MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
December 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Laura Slack at 7:00 p.m. on December 11, 2012.

Present:

Ms. Laura Slack, President
Ms. Katy Keohane Glassberg, Vice President
Ms. Kendall Egan
Mr. Edward Fox
Ms. Karen Belanger
Ms. Nancy Pasquale
Mr. Christopher Repetto
And
Dr. Frank Alvarez, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Mary Anne Evangelist, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Ms. Kathleen Ryan, Assistant Superintendent for Business

On a motion by Mr. Repetto, seconded by Ms. Egan and carried unanimously (7 -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 8:10 p.m. to reconvene in public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dr. Alvarez presented Rye Recognition of Excellence awards to five Rye High School students. Kelly Delane, Melissa Fulenwider, Katie Konopka and Charlotte Nixon are members of the Rye High School Swim Team. Catherine Livingston was recognized as a Con Edison Athlete of the Week.

Ms. Glassberg then presented Extra Mile Awards to those involved in the development of the Rye City School District APPR Plan. Awards were given to Dr. Mary Anne Evangelist, Mrs. Elaine Cuglietto, Dr. Ann Edwards, Dr. JoAnne Nardone, Mrs. Patricia Taylor, Mr. Vince Baione, Ms. Ellen Litt, Ms. Michele McCumber, Mr. David Perry, Ms. Allison Pray and Dr. Jaime Zung.

On a motion by Ms. Egan, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (7-0) Dr. Mary Anne Evangelist was voted Acting District Clerk for the evening in order to take minutes of the meeting.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Alvarez presented a report to the Board of Education. It included the following points:

- The District Management Council is continuing its on-going work with Special Ed. They have met with staff and are in the process of data collection.
- Conversations with staff in each of the buildings have been completed.
- The coffees with Dr. Alvarez are scheduled for January and are open to parents and community members.
- The Open Topics Forum raised many interesting questions. Responses can be found on the District web page.

Hearing of the Public on Non Agenda Items

On behalf of the Rye Crew Team, Ross Mulkerrin and Alex Martin presented to the Board of Education a plaque commending members of the crew team on their performance. They were thanked by Ms. Slack on behalf of the Board of Education.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consent Agenda General 6.03
Approval of Revised 2012-2013 District Calendar

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

General

Consent Agenda General 6.01
That the Board approves the November 13, 2012 Minutes as amended.
(Attachment # I)

Consent Agenda General 6.02
Recommended Action:
That the Board approves the November 26, 2012 Minutes as presented.
(Attachment # II)

Consent Agenda General 6.04
Recommended Action:
That the Board of Education approves the admission of one non-resident student as an 11th grader and one non-resident student as a 9th grader at the Rye School of Leadership.

Consent Agenda General 6.05
Recommended Action:
That the Board of Education approves the $67,440.00 gift from the Osborn PTO for a playground at the Osborn School.

Consent Agenda General 6.06
Recommended Action:
That the Board adopt the Grade 6 Exploratory: Biz Wiz Curriculum for use in the Middle School.
(Attachment # III)

Fiscal

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.01
Recommended Action:
That the Board approves Change Order #1 for J&M Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. for ($4,043.00).
(Attachment # IV)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.02
Recommended Action:
That the Board approves the Emergency Contracts for Rye High School to use Rye Country Day Field House, Chelsea Piers, SoNo Ice House, and Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink for practices and games during the 2012-13 season.
(Attachment # V)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.03
Recommended Action:
That the Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Reports for September and October 2012.
(Attachment # VI)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.04
Recommended Action:
That the Board of Education approves the increase in the General Fund budget by $69,396.92 for gifts.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.05
Recommended Action:
That the Board approves the contract with MasakoWhite for the 2012-2013 school year.

(Attachment # VII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.06
Recommended Action:
That the Board approves the Contract for Health and Welfare Services with Dobbs Ferry School District for $2,114.76 for the 2012/13 school year.
(Attachment # VIII)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.07
Recommended Action:
That the Board approves the contract with John Birney for a college process presentation on January 10, 2013 for 9th, 10th and 11th grade students and their parents in the amount of $500 plus lodging.
(Attachment # IX)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 7.08
Recommended Action:
That the Board approves the consulting agreement with Friends of Rye Nature Center for environmental science programs for a total sum not to exceed $10,000.
(Attachment # X)

Professional

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.01
Recommended Action:
That the Board approves the Tenure Recommendation of Erin Trapasso in the Elementary Education Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Pre Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6, assigned to Osborn School, effective February 1, 2013.

That the Board approves the Tenure Recommendation of Dayna Reist in the Elementary Education Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) and New York State Initial Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), assigned to Milton School, effective February 1, 2013.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.02
Recommended Action:
That the Board approves, as amended, the Leave Replacement Appointment and Salary Amendment of Kristi Rachiele from a Permanent Substitute Teacher to a Leave Replacement Science Teacher, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Chemistry 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 1 of the 2012-2013 Teacher Salary Schedule, $61,563 (pro rated amount of $41,555.03), effective December 10, 2012 – June 30, 2013.

(Kristi Rachiele will be replacing Jennifer Giaquinto who is on a Leave of Absence. Kristi Rachiele has been a Permanent Substitute Teacher on the Secondary Level, effective September 4, 2012.)

That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment and Salary Amendment of Ariel Sanzo from a Per Diem Substitute Teacher to a Leave Replacement Special Education Teacher, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Students With Disabilities – Grades 7-12 – Mathematics, assigned to Rye High School, MA Step 1 of the 2012-2013 Teacher Salary Schedule, $61,563 (pro rated amount of $44,325.36), effective November 27, 2012 – June 30, 2013.

(Ariel Sanzo will be replacing Megan Milano who is on a Child Care Leave of Absence, effective November 8, 2012 – June 30, 2013.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.03
Recommended Action:
That the Board approves the following Appointment for Extra Pay for Extra Work, for the 2012-2013 school year:

EPEW				**12/13**	**12/13**
	ACTIVITY	**NAME**	**INDEX**	**STEP**	**RATE**
High School - Clubs					
Publications	Garnet Insider	Glynn, William (eff. 12/3/12)	0.03000	**0**	**1,161**

(William Glynn will be replacing Judd Rothstein who resigned from this Garnet Insider position, effective November 23, 2012.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.04
Recommended Action:
That the Board approves the Appointment of Michele Black as a Special Education Teacher of Home Instruction on the Elementary Level, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Special Education, 3 hours per week at the Home Instruction Rate of $49.89 per hour, effective November 16, 2012.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 8.05
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.

Jose Maria Moreno Dominguez
Elizabeth Adams
Jean DeMers Gilroy

(Jose Maria Moreno Dominguez has been a Leave Replacement Spanish Teacher, assigned to Rye High School, effective September 1, 2012 – January 25, 2013.)

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.01
Recommended Action:
That the Board approves the Termination of Employee #6524, effective at the close of business June 8, 2012.

That the Board approves the Termination of Employee #3550, effective at the close of business October 5, 2012.

Consent Agenda – Personnel 9.02
Recommended Action:
That the Board approves the Appointment of Jonathan Capasso as a Cleaner (Nights) with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks, assigned to Midland School, on Step 1 of the 2012-2013 Custodial Unit Salary Schedule $42,004 (pro rated amount of $23,102.20) plus the night differential $2,100.20 (pro rated amount of $1,155.15), effective December 12, 2012.

(Jonathan Capasso has been a Substitute Cleaner effective October 5, 2011.)

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 # XI)

Upon approval of the Consent Agenda, Ms. Slack thanked the Osborn School parents for their very generous gift of $67,440.00 for a school playground at the Osborn School.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda General 6.03
Recommended Action:
That the Board approves the revised 2012-2013 district calendar as presented.
(Attachment # XII)

Dr. Alvarez reviewed the revised calendar. The State did not forgive any days lost during the hurricane. The February break will remain intact. The March break, at this point, also remains intact. However, Dr. Alvarez noted that should days be used for snow between now and the March break, Wednesday March 27th and Thursday March 28th would become instructional days. Thursday, March 28th would be taken back first, then Wednesday, March 27th.

With regards to Rye Middle School, Rye High School and Midland School, Dr. Alvarez noted that the school year will end for the students on Thursday, June 20th. Teachers will have Superintendent Conference Days on Friday, June 21st, Monday, June 24 and Tuesday, June 25. Milton and Osborn have two additional days to make up and will have school on Friday, June 21 and Monday, June 24.

Ms. Slack reminded the public that student attendance impacts State aid, so it is important that students come to school on any days that are reinstated on the calendar.

Responding to questions from the public, Dr. Alvarez clarified that the March 27th and 28th midweek dates were chosen as to not interfere with holidays at the beginning and end of the week. The question was raised as to how much a day of State aid is worth to the District and a suggestion regarding aligning the end dates for the elementary schools was also raised.

After discussion, on a motion by Ms. Egan seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the revised 2012-2013 District calendar as presented.

Presentation/Discussion Items

12.01 2012/13 Student Enrollments and Updated Projections

Kathleen Ryan reviewed enrollment data. Ms. Ryan addressed questions from the Board and a discussion followed regarding how Dr. Bishop uses current data to modify projections. Public comment included a request to post the Bishop report on the District website.

12.02 2011 District Assessment Data

Dr. Mary Anne Evangelist gave a power point presentation on 2011 District Assessment Data. She addressed questions from the Board and noted that Principals will be given the data to work with and use to gauge improvement as they go forward.
(Attachment # XIII)

Communications To/From Board

Ms. Egan gave an update from West-Put. She noted that the effect of high stakes testing on education has moved to the top of the legislative priority platform as being financially unsustainable for school districts.

Mr. Fox stated that the iPad pilot has raised the issue of a need for a template for pilots in the district. Dr. Alvarez responded that there will be a process for pilots, and similar to curriculum initiatives, pilots will be run through Curriculum Council.

Information Items

14.01 DRAFT Budget Development Calendar for 2013/14
(Attachment # XIV)

14.02 Policies
(Attachment # XV)

14.03 Revenue Budget Status and Appropriation Status Reports for the period July 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012
(Attachment # XVI)

Adjournment:

On a motion by Ms. Egan seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:58 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Karen Jost
Substitute 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.