

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
April 18, 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
Mr. Edward Fox
Ms. Kendall Egan
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

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

On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Mr. Schmitt and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 8:08 p.m. to reconvene in public.

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

Hearing of the Public on Non Agenda Items

Mr. Jim Amico addressed the Board regarding the issue of crossing guards at various locations throughout the school district. Mr. Amico asked the Board to once again work closely with the City of Rye to have additional crossing guards installed for pedestrian safety and the safety of children.

Mr. Jeff Miller addressed the Board advising them that on Friday June 8, 2012 an event entitled Relay for Life, a charity event to benefit the American Cancer Society would be held at Rye Town Park. Mr. Miller has asked the Board for permission to borrow folding tables and chairs to be used at the event. He would like a variance from the policy to allow the tables to be loaned. He will pick up the tables and chairs and deliver them back to Osborn School. Dr. Shine will review the request. If Board action is needed, it will be taken by the Board at the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Slack announced that the following item was removed for further discussion from the Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda Fiscal 6.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board adopts a 2012-13 General Fund budget of \$73,580,000.

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

General

Consent Agenda General 5.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Boys' Swimming/Diving Team merger application (Attachment # I)

Fiscal

Consent Agenda Fiscal 6.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Contract for Health and Welfare Services with Greenburgh Central School District No. 7 for \$846.37 for the 2011/12 school year. (Attachment # II)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 6.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education increases the General Fund budget by \$3,400.00 for gifts.

Professional

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board not approve the request by Therese McDonough for an unpaid Personal Leave of Absence, from her position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Milton School, effective September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013.

(Therese McDonough has been previously approved for Child Care Leaves of Absence, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 and September 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Resignation of Therese McDonough from her position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Milton School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2012.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Resignation of Zachary Papas from his position as a Teaching Assistant for Special Education, assigned to Milton School, effective at the close of business June 22, 2012.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Amendment of the Child Care Leave of Absence of Kristin Castaldi to be effective March 29, 2012 - June 30, 2012.

(Kristin Castaldi was previously approved for a Child Care Leave of Absence effective on or about her estimated due date of April 7, 2012 – June 30, 2012 at the January 14, 2012 Board of Education Meeting.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Michaela McCabe as a School Psychologist, for which she holds New York State Provisional Renewal Certification as a School Psychologist, assigned to Milton School, 1.0 FTE , MA + 30 Step 7 of the 2011-2012 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$81,342 (pro rated amount of \$23,995.89), effective April 3, 2012 – June 30, 2012.

(Michaela McCabe will be replacing Joanna Diaco who will be on a Child Care Leave of Absence. Michaela McCabe was previously approved as a Per Diem Substitute Psychologist, effective September 1, 2011 at the September 27, 2011 Board of Education Meeting.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.06

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Amendment of the Leave Replacement Appointment of Chad Charney as a Special Education Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, 1.0 FTE, BA Step 1 of the 2011-2012 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$54,229 (pro rated amount of \$21,691.60), effective March 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012.

(Chad Charney was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Special Education Teacher, on an as needed basis at the BA Step 1 daily rate, effective March 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012 at the February 28, 2012 Board of Education Meeting.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.07

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the following Appointments as IEP Reader on an as needed basis at the rate of \$221.74 per month per location, April 3, 2012 – June 30, 2012:

Michaela McCabe (Michaela McCabe will be replacing Joanna Diaco who will be on a Child Care Leave of Absence.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.08

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:

Eunice Lanfranchi

Effective: April 19, 2012

Effective: March 13, 2012

Manuel Mirabel

Classified

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Resignation of Janice Morgan from her position as a Teacher Aide, assigned to Midland School, effective at the close of business April 27, 2012.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Substitute Nurses to be used only on an as needed basis for the 2011-2012 School Year:

Hourly rate of pay as follows:

School Nurse, - \$38.06* hourly rate of pay, Salary Step 1 of the Secretarial/Clerical/School Nurse and Computer Aide Unit Salary Schedule for the 2011-2012 School Year:

Sharon Zaicek

Effective: April 19, 2012

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointments of the following Substitute School Monitor/Traffic Control:

NAME	Pay Per Hour	# of Hours	Days Per Week	Position	Location	Effective Date
Donna Accurso	\$30.00/hr.	2	5	School Monitor/Traffic Control	District Wide	4/18/12

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.01

Recommended Action:

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

Items Removed from Consent Agenda

Superintendent Dr. Shine and Assistant Superintendent for Business Mrs. Ryan led a presentation outlining the proposed 2012-13 budget. (Attachment # IV)

The Board engaged in a detailed discussion regarding many items including: The cost of maintenance of district vehicles, the possibility of removing portable classrooms at Midland and Osborn Schools, the possibilities for relocation of the Central Administration Building at 411 Theodore Fremd Avenue upon lease completion in June 2014, the high school and middle school locker room renovations as well as the costs associated with the public information consultant.

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education regarding their concerns surrounding the school budget for 2012-13: Ms. Margaret Mead, Ms. JoAlyce Newgaard, Mr. Craig Dreeves, Ms. Jamie Jensen, Ms. Megan Keough and Mr. Robert Zahm. After hearing comments from the public and discussing details of the budget, the Board unanimously adopted the proposed 2012-13 budget of \$73,580,000.

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

Consent Agenda Fiscal 6.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board adopts a 2012-13 General Fund budget of \$73,580,000.

The Board unanimously approved a proposed budget of \$73,580,000. with an estimated tax rate increase of 1.75% after much discussion and following comments from the community. This budget, which carries a tax levy increase of 1.94% and a budget-to-budget increase of 2.33%, will be voted on during the May 15, 2012 budget vote and election. More detailed budget information will be shared via the District's newsletters and website, www.ryeschools.org in the upcoming weeks.

Ms. Slack discussed wording of a Joint Resolution that will be reviewed and discussed with the Rye City Council at the Joint Council Meeting scheduled for Saturday April 21, 2012.

Communications To/From the Board

Mr. Fox advised the Board that he previously indicated to administration about an infestation of insects in two classrooms at Osborn School. Mr. Fox stated that he was advised this evening that the problem has not been solved. Dr. Shine advised Mr. Fox that the issue was

previously addressed and there is a continuing problem that is being continuously worked on.

Mr. Fox also asked that the discussion of usage of school district vehicles be reviewed and discussed with the Board before the Summer Planning Session of the Board.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Ms. Egan seconded by Mr. Nathan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:15 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session the employment history of current and prospective employees.

On a motion by Ms. Slack seconded by Ms. Keohane-Glassberg and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 11:15 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.