

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
April 23, 2013

The Board of Education began a Facilities Tour of Midland Elementary School at 6:45 p.m. prior to the meeting at the Rye Middle School.

The meeting was called to order by Laura Slack at 7:30 p.m. on April 23, 2013 at Rye Middle School.

Present:

Ms. Laura Slack, President – did not attend tour of Midland School

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 at 7:20 p.m. 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 8:35 p.m. to reconvene in public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Alvarez announced that Rye High School has ranked first in the state and number 24 in the country on US News & World Report's list of Best High Schools, not including charter and magnet schools. Out of over 21,000 high schools including charter and magnet schools that were analyzed, Rye High School ranked 61st in the country and ninth in the state. Dr. Alvarez also noted that the new standardized tests have been administered and that this year is a benchmark as the tests are now aligned with the Common Core Learning Standards. Additionally, Dr. Alvarez addressed the topic of modified sports reductions and

provided feedback from a meeting he participated in with community members. He explained that the District and parents all want what is best for the students and have been discussing athletic opportunities for Middle School students.

Board of Education Vice President Katy Keohane Glassberg presented, on behalf of the Board, an Extra Mile Award to Linda Bonaventura. Mrs. Bonaventura was instrumental in the successful planning and organization of the District's first ever "G Day" Weekend held on April 5 and 6. After seeing the success of a similar event held at another high school, Mrs. Bonaventura brought the idea to Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics Robert Castagna. Through her efforts, outreach, and follow up, the two-day event was a great success, featuring a series of athletic games that brought the Rye community together.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no communications from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

General

Consent Agenda General 6.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board casts three votes, one for Joseph Wooley, one for Lynn Frazer-McBride and one for Catherine Draper to serve as Trustees on the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the time period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016. (Attachment # I)

Consent Agenda General 6.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the 2013-2014 Estimated Administrative Budget for the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the amount of \$9,071,683. (Attachment # II)

Consent Agenda General 6.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith denies the grievance dated March 4, 2013, submitted by the SCSNCA, concerning part-time health insurance.

Fiscal

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Education approves the District Network Support Service contract extension with CCC Computer Center for \$200,340. for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, based on NYS OGS discounted state contract pricing. (Attachment # III)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.02**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education approves the Consulting Services Agreement with CCC Computer Center, Inc. for Data Support Services for \$98,325. for July 1, 2013 through June 20, 2014. (Attachment # IV)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.03**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the proposal for geese relief services from Geese Relief LLC as defined by the proposal dated 4/8/13 for \$150 per week for April 26, 2013 through June 21, 2013. (Attachment # V)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.04**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education authorizes the establishment of the “Athletic Facilities Improvement Trust” account. This account will be used to accumulate donated funds for athletic facilities improvements.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.05**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education approves the increase in the General Fund budget by \$1,225.00 for gifts.

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

That the Board approves the Resignation of Cristina Gaspar from her position as a Physical Education Teacher, 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 Jessica Avnir for a Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Osborn School, effective on or about her estimated due date of May 24, 2013 to June 30, 2013 and September 1, 2013 to the end of the first semester.

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

That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Mark Silviotti as an Elementary Teacher, for which he holds New York State Initial Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), 1.0 FTE, MA Step 2 of the 2012-2013 Salary Schedule, \$63,777 (pro rated amount of \$14,349.83), effective April 24, 2013 – June 30, 2013.

(Mark Silviotti will be replacing Jessica Avnir who will be on a medical leave. Mark Silviotti

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

School Safety, StoneGate Associates

Dr. Alvarez introduced Marcus DePontes and Erroll Brudner of StoneGate Associates, the District's security firm hired earlier this year, provided a presentation on their assessment of the District's security measures. They explained that the District is already in a good position with its emergency management procedures and can now take steps toward the next level. StoneGate has conducted teacher training and met with school security officers, District officials, police officers and community members. Next, StoneGate will be training principals in the management of security situations and will provide parents with emergency management cards outlining ways to obtain the correct information during an emergency. Additionally, StoneGate is re-writing the District's Emergency Management Plan.

Presentation on the High School Addition and Renovation Project Design, Timeline and Budget

KSQ Architects and Triton Construction presented an update on the High School addition and renovation project design, timeline and budget. The project is moving on schedule, with completion anticipated by September of 2014. (Attachment # VII)

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Fox seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:20 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.