

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
February 28, 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. 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
Ms. Elaine Cuglietto, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Ms. Slack called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. She welcomed those community members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Hearing of the Public on Non Agenda Items

Mr. Robert Zahm addressed the Board of Education stating his concern about the financial Sustainability of the Rye City School District community. He voiced his concerns regarding growth in school district spending and commensurate growth of taxation, funding reserves, tax cap compliant budgets, funding surplus and future tax increases.

Rhonda Papert SEPTA President, addressed the Board of Education regarding the recently conducted District Management Council Special Education Opportunities Review Ms. Papert urged the Board to use caution before making any changes that might affect the district's most vulnerable students.

Vicky Edmond addressed the Board of Education representing some of Rye's International families and Expatriates of the school community stating that over 40 families have showed their support for the school bond on March 13, 2012 by submitting a letter to the Rye Record. Ms. Edmond stated that although many cannot vote as they are not citizens, they do encourage all Rye residents and Rye based landlords that are able to vote on March 13th, to vote "Yes" in support of the bond.

Martin Gerson addressed the Board of Education stating his opinions on the budget process and its presentation to the public regarding revenue, taxation, and the Boards commitment to a 2% tax cap.

Bertrand deFrondeville addressed the Board of Education regarding actual to budget increases rather than budget to budget increases. He addressed the issues of enrollment, the upcoming school bond and the timeframe for construction if the bond is approved.

Community Member Judy Keller addressed the Board of Education and asked them to address the community giving them some sense of what will happen if the bond referendum of March 13th does not get the approval of the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

General

Consent Agenda General 5.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the February 11, 2012 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 5.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the February 12, 2012 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 5.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the February 14, 2012 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 5.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the February 16, 2012 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 5.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the election inspectors and Board of Registration for March 13, 2012. (Attachment # I)

Consent Agenda General 5.06

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the \$1,500.00 gift from the Osborn PTO, for bus transportation for the Osborn fifth grade to see Wicked at the Gershwin Theatre on March 21, 2012.

Consent Agenda General 5.07

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the \$10,052.50 gift from the Midland PTO for repair and finish purchasing components for Midland School's enhanced audio system.

Fiscal

Consent Agenda Fiscal 6.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Contract for Health Services with the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District for \$1,456.28 for the 2011/12 school year. (Attachment # II)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 6.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education increases the General Fund budget by \$171,914.05 for insurance proceeds received.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 6.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education increases the General Fund budget by \$5,722.00 for gifts.

Professional

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the request by Courtney Albaum for a Child Care Leave of Absence, from her position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Osborn School, effective September 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013. (Courtney Albaum was previously approved for a Child Care Leave of Absence, effective December 12, 2011 – June 30, 2012.)

That the Board approves the request by Kelly Finn for a Child Care Leave of Absence, from her position as an English Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective on or about her estimated due of May 26, 2012 – June 30, 2012 and September 1, 2012 to the end of the 1st Semester.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the request by Jennifer Blumenfeld for a Personal Leave of Absence, from her position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Milton School, effective September 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013.

That the Board approves the request by Leslie Webb for a Personal Leave of Absence, from her position as an English Teacher, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective September 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013.

That the Board approves the request by Ellen McDonnell for a Personal Leave of Absence from her position as a Mathematics Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. (Ellen McDonnell was previously approved for a Leave of Absence,

effective September 2, 2011 – June 30, 2012. Ellen McDonnell is presently serving as an Assistant Principal, assigned to Rye High School and Rye Middle School.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of Alexa DeVito as a .9 FTE Teaching Assistant, assigned to Rye High School, Step 1 of the 2011-2012 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule \$20.47 per hour, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective February 27, 2012 – June 22, 2012.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Chad Charney as a Special Education Teacher, on an as needed basis, for which he holds New York State Internship Certification in Students With Disabilities – Grades 7-12 – Social Studies at the BA Step 1 daily rate of \$271.15 of the 2011-2012 Teacher Salary Schedule, effective March 1, 2012 - June 30, 2012. (Chad Charney was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Teacher, effective September 27, 2011 – February 29, 2012 at the January 24, 2012 Board of Education Meeting.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Additional Work of Michael Johnson at the rate of \$39.39 per hour for 12 hours of ELA committee leader work, not to exceed \$472.68, effective September 6, 2011 – June 22, 2012.

That the Board approves the Additional Work of Allison Pray at the rate of \$39.39 per hour for 12 hours of ELA committee leader work, not to exceed \$472.68, effective September 6, 2011 – June 22, 2012.

That the Board approves the Additional Work of Michelle McCumber at the rate of \$39.39 per hour for 12 hours of Foundations training work, not to exceed \$472.68, effective October 1, 2011 – May 31, 2012.

That the Board approves the Additional Work of Carrie Hughes at the rate of \$39.39 per hour for 12 hours of Foundations training work, not to exceed \$472.68, effective October 1, 2011 – May 31, 2012.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.06

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:

Jeffrey Charney
Thomas Corbia

Effective: February 27, 2012
Effective: February 27, 2012

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.07

Recommended Action:

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

Hourly rate of pay as follows:

Teaching Assistant - \$20.47 is hourly rate of pay, Salary Step 1 of Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Unit Contract for the School Year.

Teaching Assistant for Special Education - \$24.97 is hourly rate of pay, Salary Step 1 of Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Unit Contract for the School Year.

Amanda Garey

Effective: February 25, 2012

Consent Agenda – Personnel 7.08

Recommended Action:

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Education Law §913,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the staff member discussed in executive session is directed to report for a psychiatric examination, which examination will include Psychiatric Evaluation in order to determine the mental/physical capacity of such person to perform his/her duties as an employee of the Rye City School District, the said medical examination to be before Alan Reichman, M.D., at his office located at 25 Lorraine Court, Roslyn, New York, on March 8, 2012 at 11:15am; and

IT IS HEREBY FUTHER RESOLVED, that said staff member is directed to produce at said medical examination any and all medical records related to the present state of his/her health for the past three (3) years.

Classified

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.01

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:

Zachary Papas
Amanda Garey

Effective: February 3, 2012
Effective: February 25, 2012

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)

Board of Education President Laura Slack Mrs. Slack acknowledged that the Board approved a \$1,500 gift from the Osborn PTO for bus transportation for the Osborn fifth grade to see *Wicked* at the Gershwin Theatre on March 21, and a \$10,052.50 gift from the Midland PTO for repair and finish purchasing components for Midland School's enhanced audio system. Mrs. Slack thanked the parents who continue to support students in the District through their work with the POs and PTOs.

PRESENTATION /DISCUSSION

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Dr. Mary Anne Evangelist, provided a presentation about the Rye High School Action Physics Textbook, titled, *Conceptual Physics - 11th Edition*. The book will be used as a supporting resource for the new Action Physics course being introduced in September 2012.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Fox seconded by Mr. Nathan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 9:00 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session to review current negotiations.

On a motion by Ms. Slack seconded by Ms. Keohane-Glassberg and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:05 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