

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
December 13, 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
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

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

There were no communications from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

General

Consent Agenda General 5.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board adopts the Mandarin II curriculum for use in the schools.

Consent Agenda General 5.02

Recommended Action:

The policy and regulations listed below have gone through the prescribed steps and the Board adopts them, effective immediately.

4526 Computer Network for Education

4526-R2 Elementary Schools Grades K-5 Internet Acceptable Use Regulation

4526-R3 Regulations for Rye High School Student Computer Use and Internet Safety

(Attachment # I)

Consent Agenda General 5.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the gift of fifteen new home uniforms for the boys' varsity basketball team, from Mike and Laurel D'Antoni, valued at approximately \$2,000.

Consent Agenda General 5.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the \$4,000 gift from the Niehaus Family Foundation for the Niehaus Family Scholarship Fund.

Fiscal

Consent Agenda Fiscal 6.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Resolution to amend the Rye City School District 403(b) Retirement Plan. (Attachment #II)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 6.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education increases the General Fund budget by \$170.00 for gifts.

Professional

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Salary Amendment of Suzanne Adams from a Per Diem Substitute Teacher at the rate of \$102 per day to a Leave Replacement Teacher, 1.0 FTE , MA Step 3 of the 2011-2012 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$64,749 (pro rated amount of \$22,338.21), for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in English Language Arts 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, effective October 17, 2011 – January 27, 2012.

(Suzanne Adams has been substituting in the same assignment for Noreen Kennedy as of October 17, 2011.)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Salary Amendment of Chad Charney from a Permanent Substitute Teacher at the rate of \$107 per day to a Leave Replacement Teacher, 1.0 FTE , BA Step 1 of the 2011-2012 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$54,229 (pro rated amount of \$22,233.89), pending New York State Initial Certification in Social Studies 7-12 and pending New York State Initial Certification in Special Education, assigned to Rye High School,

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effective September 27, 2011 – January 27, 2012.

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(Chad Charney has been substituting in the same assignment for Marci DeRario who is on a Medical Leave as of September 27, 2011.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following for 6th Assignment or Additional Pay Beyond Annual Salary:

This additional assignment has been recommended in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement.

Name	Assignment	Frequency	% of Base Salary	Contract Rate
Patricia Caponera*	Math	2 additional labs/week	4%	\$2,734

*Effective December 14, 2011

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.03

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:

Marco Matos

Effective: December 14, 2011

Classified

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Resignation of Amy Lori from her position as a Food Service Worker, assigned to Rye High School, effective at the close of business December 2, 2011.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Increase of Assignment for Robin Roudé, as a Teacher Aide, at \$13.51 per hour, Step 1 of the 2011-2012 Teacher Aides/Teaching Assistants Salary Schedule, 2.5 hours per day, 5 days per week to a Teacher Aide, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective January 3, 2012.

(Robin Roudé will be replacing Mary Kelly who has resigned effective at the close of business December 22, 2011.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following Per Diem Substitute Secretarial Clerical Worker to be used on an as needed basis:

Rate of pay is dependent upon the civil service title of the position being substituted for –

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Hourly rate of pay is as follows:

Step 1 of Secretarial Clerical School Nurse and Computer Aide Unit Contract for the 2011-2012 School Year is:

Column A - \$15.97*

Column B - \$21.35*

Column C - \$22.19*

Column D - \$24.27*

Column E - \$26.35*

Column F - \$29.53*

Donna Accurso

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*Salary pending contract settlement

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following 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:

Allison Weaver

Effective: December 12, 2011

Jennifer Serena

Effective: December 14, 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 # III)

Ms. Slack acknowledged that The Board approved a gift of fifteen new uniforms for the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team from Mike and Laurel D'Antoni, valued at approximately \$2,000, as well as a gift from the Niehaus Family Foundation in the amount of \$4,000 for the Niehaus Family Scholarship Fund. Ms. Slack thanked both the D'Antoni and Niehaus families for their generosity.

Presentation/Discussion

College Placement Report

Rye High School Principal Patricia Taylor and Assistant Principal for Guidance Robert McKiernan presented a College Placement Report highlighting college application statistics.

They reported that for the Class of 2012, 974 total college applications were submitted as of December 7. Of these applications, 488 were early action/priority, and 88 were early decision.

The report also summarized achievements, Advanced Placement statistics, academic changes, and initiatives at the High School. Mrs. Taylor announced that Ann Fleming Brown will visit the High School on January 5, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, for a program offering insight about the college admission program.

The Board declared a recess at 8:52 p.m. to view the closing of the election polls in the middle school gymnasium and will reconvene after the polls close and elections result is determined.

Bond Vote Results

Ms. Slack reconvened the meeting at 9:45 p.m. At that time, District Clerk Elaine Cuglietto announced the results of the Bond Vote.

Yes Votes: 1471

No Votes: 1777

Numbers are Inclusive of absentee ballots. There remains an additional ten (10) Affidavit ballots not yet counted that would require voter eligibility confirmation from the Westchester County Board of Elections.

On a motion by Mr. Schmitt, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (7-0) to certify the election results. (Attachment #V)

Ms. Slack read a prepared statement expressing the disappointment of the Board of Education in the defeat of this bond. Ms. Slack stated that the defeat of this bond will not end this Board's commitment to finding a solution to the enrollment issue. This Board will continue our dedication to the education of the children in the district.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Schmitt seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 9:52 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.