

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
October 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Slack at 7:03 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* Arrived At 7:08 p.m.
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 8:10 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 shared news from throughout the District's schools.

- Students at Milton spent last week learning the arts of juggling, walking on stilts, balancing objects, diablo, devil sticks, spinning plates, and clowning during a Circus Arts program series led by guests from the National Circus Project. The week of practicing in physical education classes culminated with a special fourth grade show held last Friday night. The students did an excellent job and impressed all present as they demonstrated a variety of challenging circus acts.

- Midland is gearing up for its annual school-wide talent show, which will be held on November 16th for second- and third-graders and November 17th for fourth- and fifth- grade students. Both shows will begin at 6 p.m. The registration deadline is November 1st. Save the date for the enthusiastic evenings of student performances that will include music, dancing, magic, and many other acts.
- The Osborn inner courtyard is now festive for fall thanks to several students from each grade and their scarecrow-making skills. Garden coordinator and teacher aide Anne Mottola worked with children all last week in creating scarecrows using old clothing and shoes donated by families, as well as other materials. Students did an excellent job working together in groups to build their scarecrows.
- Each elementary school will hold a Halloween parade on Monday, 10/31. The schedule is as follows: 1:30 p.m. for Osborn, and 2 p.m. for both Midland and Milton. There will be a separate parade for Osborn kindergarten children this Thursday, 10/27, at 10:45 a.m.
- The Rye Middle School Theatre will perform *Willy Wonka* on Friday, Nov. 4 and Saturday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 PM in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and students; senior citizens are admitted free.
- The Parson Street Players performed *Our Town* last weekend and as always, presented outstanding, entertaining shows thanks to the hardworking cast, directors, and behind-the-scenes crews.
- Congratulations to the Garnets football team for their 9th straight win in the annual Rye-Harrison game. This year, the game ended in a 17-7 Garnets victory. The game against our neighbors is always an exciting event for the entire community.

Hearing of the Public on Non Agenda Items

Matt Cunningham, addressed the Board referencing a recent communication he sent to the Board and the Administration encouraging the Facilities Committee to research the use of white coating in its roof repairs.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

General

Consent Agenda General 6.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the October 4, 2011 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 6.02

Recommended Action:

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

Consent Agenda General 6.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board authorizes the Superintendent of schools to sign contracts for approved IEP out-of-district placements during the 2011-2012 school year.

Consent Agenda General 6.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education Approves the \$2,500 gift from the Rye Neck PTSA for Heard in Rye.

Consent Agenda General 6.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the \$1,500.00 gift from the Midland School Parent Teacher Organization for Heard in Rye.

Consent Agenda General 6.06

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the \$2,260.00 gift from Bernard S. Chen for the Rye High School Athletic Program.

Fiscal

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the RFP Consultant Services Agreement with Creative Tutoring, Inc. for as-needed the 2011/12 school year at \$55 per hour. (Attachment # I)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the contract with Ann Fleming Brown for a parent and student college process presentation the evening of January 5, 2012, in the amount of \$500. plus lodging. (Attachment # II)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves Budget Transfer #7 in the amount of \$6,400.00, to cover the cost of Extra Pay for Extra Work, for a district wide web advisor. Funds are being transferred from “New Positions Undistributed” budget account. (Attachment # III)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the consulting agreement with Friends of Rye Nature Center for environmental science programs for a total sum not to exceed \$10,000.

(Attachment # IV)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the contract with Marienella Nelson for the 2011-2012 school year at the rate of \$50.00 per hour. (Attachment # V)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.06

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Award of RFP for School Security Consultant Services to N.J.B. Security Services, Inc., as of October 26, 2011- June 30, 2012 for an estimated total of \$78,076.00.

Professional

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the request by Lisa Tennaro for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Osborn School, effective on or about her estimated due date of January 31, 2012 – June 30, 2012.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the request by Nicole Chiffrieller for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as an Art Teacher, assigned to Rye High School and Rye Middle School, on or about her estimated due date of April 22, 2012 through the 1st Semester of the 2012-2013 School Year.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.02

Recommended Action:

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

			11/12	11/12
	ACTIVITY	NAME	INDEX	STEP RATE
ATHLETIC	Assistant to Program	Pusateri, Theresa	0.14000	6 8,843

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(Theresa Pusateri will be replacing Gregory Janos effective October 11, 2011 - April 1, 2012. Gregory Janos was in the position from September 1, 2011 – September 28, 2011 and his salary was pro rated.)

Recommendation: 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:

Kristi-Leigh Linnin
Desiree Mion

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.03

Recommended Action:

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

Name	Assignment	Frequency	% of Base Salary	Contract Rate
Anthony Campbell	Art	½ year/spring	5%	\$ 5,347
Bendis Mani	Art	½ year/spring	5%	\$ 3,641

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Increase of Assignment of Laura Evans from a 0.7 FTE Music Teacher to a 0.7152 FTE Music Teacher, assigned to Milton School and Osborn School, PhD Step 10 of the 2011-2012 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$100,296. (pro rated amount of \$71,503.03, effective October 17, 2011.

(This increase is to include the one extra 30 minute class each week Laura will be teaching which was not included in the previous assignment recommendation.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Amendment of the Probationary Appointment of Joseph Mannozi as a Media Specialist as follows:

That the Board approves the Two-Year Probationary Appointment of Joseph Mannozi as a Media Specialist, for which he holds New York State Professional Certification as a Library Media Specialist, assigned to Rye High School, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012.

(Joseph Mannozi was previously approved for a Three-Year Probationary Appointment, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013 at the August 17, 2010 Board of Education Meeting. Joseph Mannozi has provided proof that he previously received tenure in New York City.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.06

Recommended Action: That the Board approves the Amendment of the following Appointments for Extra Pay for Extra Work for the 2011-2012 school year:

	ACTIVITY	NAME	INDEX	11/12 STEP	11/12 RATE
Middle School Spec. Performances (Musical Review)-Fall					
Special Performances	Director	Snowden, Thomas	0.04500	1	2,562.
Special Performances	Music Director	Beaney, Todd	0.04200	6	3,052.

(Thomas Snowden and Todd Beaney were previously approved as Co-Directors and Co-Music Directors at one half the indexes at the September 27, 2011 Board of Education Meeting.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.07

Recommended Action: That the Board approves the Amendment of the following 6th Assignment

Name	Assignment-RMS	Frequency	% of Base Salary	Contract Rate
Michele McRedmond	CSI: Rye	2 sections/sem	15%	\$ 18,001

(Michele McRedmond was previously approved at the incorrect rate of \$19,001 at the July 11, 2011 Board of Education Meeting.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.08

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:

Name	Effective Date
Suzanne Adams	October 17, 2011
Steve Verille	October 25, 2011

Classified

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of Frank Rogewitz as a Cleaner with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks, assigned to Rye High School and Rye Middle School, on Step 1 of the 2011-2012 Custodial Unit Salary Schedule \$41,180 plus 5% night differential (pro-rated amount of \$28,192.46 plus night differential), effective October 26, 2011.

(Frank Rogewitz will be replacing Lidio Solano who was reassigned to Midland School, effective September 19, 2011.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Amendment of the following SAT/PSAT Proctors:

Rate of pay is dependent upon assignment – Daily rate of pay as per The College Board is as follows: Double Time-\$235.00; Extended Time - \$187.00; Hall Proctor - \$100.00;

Room Proctor \$125.00

Antonyova, Luboslava

Antico, Jessica

Apiscopa, Nick

Audevard, Tom

Baione, Elizabeth

Brown, Joseph

Camacho, Heather

Carman, Charlie

Cayea, Janea

D'Addario, Nesta

Dapolite, Andrew

DioGuardi, Debby

Downs, Jamie

Dreves, Craig

Flick, Jim

Jergans, Charles

Kennedy, Barbara

Kennedy, Kevin

Linehan, Sally

Magnotta, Rosa

Maher, Nora

Montesano, Jennifer

Moreno, Monica

Morgan, Janice

O'Gallagher, Deborah

Papas, Zachary

Sciavillo, Sally

Sciavillo, Samantha

Sciavillo, Steve

Shah, Gira

Velez, Amber

Vavasour, Peter

Verilli, Steve

Wagner, Todd

Williams, Erica

(SAT/PSAT Proctors were previously approved at the September 27, 2011 Board of Education Meeting. We have since been notified that the rates have changed. This amendment has the change of rates. The amendment also includes one additional name, Charles Jergans. The College Board pays the proctors directly for SAT proctoring.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.03

Recommended Action:

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

Hourly rate of pay as follows:

Teacher Aide - \$13.51 is hourly rate of pay, Salary Step 1 of Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Unit Contract for the School Year.

Teacher Aide for Special Education – \$18.01 is hourly rate of pay, Salary Step 1 of Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Unit Contract for the School Year:

Maureen Fennelly

October 19, 2011

Michele Cappellano

October 26, 2011

Ms. Slack acknowledged that the Board approved a \$2,500 gift from the Rye Neck PTSA for Heard in Rye, and a \$1,500 gift from the Midland PTO for Heard in Rye.

ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Slack explained that the Board would first review Action Item 12.01 Resolution for SEQRA and Action Item 12.02 Resolution of Necessity. Following would be a presentation by the administration relative to Action Item 12.03 Bond Resolution.

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

Action Item 12.01 Resolution for SEQRA (Attachment # VI)

Ms. Slack asked for Board questions or comments and for Public questions or comments on the Resolution of Necessity.

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

Ms. Egan asked Dr. Shine to explain the Resolution of Necessity. Dr. Shine explained the need for the Resolution of Necessity noting Exhibit A, explaining the legal requirement and explained that the next three action items would necessitate a roll call vote.

Action Item 12.02 Resolution of Necessity (Attachment #VII)

Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Laura Slack – Yes

Raymond Schmitt – Yes

Joshua Nathan – Yes

Edward Fox – Yes

Kendall Egan – Yes

Katy Keohane – Glassberg – Yes

Karen Belanger – Yes

Dr. Shine together with Ms. Kathleen Ryan, the District's Assistant Superintendent for Business, led a Bond Referendum Presentation summarizing the preliminary debt cost impact of the bond. (Attachment #VIII) Using the District's financial advisors, the debt cost impact will be refined and reported in future communications.

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

Motion of Acclamation:

For all dates that are listed in **Action Item 12.03 Bond Resolution and Action Item 12.04 Resolution to establish Election Day,**

The date of December 15, 2011 is to be changed on all documents to December 13, 2011 and Rye City School's District Clerk Elaine Cuglietto is to make appropriate date changes to be in compliance.

Action Item 12.03 Bond Resolution

A motion was made by Ms. Glassberg, seconded by Mr. Schmitt to accept the Superintendent's Recommendation for the Bond Resolution dated October 25, 2011 in the amount of \$19,996,000.

Ms. Slack noted that a Super majority of five votes is required to pass this resolution.

Ms. Slack announced that the motion was open to questions and comments from the Board and from the Public.

The following community members, parents, architect and school administrators addressed the Board expressing their opinions on what was to be considered by the Board this evening:

Ms. Jennifer Boyle submitted a signed petition that gathered close to 250 additional names of individuals in support of the full bond, Terry DeBartolo, Armand Quadrini, Megan Keough, Parent Teacher Organization Presidents and Co-Presidents; Ellie Kelly, Karen Meyers, Margaret Mead, Mindy Gray, Susan Ciardello, Kim O'Connor, Allison Kim and Molly Howson. Further communication was received by Sue O'Brien parent and realtor; Rye High School Principal Patricia Taylor, Nina McGinty, Charmion Neary, Jamie Jensen, Former Board of Education Member Young Kim, Nancy Pasquale, Michael White, Mary Emory, Jim Keenan

Action Item 12.03 Bond Resolution (Attachment # IX)

Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Laura Slack – Yes

Raymond Schmitt – Yes

Joshua Nathan – Yes

Edward Fox – Yes

Kendall Egan – No

Katy Keohane – Glassberg – Yes

Karen Belanger – Yes

The Bond resolution passes with a super majority vote of (6 – 1) with Ms. Egan voting No.

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On a motion by Mr. Schmitt seconded by Mr. Fox and carried (7-0) to approve the following action item:

Action Item 12.04 Resolution to establish December 13, 2011 as Election Day.

(Attachment # X)

Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Laura Slack – Yes

Raymond Schmitt – Yes

Joshua Nathan – Yes

Edward Fox – Yes

Kendall Egan – Yes

Katy Keohane – Glassberg – Yes

Karen Belanger – Yes

The referendum will be voted upon on December 13, 2011 from 7:00 am-9:00 pm, at the Middle School. The District will be providing materials about the project in the upcoming weeks. All information will be posted on the "Capital Project Central" section of the District website, www.ryeschools.org.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Fox seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:45 p.m. to 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.