

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
April 2, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Laura Slack at 7:00 p.m. on April 2, 2013.

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

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

On a motion by Mr. Repetto, seconded by Ms. Pasquale 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. Glassberg, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (7 -0) it was voted at 8:05 p.m. to reconvene in public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Alvarez provided a brief update on the search to fill administrative positions that will be available this summer. He explained that the District has been receiving many applications and is getting a good response from candidates. He also announced that this coming weekend will be the first ever "G Day" Garnets weekend of sports and fundraising. The series of athletic events will kick off on Friday, April 5, and back-to-back games will be held throughout Saturday, April 6. Lastly, Dr. Alvarez acknowledged that Tuesday, April 2 was World Autism Awareness Day, and expressed praise and support for the students who require special assistance from the District and are doing well in their educational programs.

Ms. Slack announced that the following items were removed from the Consent Agenda for further consideration and/or discussion:

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.07

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves Budget Transfer #10 in the amount of \$454,674.00, to cover security assessment and services, phone messaging system, gas line, BOE software, and BOCES APPR and OCC Ed services.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

General

Consent Agenda General 6.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the March 18, 2013 Minutes as presented.

Consent Agenda General 6.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the March 19, 2013 Minutes as presented.

Fiscal

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education awards Bid #12-13-006 for Kitchen Floor Replacement to Peter A. Camilli & Son, Inc. for \$135,400.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the attached engagement letter for Cullen & Danowski to review two areas recommended by the Audit Committee (one area per year is required by law) in the areas of Employee Benefits and School Lunch for \$20-25,000. (Attachment # I)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the admission of one non-resident student as a 10th grader at the Rye School of Leadership

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves two 11th graders who moved out of the district as non-resident, tuition-paying students.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.05**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for January 2013. (Attachment # II)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.06**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education approves Budget Transfer #9 in the amount of \$115,000.00 to reallocate interest to principal, due to the refinancing done earlier in the school year. (Attachment # III)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.08**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education increases the General Fund budget by \$147,799.66 for insurance proceeds received from New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal; \$22,750.00 relating to Hurricane Irene and \$125,049.66 relating to Hurricane Sandy.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.09**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education approves the increase in the General Fund budget by \$36,964.00 for gifts.

Professional**Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.01****Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of Vince Baione from his position as an Audio Visual Teacher/Coordinator, assigned to Rye High School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2013.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.02**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the request by Christiana Tauss for a Personal Leave of Absence from her position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Milton School, effective September 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.03**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the request by Vanessa Lawson for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as an English Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective September 1, 2013 to the end of the first semester.
(Vanessa Lawson was previously approved for Child Care Leaves of Absence effective February 15, 2013 – June 30, 2013.)

That the Board approves the request by Mary Georgiadis for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as a Mathematics Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective September 1, 2013 to the end of the first semester.

(Mary Georgiadis was previously approved for a Child Care Leave of Absence effective February 22, 2013 – June 30, 2013.)

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 September 1, 2013 to the end of the first semester.

(Kelly Finn was previously approved for a Child Care Leaves of Absence effective September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013.)

That the Board approves the request by Traci Tasso for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Osborn School, effective September 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.

(Traci Tasso was previously approved for a Personal Leave of Absence, effective September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 and Child Care Leaves of Absence, effective September 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 and September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. Traci Tasso is expecting another child in August.)

That the Board approves the request by Jennifer Giaquinto for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as a Science Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective September 1, 2013 to the end of the first semester.

(Jennifer Giaquinto was previously approved for a Child Care Leave of Absence, effective December 18, 2012 – June 30, 2013.)

That the Board approves the request by Marianne DiSalvo for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Milton School, effective September 1, 2013 to the end of the first semester.

(Marianne DiSalvo was previously approved for Child Care Leaves of Absence, effective March 7, 2012 – June 30, 2012, September 1, 2012 – January 25, 2013 and January 28, 2013 – June 30, 2013.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.04

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Amendment to the following Extra Pay for Extra Work for the 2012-2013 school year:

EPEW			12/13	12/13
Athletic-SPRING				
LACROSSE (Girls)	JV Coach	*Morrison, Keri	0.07500	3 4,802

*Kerri Morrison was previously approved as the Lacrosse Assistant to the Program at the February 12, 2013 Board of Education Meeting.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Additional Work of Helaina Winnicki as a Teaching Assistant for Special Education, at her hourly rate of \$29.87, not to exceed 6 hours, effective March 19, 2013 – March 22, 2013.

(Helaina Winnicki will be working with her student at the 5th Grade Play.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.06**Recommended Action:**

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

Christina Lucca

Effective: March 21, 2013

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.07**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment for Summer Work of Janice Mottarella, a Teaching Assistant, assigned to Rye School of Leadership, at her hourly rate of pay of \$25.36*, not to exceed 35 hours, effective July 1, 2013 – September 1, 2013.

*Pending contract settlement

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.08**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of Sara Linehan as a Permanent Substitute Teacher on the Secondary Level, assigned to Rye High School/Rye Middle School, at the rate of \$107 per day, effective January 28, 2013 – June 25, 2013.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.01**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of Nesta D'Addario from her position as a Teacher Aide, assigned to Osborn School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2013.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

After discussion and explanation from Ms. Ryan, on a motion by Ms. Glassberg, seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the following item:

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.07**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education approves Budget Transfer #10 in the amount of \$454,674.00, to cover security assessment and services, phone messaging system, gas line, BOE software, and BOCES APPR and OCC Ed services. (Attachment # IV)

Board of Education President, Ms. Slack acknowledged that the Board accepted the resignations due to retirement of two long standing employees in the district. Ms. Slack thanked Nesta d'Addario for over thirty years of service as a teacher aide in the district and thanked Rye High School Audio Visual Teacher/Coordinator Vince Baione for his over 25 years of service as a teacher to the students of the Rye City School District.

DISCUSSION

Assistant Superintendent for Business Kathleen Ryan provided an updated presentation on the Superintendent's Recommended 2013-14 School Budget. Since the March 19 meeting, several changes have been made. Two special education teacher positions and all Middle School team leader roles have been restored through retirements, attrition, and an additional \$105,000 that is expected in state aid. Dr. Alvarez explained that the Board and Central Administration rethought the Middle School teaming concept and will continue to fund the current model. More funding will be allocated toward the Rye Youth Council's services so there will be less of a reduction than originally indicated. Budget information will continue to be posted on the District's website, www.ryeschools.org.

An in depth discussion of the Superintendent's recommended budget was conducted among the Board Members and the administration. The Board acknowledged New York State Senator Latimer, who was in the audience, for his efforts on behalf of the Rye City School District.

On a motion by Ms. Pasquale seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:00 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.