

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
January 22, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Laura Slack at 7:00 p.m. on January 22, 2013.
The Board of Education began a walking of tour of Rye Middle and Rye High School.

Present:

Ms. Laura Slack, President
Ms. Katy Keohane Glassberg, Vice President
Ms. Kendall Egan
Ms. Karen Belanger
Ms. Nancy Pasquale
Mr. Christopher Repetto
**Mr. Edward Fox – Arrived at 7:50 p.m.

And

Dr. Frank Alvarez, 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

Upon completion of the walking tour, On a motion by Mr. Repetto, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (6 -0) it was voted to move immediately into executive session to review the employment history of current and prospective employees.

On a motion by Ms. Glassberg, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (7 -0) it was voted at 8:15 p.m. to reconvene in public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Dr. Alvarez presented Rye Recognition of Excellence Awards to 15 students, ranging from grades 5-12, who were selected to All-County and All-State musical ensembles. Dr. Alvarez explained that student musicians are selected to these prestigious ensembles based on their auditions. Upon selection, they spend time rehearsing with their groups in preparation for the All-State and All-County Music Festivals. Dr. Alvarez was joined by other members of Central Administration, members of the Board, and members of the public in congratulating the following students, listed by ensemble:

Area All-State Orchestra: Will Hammer - grade 10 (RHS) - Violin, and Nabil Azim - grade 10 (RHS) - Violin

Area All-State Band: Trevor Hele - grade 12 - (RHS) Oboe, and Emily Tepler - grade 12 (RHS) - Oboe

Area All-State Mixed Chorus: Yuika Abe - grade 10 (RHS) - Soprano, and Danny Keller - grade 11 (RHS) - Bass

Area All-State Women's Chorus: Clara Robertson - grade 12 (RHS) - Soprano

Intermediate All County Band: Guy Junkins - Grade 8 (RMS) - Trombone, and Anders Jensen - Grade 7 (RMS) - Trumpet

Intermediate All County Orchestra: Su-Lynn Kok - Grade 9 (RHS) - Violin, Aidan Pasquale - Grade 7 (RMS) - Bass, and Esther Yu - Grade 7 (RMS) - Cello

Elementary All-County Orchestra: Audrey Fung - Grade 5 (Milton) - String Bass, and Jonathan Lloyd - Grade 6 (RMS) - Cello

Elementary All-County Band: Ben Kuster - Grade 6 RMS - Baritone

Dr. Alvarez presented a report on District goals, titled "In Pursuit of Educational Excellence: Strategic Priorities." The presentation details measurable outcomes, specific strategies, and long-term plans to address the following five key areas:

Student Achievement

Teacher Effectiveness

Culture of Caring

Fiscal Responsibility

Community Engagement

The full report, including charts outlining plans for each goal for the next three years, will be posted on the homepage of the District website, www.ryeschools.org, by early next week.

Hearing of the Public on Non Agenda Items

Ms. Laura Shuler addressed the Board of Education inquiring and commenting on the district's eligibility requirements for student attendance, clarification of district practices and information regarding surveillance of students.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Slack announced that the following items were tabled from the Consent Agenda for future consideration:

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.02

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

General

Consent Agenda General 6.01

That the Board approves the November 27, 2012 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 6.02

Recommended Action:

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

Consent Agenda General 6.03

Recommended Action:

The Board of Education has approved the Individualized Education Program for all out-of-district special education students, and the Board has received a full summary of the educational and related services costs for all the students. The schools these Rye students attend process their contracts throughout the year. The Board has agreed to authorize the Superintendent to sign these contracts for out-of-district student educational programs in the same manner authorized in the 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-12 school years. (Attachment #1)

Consent Agenda General 6.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves policies 5110 School Attendance Areas and 5312 Prohibited Conduct by Students as recommended, effective immediately. (Attachment #II and Attachment #III)

Fiscal

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Consulting Services Agreement with Dramatic Pragmatics for 2012/13 school year. (Attachment # IV)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for December 2012. (Attachment # V)

Professional

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Leave of Absence of Christina Lucca as the Academic Intervention Center Intern/Teaching Assistant, assigned to Rye High School, effective January 22, 2013 – June 24, 2013.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of Peter Mutino as a .9 FTE Teaching Assistant for Special Education, assigned to Milton School, Step 5 of the 2012-2013 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule \$28.97 per hour, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days a week, effective. January 3, 2013 – June 24, 2013.

(Peter Mutino has been a Teacher Aide, effective September 22, 2003. Peter Mutino is requesting a Leave of Absence, effective January 3, 2013 – June 24, 2013.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the following non RCSD employee to work as supervisors, ticket takers, security, etc. on an as needed basis throughout the 2012-2013 School Year:

Benjamin Breitel

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the following Per Diem Substitute Teachers to be used only on an as needed basis for the 2012-2013 School Year at a daily rate of \$102.00 per day:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Deborah Sanguineti	January 23, 2013
Marco Matos	January 23, 2013
Elizabeth Pike	January 23, 2013
Alexa DeVito	January 23, 2013
Diana Kolhoff	January 23, 2013
Andre Soto	January 28, 2013

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Leave of Absence of Peter Mutino from his position as a Teacher Aide for Special Education, effective January 3, 2013 – June 24, 2013.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.02

Recommended Action:

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

Step 1 of Custodial Unit Contract for cleaner

\$20.20 per hour for days and \$21.21 per hour for nights for the 2012-2013 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Denise Lucadamo	January 7, 2013
Christopher Costanzo	January 14, 2013
Anderson Nunez	January 14, 2013

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Termination of Employee #5047, due to job abandonment, effective at the close of business January 2, 2013.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 10.01

Recommended Action:

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda General 7.02

Recommended Action:

This item is tabled.

That the Board of Education approves Budget Transfer #6 in the amount of \$2,841,489.00, to cover reallocation of salary funds.

Presentation/Discussion Items

Information regarding the following items was presented to the Board of Education for review:

Rye High School Elective: Robotics and Engineering

Rye Middle School Elective: Canvas and Timber

Tax Certiorari Payments

Revenue Budget Status and Appropriation Status Reports for the period July 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012.

Communications To/From Board

There were no communications To/From the Board

Adjournment:

On a motion by Ms. Belanger seconded by Ms. Pasquale and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:56 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session to continue to review the employment history of current and prospective employees.

On a motion by Mr. Repetto seconded by Ms. Pasquale and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 11:15 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Elaine 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.