

**MINUTES**  
**RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room**  
**August 9, 2011**

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  
And  
Dr. Edward Shine, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Kathleen Ryan, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Ms. Elaine Cuglietto, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Excused:

Ms. Karen Belanger

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 and review current litigation.

On a motion by Mr. Nathan, seconded by Ms. Slack 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.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**General**

**Consent Agenda General 4.01**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the June 21, 2011 Minutes as presented.

**Consent Agenda General 4.02**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the June 24, 2011 Minutes as presented.

**Consent Agenda General 4.03**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the June 28, 2011 Minutes as presented.

**Consent Agenda General 4.04**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the July 1, 2011 Minutes as presented.

**Consent Agenda General 4.05**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the July 11, 2011 Minutes as presented.

**Consent Agenda General 4.06**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the July 13, 2011 Minutes as presented.

**Consent Agenda General 4.07**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the July 19, 2011 Minutes as presented.

**Consent Agenda General 4.08**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the July 27, 2011 Minutes as presented.

**Consent Agenda General 4.09**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Avon Capital Corporation's ("ACC") request for a three (3) month extension to December 31, 2011. (Attachment #I)

**Consent Agenda General 4.10**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education approves the \$2,750.00 gift from the Rye High School Class of 2011 for a new Class of 2011 Scholarship fund. The intent is for a \$250.00 scholarship per year for the next 11 years to recognize a graduating Rye High School senior who demonstrates integrity, leadership, respect, loyalty, honesty, compassion, and courage.

**Fiscal**

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 5.01**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education approves Budget Transfer #36 in the amount of \$191,277.94, to cover several BOCES and one business office expense codes. (Attachment # II)

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 5.02**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education approves Budget Transfer #37 in the amount of \$22,808.48, to cover equipment expense codes. (Attachment # III)

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 5.03**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education approves Budget Transfer #38 in the amount of \$92,900.00, to cover the write off of older special aid programs receivable from the state. Note that the Board of Education previously approved the write off of these older receivables on 6-14-11. (Attachment # IV)

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 5.04**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education approves Budget Transfer #39 in the amount of \$47,871.80, to clear negative balances in transportation account codes. Funds are being transferred from other transportation codes and one instructional code. (Attachment # V)

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 5.05**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education approves Budget Transfer #3 in the amount of \$18,000.00, to cover computer aid for private and parochial schools. (Attachment # VI)

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 5.06**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education approves Budget Transfer #4 in the amount of \$13,025.00, to cover payments for the High School main office copier. (Attachment # VII)

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 5.07**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education approves Budget Transfer #5 in the amount of \$13,000.00, for instructional reading materials. Funds are being transferred from a BOCES reading program account. (Attachment # VIII)

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 5.08**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the agreement with TheraCare Preschool Services, Inc. for the 2010/11 school year. (Attachment # IX)

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 5.09**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the contract with Dramatic Pragmatics for 2011-12. (Attachment # X)

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 5.10**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board awards the items on Bid #11-12-001 to the recommended lowest, responsive vendors on the attached list for the purchase of Food and Beverage products during the 2011-12 school year. (Attachment # XI)

**Consent Agenda Fiscal 5.11**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for June 2011. (Attachment # XII)

**Professional**

**Consent Agenda – Personnel 6.01**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Resignation of Judith Sanseverino as a Part Time ESL Teacher, effective at the close of business June 30, 2011.

**Consent Agenda – Personnel 6.02**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Jennifer Tavalacci as an Elementary Teacher, pending New York State Initial Certification in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), assigned to Midland School, 1.0 FTE, MA, Step 6 of the 2011-2012 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$74,348, effective September 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012.

That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Jamie Downs as an Elementary Teacher, for which she holds New York State Professional Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), assigned to Midland School, 1.0 FTE, MA, Step 8 of the 2011-2012 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$80,476, effective September 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012.

**Consent Agenda – Personnel 6.03**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of Chad Charney as a Permanent Substitute Teacher on the Secondary Level, pending New York State Initial Certification in Social Studies 7-12, assigned to Rye High School/Rye Middle School, at the rate of \$107 per day, effective September 6, 2011 – June 22, 2012.

That the Board approves the Appointment of Andrew Lask as a Permanent Substitute Teacher on the Secondary Level, pending New York State Initial Certification in Chemistry 7-12, assigned to Rye High School/Rye Middle School, at the rate of \$107 per day, effective September 6, 2011 – June 22, 2012.

That the Board approves the Appointment of Sara Linehan as a Permanent Substitute Teacher on the Secondary Level, pending proof of continuous enrollment in a Teacher Certification

program, assigned to Rye High School/Rye Middle School, at the rate of \$107 per day, effective September 6, 2011 – January 27, 2012.

**Consent Agenda – Personnel 6.04**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of Geri Jones as a General Education Teacher at the rate of \$39.39 per hour for scoring New York State Regents exams administered in August and attending CSE meetings, not to exceed 30 hours, effective August 10, 2011 – August 31, 2011.

That the Board approves the Appointment of Hillary Krane as a General Education Teacher at the rate of \$39.39 per hour for attending CSE meetings, not to exceed 10 hours, effective July 27, 2011 – August 31, 2011.

That the Board approves the Appointment of Paul Blank as a General Education Teacher at the rate of \$39.39 per hour for proctoring and scoring New York State Regents exams administered in August and attending CSE meetings, not to exceed 30 hours, effective August 10, 2011 – August 31, 2011.

That the Board approves the Appointment of Annette Keslinger as a Speech Language Therapist at the rate of \$39.39 per hour for CSE, 504 Meetings and Evaluations not to exceed 20 hours, effective August 1, 2011 – August 31, 2011.

That the Board approves the Appointment of Nicholas Apiscopa as a General Education Teacher at the rate of \$39.39 per hour for attending CSE meetings, not to exceed 20 hours, effective August 2, 2011 – August 31, 2011.

That the Board approves the Appointment of Connor Dowling as a General Education Teacher at the rate of \$39.39 per hour for attending CSE meetings, not to exceed 20 hours, effective August 2, 2011 – August 31, 2011.

That the Board approves the Appointment of Kathryn Dowling as a General Education Teacher at the rate of \$39.39 per hour for attending CSE meetings, not to exceed 20 hours, effective August 2, 2011 – August 31, 2011.

That the Board approves the Appointment of April Colarusso as a General Education Teacher at the rate of \$39.39 per hour for attending CSE meetings, not to exceed 20 hours, effective August 4, 2011 – August 31, 2011.

That the Board approves the Appointment of Barbara Gaines as a Speech Language Therapist at the rate of \$39.39 per hour for CSE, 504 Meetings and Evaluations not to exceed 20 hours, effective August 4, 2011 – August 31, 2011.

That the Board approves the Tracey Barnett for Additional Summer Work for Special Education on an as needed basis at her hourly rate of pay of \$50.08 for CSE/504 Meetings, not to exceed 20 hours, effective August 2, 2011 – August 31, 2011.

**Consent Agenda – Personnel 6.05**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Increase in Assignment of Kerri Winderman from a 0.4 FTE Teacher on Special Assignment/Elementary Staff Developer, to a 0.6 FTE Teacher on Special Assignment/Elementary Staff Developer and Testing Coordinator, MA +30 Step 16 for 5 months, MA +30 Step 17 for 5 months of the 2011-2012 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$108,797 (pro rated amount \$65,278.20), effective September 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012.

**Consent Agenda – Personnel 6.06**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves Debra Fishman at the rate of \$39.39 per hour for a total of 18 hours to provide training for teachers in grades K and 1 for the Journeys Program, not to exceed \$709.02 total, effective August 1, 2011 – August 31, 2011.

**Consent Agenda – Personnel 6.07**

**Recommended Action:**

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

Adimari, Lynn  
Anechiarico, Laura  
Antico, Jessica  
Anzalone, Mary  
Arcara, Marina  
Baine, Elizabeth  
Baoine, Elizabeth  
Baker, Linda  
Bilotta, Angela  
Brody, Gayle Miller  
Caggiano, Dominick  
Calandrucchio, Frank  
Capellano, Michele  
Charles, Tracy  
Cicatelli, Thomas  
Conner, Elaine  
Corallo Balentine, Paola  
Corelli, Nancy  
Cuddy, Christianne  
Davis, Lauren  
DeAngelo, Francesca  
DeMarco, Colleen  
DiBenedetto, Anthony  
Dupuis, Nancy  
Fillat, Lisa  
Fiorille, Gail

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Kehlenbeck, Valerie  
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Levine, Aaron  
Litt, Marci  
Little, Kathleen  
Loddo, Jeffrey  
Logan, Nancy  
Lynch, Leslie  
Maloney, Regina  
Martins, Amarilis  
Maurer, Carol  
McCarthy, Richard  
McConway, Vanessa  
Miscimarra, Lauren  
Mohr, Daniel  
Monte, Rosemary  
Nye, Deborah  
O'Gallagher, Alyssa  
O'Neill, Brittanie  
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**Consent Agenda – Personnel 6.08**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointments for Extra Pay for Extra Work, for the 2011-2012 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Index</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nicole Fernandes	JV Coach	0.0750	3	\$4,708.
Amanda Champion	JV-B Coach	0.0750	1	\$4,271.

(Ashley Valentine was previously approved as a JV-B Coach at the June 28, 2011 Board of Education Meeting. Ashley Valentine resigned from the position. Amanda Champion will be replacing Ashley Valentine.)

**Classified**

**Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.01**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of Amy Damascus 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, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 6, 2011. (Amy Damascus will be replacing Jane Fitzpatrick who resigned from this position, effective at the close of business June 30, 2011. Amy Damascus was previously a Leave Replacement Teacher Aide, effective January 31, 2011 – June 24, 2011.)

**Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.02**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Videographers:

**Robert Rodriguez** as substitute camera person for the taping of Rye City School District Board of Education Meetings for the 2011-2012 school year at the hourly rate of \$35.56.

**Joel Louis Ferdinand** as substitute camera person for the taping of Rye City School District Board of Education Meetings for the 2011-2012 school year at the hourly rate of \$35.56.

**Travis LaBella** as substitute camera person for the taping of Rye City School District Board of Education Meetings for the 2011-2012 school year at the hourly rate of \$35.56.

**Consent Agenda – Special Education 8.01**

**Recommended Action:**

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



**Presentation/Discussion Items**

The District's recently appointed architects, KSQ Architects, presented a District Capital Planning Status Update as well as a Conceptual Estimate Summary and Conceptual Estimate for New Classroom Addition. The presentation focused on the following areas:

**Science Addition Program Review**

**Parking Relocation**

**Scoping Plans**

**Current Infrastructure Needs**

**Regulation Field and Proposed Relocation of Field House Options**

**Preliminary Cost Analysis**

Next steps will include review of:

**Soil Borings**

**Transportation Analysis**

**Further Develop Exterior and Architectural Character**

An in depth detailed discussion commenced regarding the space options for the middle school and the high school among Board of Education Members, together with input from community members Denise Cypher, Terry DeBartolo, Adele Centanni, Jim Culyer, Megan Keough, Nancy Pasquale and Mary Emory.

The full presentation and other information regarding space and enrollment options at the Middle School and High School can be viewed by visiting the Capital Project Central section of our District's website.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Mr. Nathan seconded by Mr. Schmitt and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 10:47 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session to review the employment history of current and prospective employees,

On a motion by Mr. Nathan seconded by Mr. Slack and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 11:25 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](http://www.ryeschools.org)). Click on District and on Board of Education.