract amendment prepared by Alex Ferrini. (Attachment #IX)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.04

Recommended Action:

After discussion and clarification by Ms. Ryan, and Friendly Amendment motion by Mr. Fox, accepted by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (6-0)

That the Board of Education increases the Lunch Fund budget by \$155,000.00 to accommodate for larger than expected program participation and to amend the resolution to show the increase of the Lunch Fund on the revenue side as well.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.08

Recommended Action:

After discussion and clarification by Ms. Ryan, on a motion by Ms. Belanger, seconded by Mr. Schmitt and carried unanimously (6-0)

That the Board of Education approves Budget Transfer #21 in the amount of \$184,258.92, to reallocate funds to cover various BOCES expenditures. (Attachment #X)

Presentation/Discussion

Ms. Slack advised the public that the Board would take a short recess at approximately 8:55 p.m. to receive the vote tallies on the referendum question.

Dr. Edward Shine and Assistant Superintendent for Business Kathleen Ryan provided information on the proposed 2012-13 school year budget. Dr. Shine summarized details of the budget, noting a tax levy of 1.96% [within the tax levy cap], and Mrs. Ryan provided a presentation explaining the budget breakdown, mandates, and changes from last year.

At: 8:50 p.m. a short recess was taken by the Board of Education to review bond vote results.

Bond Vote Results

Ms. Slack reconvened the meeting at 9:25 p.m. At that time, District Clerk Elaine Cuglietto announced the results of the Bond Vote including absentee ballot totals.

Yes Votes: 1843

No Votes: 1048

On a motion by Mr. Nathan, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (7-0) to certify the election results. (Attachment #X)

Mrs. Ryan continued her detailed description of the 2012-13 Superintendent's Recommended Budget. A detailed discussion was held by members of the Board of Education regarding the recommended budget.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Ms. Glassberg seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 9:52 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 10:25 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.