

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
November 29, 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
Ms. Kendall Egan
Mr. Edward Fox
Ms. Katy Keohane Glassberg
Ms. Karen Belanger

Absent:

Mr. Joshua Nathan - Excused

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 (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.

Hearing of the Public on Non Agenda Items

Mr. Robert Zahm requested an itemized listing of bond costs that parallels the original list that was posted on the district's website in August.

Mr. Zahm also inquired if after the district finished calculating net impact for tax payers whether the rate of state aid was included. Ms. Ryan explained the process of reimbursement of state aid and what is eligible for state aid.

Mr. Zahm reminded the Board that he was interested in participating on the Finance Committee.

Mr. Zahm reminded the Board that he submitted a FOIL request for student assessment data discussed at an earlier meeting and he looked forward to receiving this data in the near future.

Attorney Julian Wise of the law firm Schulte Roth & Zabel, addressed the Board on behalf of one of his clients. Mr. Wise announced that his client wishes to donate \$1.7 million for a new field and field house at Rye High School. The donation will be made anonymously. This covers half the total cost, estimated at \$3.4 million, and the donor has asked that others agree to raise the other \$1.7 million dollars.

Mr. Martin Gerson addressed the Board regarding funding of the bond issue, financial projections, enrollment projections, fund balance and school tax rates.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consent Agenda General 6.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board award bid #11-12-007 for Athletic Equipment Reconditioning, to Stadium Systems, Inc. at the cost of \$470.80 aggregate "per item" sub-total.

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

General

Consent Agenda General 5.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the November 15, 2011 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 5.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the \$2,500.00 gift from The Parents' Organization of Rye High School, for Heard in Rye.

Fiscal

Consent Agenda Fiscal 6.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Consultant Services Agreement with St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester for the 2011/12 school year. (Attachment #I)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 6.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the contract with Marilyn Friend, Inc. for consultation and professional development related to co-teaching not to exceed the sum of \$9,400. (Attachment #II)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 6.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the contract with Staff Development Associates to work with collaborative teams to effectively implement a co-teaching model not to exceed the sum of \$5,600. (Attachment #III)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 6.05

Recommended Action:

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

Consent Agenda Fiscal 6.06

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education increases the budget by \$3,970.00 for gifts to be deposited to the General Fund.

Professional

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.01

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:

Lizza Reyes-Clark	November 30, 2011
Michael Bonet	November 30, 2011
David Byrnes	November 30, 2011
Samantha Felder	November 30, 2011
Kevin McCormick	November 30, 2011
Dean Wegweiser	November 30, 2011

Classified

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Substitute Cleaners to be used on an as needed basis:

Effective 11/30/11 - 6/30/12

Step 1 of Custodial Unit Contract for Cleaner

\$19.80 per hour for days and \$20.79 per hour for nights for the 2011-2012 school year

Jared Andreassi

Raymond Colwell

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Termination of Employee #9069, effective November 30, 2011.

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 #V)

Ms. Slack acknowledged that The Board approved a \$2,500 gift from the Rye High School PO for Heard in Rye and thanked the parent organizations for all of their generosity.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

After discussion and clarification, on a motion by Mr. Fox to amend the resolution, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried (6-0) to approve the resolution as amended:

Consent Agenda Fiscal 6.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board award bid #11-12-007 for Athletic Equipment Reconditioning, to Stadium Systems, Inc. at the per unit costs set forth opposite each item on the attached bid. (Attachment #VI)

Presentation/Discussion

Ms. Claudia Glass of Accume Partners, the District's internal auditing firm, provided a Presentation of Internal Audit on Special Education and Updated Risk Assessment. The reports covered the special education internal audit scope and objectives, definitions of internal audit ratings, internal audit findings, and a risk assessment update for the 2010-11 fiscal year. (Attachment #VII)

Rye City School District's Assistant Superintendent for Business, Mrs. Kathleen Ryan led a presentation on Fiscal Constraints & Challenges for the 2012-13 Budget. Mrs. Ryan identified budget drivers, listed below, and provided information regarding their impact to the budget. (Attachment #VIII)

2012-13 Budget Drivers

Mandated Retirement System Contributions
Continued Enrollment Growth
Collective Bargaining Status
Health Insurance Premiums for Active & Retired Staff
Added Testing and Reporting Requirements
Technology Plan Projects
Debt Service Changes
Utility Cost Increases
State Aid and Other Non-Tax Revenues
Changes in Taxable Assessment and Tax Certiorari Refunds
NEW Tax Levy Cap Law Overview

The Board then reviewed and discussed aspects of the following Board Policies and Regulations:

- Policy #4526 - Computer Network for Education,
- Board Regulations - Regulations for District Employee Computer Network Acceptable Use and Internet Safety - #4526-R1,
- Board Regulations - Regulations for Elementary Schools Grades K – 5 Internet Acceptable Use Regulations - #4526-R2, and
- Board Regulations - Regulations for Rye Middle School/Rye High School Student Computer Use and Internet Safety - #4526-R3,

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Fox seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted at 10:00 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.