

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
June 12, 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. Joshua Nathan
Mr. Edward Fox
Ms. Kendall Egan
Ms. Katy Keohane Glassberg
Ms. Karen Belanger

Excused:

Mr. Raymond Schmitt, Vice President

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 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 review current litigation.

On a motion by Ms. Slack, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 8:05 p.m. to reconvene in public.

Ms. Slack welcomed those community members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board of Education President Laura Slack read, on behalf of the entire Board, a letter to parents in response to the recent reports of alleged hazing involving certain Rye High School students. The letter may be viewed on the District's website www.ryeschools.org, where previous statements regarding this matter are also posted. (Attachment # I)

Ms. Slack announced that several times a year, the Board of Education presents Extra Mile Awards to individuals or groups who have gone above and beyond in their contributions to the District. At this meeting, Board Members presented Extra Mile Awards to several individuals who have made great contributions to the District. Kendall Egan presented an Extra Mile Award to Middle School teacher Mary Henwood for her exceptional work as a coach to the Girls Varsity Basketball Team. Katy Keohane-Glassberg presented an Extra Mile Award to Middle School teacher Craig Dreves, in recognition of his work with the Reach Out Rye student volunteer organization. Edward Fox presented an Extra Mile Award to District Clerk and Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Elaine Cuglietto for successfully overseeing and carrying out three elections this year. Josh Nathan honored Superintendent of Schools Dr. Shine, who will retire as of July 1, for the 16 years of leadership and service he has provided to the District.

In addition to these awards, Board Member Karen Belanger recognized the PTO and PO volunteers who contribute so greatly to the District, thanking them for their many efforts. She presented gifts of appreciation to the five retiring PTO/PO leaders: Megan Keough (RHS), Susan Ciardiello (RMS), Maryann Cassidy (Midland), Margaret Mead (Milton), and Molly Howson (Osborn).

Hearing of the Public on Non Agenda Items

Mr. Bertrand deFrondeville addressed the Board inquiring as to the reason why the students arrested in the alleged hazing incident were not changed to Juvenile Court.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Slack announced that the following item was removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration at a future Board of Education meeting.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.08

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the admission of five new non-resident, tuition paying students for 2012/13.

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

General

Consent Agenda General 6.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Informal Minutes of the Joint Meeting with the City Council of April 21, 2012 as presented.

Consent Agenda General 6.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the May 8, 2012 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 6.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the May 9, 2012 as presented.

Consent Agenda General 6.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the May 15, 2012 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 6.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Minutes of May 24, 2012 as presented.

Consent Agenda General 6.06

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the renewal of Experimental Middle School Status.

Consent Agenda General 6.07

Recommended Action:

The policies/regulation listed below have been provided to the Board for Information at the May 8, 2012 Board Meeting and presented for Discussion at the May 15, 2012 Board Meeting. They are ready for adoption, effective July 1, 2012.

- 1800 Gifts to the District from the Public
- 2560 Registration of Voters
- 4531 Educational Trips
- 5110 School Attendance Areas and Enrollment Options
- 6334 Use of Credit Cards
- 9110.4 Employees with HIV-Related Illness
- 9160 Personnel Records
- 9320 Drug-Free Workplace
- 9330 Tobacco Use on School Premises by Staff
- 9520.2 Family and Medical Leave
- 9610 Staff Substance Abuse
- 9610-R Staff Substance Abuse Regulations

Consent Agenda General 6.08

Recommended Action:

That the Board authorizes curriculum development from the 2012-2013 budget allocation for Biz Wiz for the 2012-2013 Curriculum Council agenda. (Attachment #II)

Consent Agenda General 6.09

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the gift of approximately \$1,261.00 from the Middle School Parent Organization for a variety of purposes, including \$260.00 for 15 pack of pedometers; \$415.00 for peer mediation training material; \$250.00 for classroom subscription to Scholastic Science student magazine; and \$336.00 for art supplies.

Consent Agenda General 6.10

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the \$6,000.00 gift from David E. Retik & Christopher D. Mello Foundation for the Christopher Mello Scholarship.

Consent Agenda General 6.11

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the \$4,320.00 gift from the Milton School Parent Teacher Organization for a SmartBoard at the Milton School.

Consent Agenda General 6.12

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the \$50,551.50 gift from the Midland Parent Teacher Organization which includes: \$4,100.00 for gym mat; \$4,320.00 for a SmartBoard; \$11,366.50 an 8 unit laptop cart; \$20,895.00 for a 16 unit laptop cart; and \$9,870.00 for Portable Slates.

Fiscal

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board awards the request for proposal for banking services to Webster Bank, N.A (Attachment #III)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Non-Resident Tuition Rates for 2012/23 of \$19,250 for K-5 students and \$24,080 for 6-12 students. (Attachment #IV)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the attached resolution provided by bond counsel, Orrick, Herrington, & Sutcliffe LLP, to refinance two outstanding bond issues at lower interest rates, for a total issuance of a principal amount of \$14,140,000. (Attachment # V)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the proposal from Annese & Associates, Inc. for the replacement of the call manager equipment and software used by the District's Voip system, at the NYS Office of Government Services price of \$118,557.20. (Attachment # VI)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Non-RFP Consultant Services Agreement with A & T Healthcare for the 2011/12 school year. (Attachment # VII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.06

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the contract with Kaplan, Inc. for SAT and ACT test preparation for \$599 - \$949 per student for the 2012/13 school year. (Attachment # VIII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.07

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves a tuition rate of \$36,760 per student for the Rye School of Leadership for 2012/13.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.09

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Contract for Health and Welfare Services with the City School District of New Rochelle for \$21,868.98 for the 2011/12 school year. (Attachment #IX)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.10

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Contract for Health and Welfare Services with the Pelham Union Free School District for \$1,010.46 for the 2011/12 school year. (Attachment # X)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.11

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the District Network Support Service contract extension with CCC Computer Center at a fixed annual cost of \$200,340 for 2012/13. (Attachment # XI)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.12

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the attached Facility Use Rental Fees for the 2012/13 school year. (Attachment # XII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.13

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Kids' S.P.A.C.E. contract for the 2012/13 school year, as attached, at a rate of \$300. (Attachment # XIII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.14

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the amendment to Consultant Services Agreement with Kim Wilson-Gerardi, PT, for the 2011/12 school year. (Attachment # XIV)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.15

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Award of the RFP for Copy Machine Maintenance Services to Canon Business Solutions, Inc. in 2012/13 for \$36,600.00 for 6,000,000 annual guaranteed volume allowance. (Attachment # XV)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.16

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves Budget Transfer #28 in the amount of \$5,160.00, to cover Extra Pay for Extra Work. (Attachment # XVI)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.17

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves Budget Transfer #29 in the amount of \$22,370.97, to cover athletics travel expenses. (Attachment # XVII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.18

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves of Budget Transfer #30 in the amount of \$23,012.31, to cover Reading A – Z and instructional supplies. (Attachment # XVIII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.19

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the contract with Luboslava Antonyova for Polish translation services for the 2011-2012 school year. (Attachment # XIX)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.20

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the increase in the General Fund budget by \$55,871.50 for gifts.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.21

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for April 2012.

Professional

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Three Year Probationary Appointment of Jennifer Johnson, as an Assistant Principal for Guidance and Student Support Services, pending New York State Initial Certification as a School Building Leader, assigned to Rye High School, at a 2012-2013 salary of \$145,000, effective July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Three Year Probationary Appointment of Stephanie Zanotta as a Social Studies Teacher, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Social Studies 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 4 of the 2012-2013 Salary Schedule, \$69,584 (pending final review of transcripts), effective September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015.

Recommendation:

That the Board approves the Three Year Probationary Appointment of Andrew Lask, as a Special Education/Science Teacher, pending New York State Initial Certification in Special Education, who currently holds New York State Initial Certification in Biology 7-12, New York State Initial Certification in Chemistry 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, 1.0 FTE, MA +30 Step 1 of the 2012-2013 Salary Schedule, \$64,218, effective September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.03**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Andrea Garavanta as a Social Studies Teacher, for which she holds New York State Conditional Initial Certification in Social Studies 7-12, assigned to Rye Middle School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 6 of the 2012-2013 Salary Schedule, \$75,835 (pending proof of level of education), effective September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013.

That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Sabrina Costa as an Elementary Teacher, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), assigned to Midland School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 7 of the 2012-2013 Salary Schedule, \$78,932 (pending final review of transcripts), effective September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.04**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Kaitlyn Sassone for teaching an in-service course on June 26, 2012 at the rate of \$39.39 per hour plus one hour of prep time for every two hours of teaching, not to exceed \$354.51.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.05**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the following Appointments for General Education Summer School at Rye Middle School, effective July 9, 2012 – July 27, 2012:

Name	Stipend	Total*
Michele Haiken	\$39.39/hr.	\$2,658.83
Aleksey Vodyanitskiy	\$39.39/hr.	\$2,658.83

*For every two hours of class time – teacher will be paid an additional hour at the same rate of pay for preparation time.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.06

Recommended Action: That the Board approves the following appointments as ELL Summer School Teachers, effective July 9, 2012 – July 27, 2012:

Name	Stipend	Stipend*
Loretta Calandrucchio	\$39.39/hr.	\$2,658.83
Stacy Beitler	\$39.39/hr.	\$2,658.83

*For every two hours of class time – teacher will be paid an additional hour at the same rate of pay for preparation time.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.07

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Probationary Appointment of Helaina Winnicki as a .9 FTE Teaching Assistant for Special Education, Step 6 of the 2012-2013 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule \$29.86 per hour, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days a week, effective September 4, 2012 – June 21, 2013.

(Helaina Winnicki was a Teacher Aide for Special Education, effective January 24, 2008.

Helaina Winnicki was a Leave Replacement Teaching Assistant for Special Education, effective September 12, 2011. Helaina Winnicki will be replacing Zachary Papas who resigned effective at the close of business June 22, 2012.)

Classified:

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of Linda Ritacco from her position as an Account/Clerk Typist, assigned to Rye City School District, Central Administration Building, Business Office, effective at the close of business June 30, 2012.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Probationary Appointment of Glenn Westerink as a Teacher Aide, with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks, Step 2 of the 2012-2013 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule \$14.35 per hour, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days a week, effective September 4, 2012 – June 21, 2013.

(Glenn Westerink was a Teacher Aide effective May 13, 2011. Glenn Westerink was a Leave Replacement Teacher Aide effective September 6, 2011. Glenn Westerink will be replacing Sarah Shiboski who resigned effective at the close of business June 22, 2012.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following for Rye High School Graduation for the 2011-2012 school year:

Name	Assignment	Amount
Dan LaTerra	Technician	\$50.00/hr.
Andrew Dapolite	Director	\$25.00/hr.
Hayley Orr	Set-up, Filming & Breakdown	\$15.00/hr.
Daniel Maclaury	Set-up, Filming & Breakdown	\$15.00/hr
Jake Nurick	Set-up, Filming & Breakdown	\$15.00/hr
Anna Kotyza	Set-up, Filming & Breakdown	\$15.00/hr
Chris McGinnis	Set-up, Filming & Breakdown	\$15.00/hr
Alexander Reifsnyder	Set-up, Filming & Breakdown	\$15.00/hr

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Theresa Pusateri	Substitute Security & Traffic Control	\$25.00/hr.
Sara Linehan	Substitute Security & Traffic Control	\$25.00/hr.
Annette Russo	Traffic Control	\$30.00/hr.

(Technician not to exceed 6 hours, Director not to exceed 6 hours. Set-up, Filming & Breakdown not to exceed 3 hours each. Security & Traffic Control not to exceed 5 hours.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the following to work as a supervisor, ticket taker, chain crew, announcer, etc. at Drama/Musical events on an as needed basis throughout the 2011-2012 School Year:

Name	Effective Date
Lynda Barchetta	May 15, 2012
Heather Camacho	May 15, 2012
Ligia Rende	May 15, 2012

Consent Agenda – Special Education 10.01

Recommended Action:

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

Ms. Slack acknowledged that The Board approved a number of gifts to the District with great gratitude. These include a \$1,261 gift from the Middle School PO for a variety of purposes, a \$6,000 gift from the David E. Retik and Christopher D. Mello Foundation for the Christopher Mello Scholarship, a \$4,320 gift from the Milton School PTO for a SMARTBoard, and a \$50,551.50 gift from the Midland PTO for a gym mat, SMARTBoard, 2 laptop carts, and portable slates. Mr. Fox acknowledged that this evening the Board adopted a resolution to refinance two outstanding bond issues at lower interest rates, for a total issuance of a principal amount of \$14,140,000 from 2005 and 2003. The expectation is to save the district in the next ten years over one million dollars in interest costs.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

College Placement Report for the Class of 2012

- High School Principal Patricia Taylor presented a report on college placements for the Class of 2012. The report outlined data and statistics regarding college admissions, applications, Advanced Placement courses, and more. Mrs. Taylor noted that for the 226 seniors in the Class of 2012, 1,605 applications were processed for 303 different colleges. (Attachment # XXI)
- Review of the proposed 2012-13 Food Service Department Budget and Capital Improvements Food Service Director John Rubbo presented a review of the proposed 2012-13 Food Service Department Budget and Capital Improvements. (Attachment # XXII)

- Presentation on Energy Performance Contract Proposals by Fuller D'Angelo (Attachment # XXIII)
- Preliminary Review of fund balance and reserve projections for June 30, 2012, including tax certiorari reserve. Assistant Superintendent for Business Kathleen Ryan presented a report on fund balance and reserve projections for June 30, 2012, including tax certiorari reserve. (Attachment # XXIV)

Communications To/From the Board

Ms. Slack stated that this is the time of the school year Board Members express their interest in being considered for the Officer Positions of President and Vice President of the Rye City School District Board of Education for the upcoming school year. Ms. Slack indicated that she would be interested in continuing in the Office of President of the Board of Education. Ms. Katy Glassberg indicated that she would be interested in the position of Vice President of the Rye City School District Board of Education. There were no other communications from the Board Members.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Nathan, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 10:40 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of current and prospective employees.

On a motion by Ms. Slack seconded by Ms. Glassberg and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 11:30 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.