

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
June 10, 2014

Present:

Ms. Laura Slack, President
 Ms. Katy Keohane Glassberg, Vice President
 Ms. Karen Belanger
 Mr. Edward Fox
 Ms. Nancy Pasquale
 Mr. Christopher Repetto
 Ms. Nicole Weber
 And

Dr. Frank Alvarez, Superintendent of Schools
 Dr. Betty Ann Wyks, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
 Ms. Gabriella O'Connor, Assistant Superintendent for Business
 Ms. Elaine Cuglietto, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
 Ms. Shirley Klein, Director of Special Educational Services
 Mr. Tom Scapoli, Legal Counsel

The meeting was called to order by Laura Slack at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday June 10, 2014 at Rye Middle School.

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.

On a motion by Ms. Glassberg, seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (7 -0) it was voted at 7:30 p.m. to reconvene in public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ms. Slack announced that there would be two consent agendas at this evening's meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA I

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

5.01 Professional Tenure Appointments (Administrators - 2)

Recommendation:

That the Board approves the Tenure Recommendation of Patricia Taylor in the Principal Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification as a School Administrator/Supervisor, effective July 1, 2014.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Tenure Recommendation of Ellen McDonnell in the Assistant Principal Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification as a School District Administrator, effective July 1, 2014.

5.02 Professional - Tenure Appointments - Teachers (11)

Recommendation:

That the Board approves the Tenure Recommendation of Margaret Heinze in the Art Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Visual Arts, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective September 1, 2014.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Tenure Recommendation of Kerry Tolan in the English Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in English Language 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, effective September 1, 2014.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Tenure Recommendation of Marisa Galvin in the English as a Second Language Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in English to Speakers of Other Languages, assigned to Osborn School and Milton School, effective September 1, 2014.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Tenure Recommendation of Mark McWilliams in the Foreign Language Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Professional Certification in Latin 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, effective September 1, 2014.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Tenure Recommendation of Harold Brosowsky in the Mathematics Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Professional Certification in Mathematics 7-12 and New York State Professional Certification in Mathematics 5-9, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective September 1, 2014.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Tenure Recommendation of Thomas Snowden in the Music Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Initial Certification in Music, assigned to Rye High School and Rye Middle School, effective September 1, 2014.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Tenure Recommendation of Matthew Teitsch in the Science Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Initial Certification in Physics 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, effective September 1, 2014.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Tenure Recommendation of Lisa Irvine in the Science Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Professional Certification in Earth Science 7-12, New York State Initial Certification in Earth Science 5-9 and New York State Professional Extension/Annotation in General Science 7-12 Extension, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective September 1, 2014.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Tenure Recommendation of Simon Berk in the Social Studies Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Initial Certification in Social Studies, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective September 1, 2014.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Tenure Recommendation of Leanne Janos in the Special Education Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Students With Disabilities – Grades 7-12 and New York State Initial Certification in Students With Disabilities – Grades 5-9, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective September 1, 2014.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Tenure Recommendation of Kristina Anderson in the Special Education Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Professional Certification in Students With Disabilities – Grades 1-6 and New York State Professional Certification in Students With Disabilities – Grades 7-12 - Generalist, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective September 1, 2014.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Alvarez expressed appreciation to these dedicated administrators and faculty members as he announced each tenure recipient.

Patricia Taylor, RHS Principal

Ellen McDonnell, RHS Assistant Principal

Kristina Anderson, RMS Special Education Teacher

Simon Berk, RMS Social Studies Teacher

Harold Brosowsky, RMS Math & Science Teacher

Marisa Galvin, Osborn & Milton ELL Teacher

Margaret Heinze, RMS Art Teacher

Lisa Irvine, RMS Science Teacher

Leanne Janos, RMS Special Education Teacher

Mark McWilliams, RHS & RMS Latin Teacher

Thomas Snowden, RHS & RMS Music Teacher

Matthew Teitsch, RHS Science Teacher

Kerry Tolan, RHS English Teacher

Special acknowledgments were presented to the five Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) and Parent Organization (PO) Chairs who have completed their terms as leaders of the volunteer groups. Board of Education Vice President Katy Keohane Glassberg shared words of gratitude and provided tokens of appreciation, on behalf of the Board, to Kim Abate, Raquelle Frenchman, Leigh Geller, Jamie Jensen, and Dawn Yardis.

Ms. Glassberg explained the members of the District's PTOs and POs dedicate a great deal of their time to various projects and initiatives, all of which benefit students and often leave a lasting impact on the school buildings. The PTOs at Midland, Milton, and Osborn elementary schools, the POs at the Middle School and High School, and RAISE (Rye All Inclusive Special Education, formerly SEPTA) have raised funds to support cultural enrichment, curriculum and teacher support, technology resources, playground and athletic equipment, scholarships and

awards, and much more. These parent organizations also sponsor a number of memorable and educational events for students throughout the year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Alvarez reported that The Board of Education approved the appointments of two new Assistant Principals, Suzanne Short and Joseph DiGiovanni. Mrs. Short will be taking on the role currently held by Ellen McDonnell at Rye High School, while Mr. DiGiovanni will take on Joe DeRuvo's position at Rye Middle School. Both will officially begin their new posts July 1.

Mrs. Short is already a familiar and well-respected member of the Rye High School staff, having taught a variety of English courses for the past 13 years and serving as English Language Arts 6-12 Department Coordinator for the 2013-14 school year. Mrs. Short has additionally served as both the Senior Internship Coordinator and Be the Change Civility Committee Chairperson, while also contributing greatly to the District's technology initiatives. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Fredonia State University and a Master of Arts Degree from Lehman College.

Mr. DiGiovanni joins Rye from the Hendrick Hudson School District, where he presently serves as Assistant Principal at Hendrick Hudson High School. He previously taught social studies at Fieldstone Middle School in the North Rockland Central School District for ten years. Mr. DiGiovanni also serves as the Humanities Coordinator at Hendrick Hudson High School and has additionally participated on the Beautification Committee, Calendar Committee, Technology Committee, and Safety Committee. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from SUNY Oswego and a Masters Degree from the New York Institute of Technology.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Alvarez provided a report to the Board of Education and community highlighting recent accomplishments. He shared excellent news from the Athletic Department that the Boys Baseball Team advanced to the State Championship Semi-Finals for the first time in many years. He also noted that Rye Crew members Allison Sullivan, Ryan Costa, Kiefer Mueller, Jim Palmer and Allison Sullivan would be competing in the US Rowing Youth National Championships in California from June 12-15. Additionally, Dr. Alvarez announced that Golf Team members Alexis Hios and Frida Henningsson would be competing in the New York State Championship at SUNY Delhi on June 14. Dr. Alvarez congratulated the athletes and wished them all well!

Presentation/Discussion – Mandarin

Rye High School and Middle School Mandarin Teacher Sheau-Yuann Huang reported on the growing success of the Mandarin program. With students moving up through the courses, Mandarin V will be offered for the first time starting in September 2014. Mrs. Sheau-Yuann explained that she has completed her review of the curriculum and believes that it will be strong in enhancing students' understanding of the language. She noted that students do well in the program and are eager to dedicate the time and effort that learning Mandarin requires. The Mandarin program has flourished since its introduction and the District is now seeing larger enrollment numbers in the beginning courses.

Presentation/Discussion –Veterans' Tax Exemption Discussion

Dr. Alvarez provided a presentation on the Veterans' Tax Exemption, an alternative exemption for veterans that became applicable to school districts in December. It allows school districts to grant exemptions to veterans based on various criteria. (Attachment # I)

This exemption does not reduce the amount of taxes collected by school districts. Instead, it redistributes the tax burden among the remaining population. Should the exemption be adopted in Rye, the estimated tax impact to the District is \$229,378. The District currently believes that the estimated annual increase to homeowners based on average assessed value is \$29.

In order to enact the exemption a public hearing must be held and a resolution must be passed by the Board. The Board plans to discuss this possibility further and engage the community in the fall.

Thomas M. Saunders, Commander of Rye Post #128 address the Board of Education and the community urging them via Petition to act in favor of resolution to adopt alternative veterans property exemption (RPTL458-a) (Attachment # II)

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no communication from the public on non-agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA II

Ms. Slack announced that the following agenda item are being removed from the agenda for consideration after a second Executive Session II this evening when the Board will reconvene in Public.

Consent Agenda General 10.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves a Settlement Agreement and Release in connection with Case No. 80382, a copy of which has been previously reviewed by the members of the Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

Consent Agenda General 10.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye City School District hereby authorizes an appeal and/or cross appeal of the Decision of the Impartial Hearing Officer in Case No. 78339; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes School District counsel, Ingerman Smith, L.L.P., to proceed as necessary to file and pursue such appeal and/or cross appeal on behalf of the School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Pupil Personnel Services is hereby authorized to verify the Petition and any other pleadings or documents in connection with the appeal.

Ms. Slack announced that the following agenda item is being removed from the agenda for further explanation:

Consent Agenda Fiscal 11.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the contract with New Directions for Excellence for consultation services for summer literacy workshops and K-2 Curriculum Development not to exceed the sum of \$12,000. (Attachment # III)

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

General

Consent Agenda General 10.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the April 29, 2014 Minutes as presented.

Fiscal

Consent Agenda Fiscal 11.01

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Kids' S.P.A.C.E. contract for the 2014/15 school year at a rate of \$300 for the school year. (Attachment # IV)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 11.02

Recommended Action:

In the past, the Board has considered various methods for computing tuition rates for non-resident students. In accordance with Board Policy, the tuition will increase 3.4%, the amount of the current budget increase. The resulting rates will be:

Grade	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
K-5	\$20,145	\$20,830
6-12	\$25,200	\$26,057
RSOL	\$38,470	\$39,778

Consent Agenda Fiscal 11.04

Recommended Action as Amended:

That the Board approves the District Network Support Service contract extension with CCC Computer Center or \$200,340 for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, based on NYS OGS discounted state contract pricing. (Attachment # V)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 11.05**Recommended Action:**

That the Board of Education approves the Consulting Services Agreement with CCC Computer Center for Data Support Services for \$98,325.00 for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
(Attachment # VI)

Consent Agenda Fiscal 11.06**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approve the \$4,000 gift from the Niehaus Family for the Niehaus Scholarship.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 11.07**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the award of sale of musical instruments to the highest bidder.

Consent Agenda Fiscal 11.08**Recommended Action:**

That the Board increase the General Fund budget by \$29,675 for approved gifts.

Professional**Consent Agenda Professional 12.01****Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Resignation of Ellen McDonnell from her position as an Assistant Principal, assigned to Rye High School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2014.

Consent Agenda Professional 12.02**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Resignation of Alejandrina Ramos from her position as an Elementary School Spanish Teacher, assigned to Midland School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2014.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Resignation of Marianne Novelli from her position as School Media Specialist, assigned to Osborn School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2014.

Consent Agenda Professional 12.03**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Child Care Leave of Absence Amendment for Marisa Junta, from her position as a Mathematics Teacher, assigned to Rye Middle School, effective September 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

(Marisa Junta was previously approved for a Child Care Leave of Absence, effective September 1, 2014 – February 1, 2014 at the March 25, 2014 Board of Education Meeting.)

Consent Agenda Professional 12.04**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Three-Year Probationary Appointment of Suzanne Short as an Assistant Principal, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification as a School

Building Leader and New York State Professional Certification as a School District Leader, assigned to Rye High School, at an annual salary of \$135,000, effective July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Three-Year Probationary Appointment of Joseph DiGiovanni as an Assistant Principal, for which he holds New York State Permanent Certification as a School District Administrator, assigned to Rye Middle School, at an annual salary of \$130,000, effective July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017.

Consent Agenda Professional 12.05

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Three- Year Probationary Appointment of Maria Gabriela Murphy as a Spanish Teacher, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Spanish 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 4 (pending proof of level of education) of the 2014-2015 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$70,106, effective September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2017.

(This is a new position in the approved 2014-2015 budget.)

Consent Agenda Professional 12.06

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment Amendment of Alexa DeVito from a Leave Replacement Mathematics Teacher to a Two-Year Probationary Appointment, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Mathematics 7-12, assigned to Rye High School, 1.0 FTE, BA Step 1/2 of the 2014-2015 Teacher Salary Schedule \$56,852.00, September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2016.

(Alexa DeVito was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Teacher, effective September 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 at the March 11, 2014 Board of Education Meeting. Alexa DeVito was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Mathematics Teacher, effective September 1, 2013 – January 31, 2014 and February 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014.)

(This is a new position in the approved 2014-2015 budget.)

Consent Agenda Professional 12.07

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Sarah Shiboski as an Elementary Teacher 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, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 3/4 of the 2014-2015 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$68,336, effective September 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015.

(Sarah Shiboski was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Teacher, effective September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013, September 1, 2013 – January 31, 2014 and February 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014.)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Appointment Amendment of Mark Silviotti as a Leave Replacement Elementary Teacher, for which he holds New York State Initial Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), 1.0 FTE, MA Step 2/3 of the 2014-2015 Salary Schedule, \$65,406, effective September 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

(Mark Silviotti was previously approved for a Leave Replacement Teacher effective April 24, 2013 – June 30, 2013, September 1, 2013 – January 31, 2014 and February 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Wendolyn M. Crowell as an Elementary Teacher, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), assigned to Osborn School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 4/5 of the 2014-2015 Salary Schedule \$71,705.50, effective September 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

(Wendolyn M. Crowell was previously approved for a Leave Replacement Teacher effective September 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Jennifer Tavalacci as an Elementary Teacher, for which she holds New York State Professional Certification in Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2) and New York State Professional Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), assigned to Osborn School, 1.0 FTE, MA Step 8/9 of the 2014-2015 Salary Schedule, \$84,273.50, effective September 2, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

(Jennifer Tavalacci was previously approved as Leave Replacement Teacher, effective September 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012, September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013, September 1, 2013 – January 31, 2014 and February 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014.)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Amanda Massett as an Elementary Teacher, for which she holds New York State Professional Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), 1.0 FTE, MA Step 8/9 of the 2014-2015 Salary Schedule \$84,273.50, effective September 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

(Amanda Massett was previously approved as a Leave Replacement Teacher, effective September 4, 2013 – June 30, 2014.)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of April Browne as an Art Teacher, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Visual Arts, assigned to Milton School, 0.4 FTE, MA Step 1 of the 2014-2015 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$61,563 (pro rated amount of \$12,312.60, effective September 1, 2014 – February 1, 2015.

(April Browne will be replacing Kristen Castaldi who was previously approved for a Child Care Leave of Absence, effective September 1, 2014 – February 1, 2015 at the April 8, 2014 Board of Education Meeting. April Browne was previously approved as Leave Replacement Teacher, effective April 25, 2014 – June 30, 2014.)

Recommendation: That the Board approves the Leave Replacement Appointment of Victoria Dosso as a Mathematics Teacher, for which she holds New York State Initial Certification in Mathematics 7-12, assigned to Rye Middle School, 1.0 FTE, BA Step 1/2 of the 2014-2015 Teacher Salary Schedule, \$56,852, effective September 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

(Victoria Dosso will be replacing Marissa Junta who was previously approved for a Child Care Leave of Absence, effective September 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. Victoria Dosso was previously appointed as a Leave Replacement Teacher effective January 9, 2014 – June 30, 2014.

Consent Agenda Professional 12.08

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the following Appointments for Extra Pay for Extra Work, for the 2013-2014 school year:

2013/2014

EPEW	ACTIVITY	NAME	INDEX	13/14 STEP	13/14 RATE
Milton Clubs					
Clubs	A.V. Coord.	Dunmire, Amanda (eff 3/24/14)	0.03000	0	548
Web Advisor	Building Level	Dunmire, Amanda (eff 3/24/14)	0.03500	0	639

(Amanda Dunmire will be replacing Xiomara Dreves who is on a Child Care Leave of Absence.)

Consent Agenda Professional 12.09

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the Appointment of Alison Sheehy as a Teacher of Home Instruction on the Secondary Level for which she holds New York State Initial Certification Time Extension in Students With Disabilities (Grades 1-6), 3 hours weekly at the Home Instruction Rate of \$49.89 per hour, effective April 2, 2014 – June 30, 2014.

Consent Agenda Professional 12.10

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the following Appointments for General Education Summer School at Rye Middle School, effective August 4, 2014 – August 22, 2014:

Name	Stipend	Total
Michele Haiken	\$39.39/hr.	\$2,658.83
Lisa Mount	\$39.39/hr.	\$2,658.83

For every two hours of class time – teacher will be paid an additional hour at the same rate of pay for preparation time.

Consent Agenda Professional 12.11**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following for New Entrant Screening on the elementary level, effective July 1, 2014 – August 31, 2014:

School	Name	Rate*
Milton	Dayna Reist	\$40.00/hr.

*Not to exceed a total of 30 hours per school or an aggregate total of \$3,600.

Consent Agenda Professional 12.12**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of Mark Silviotti as a Substitute Teacher for the Elementary Reading and Writing Summer School Program and the ELL Summer Program, at the rate of \$39.39 per hour for a total of 60 hours not to exceed the aggregate total of \$2,363.40*, effective July 7, 2014 - August 1, 2014.

*The funding will come from the either the LEP Grant or the Immigrant Grant, depending on the program for which she is a substitute.

Consent Agenda Professional 12.13

Recommended Action: That the Board approves the following Per Diem Substitute Teacher and Teaching Assistant to be used only on an as needed basis for the 2013-2014 school year at the approved per diem rates:

Per Diem Rates as follows:

Per Diem Substitute Teacher - \$102.00

Per Diem Substitute Teaching Assistant for Special Education - \$102.00

Per Diem Substitute Teaching Assistant - \$102.00

Arianna Heintz

Consent Agenda Professional 12.14**Recommended Action:**

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Education Law §913, that the employee discussed in executive session is directed to report for a medical examination 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.

Classified**Consent Agenda Classified 13.01****Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Resignation due to Retirement of Bonnie Manheimer, from her position as a 0.5 FTE Computer Aide, assigned to Rye Middle School and a 0.5 FTE Computer Aide, assigned to Rye High School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2014.

Consent Agenda Classified 13.02**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Resignation of Mark Silviotti, from his position as a Computer Aide, assigned to Osborn School, effective at the close of business June 30, 2014.

(Mark Silviotti is resigning his Computer Aide position as he has accepted a Leave Replacement Elementary Teacher position, assigned to Osborn School.)

Consent Agenda Classified 13.03**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment Amendment of Amanda Dunmire from a Per Diem Substitute Computer Aide to a Leave Replacement Computer Aide, assigned to Milton School, 0.5 FTE, W/Degree Step 1 of the 2013-2014 Secretarial/Clerical/School Nurse and Computer Aide Unit Salary Schedule, annual salary \$36,765 (pro rated amount of \$5,974.32), effective March 24, 2014 – June 30, 2014.

(Amanda Dunmire is replacing Xiomara Dreves who is on a Child Care Leave of Absence.)

Consent Agenda Classified 13.04**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the Appointment of the following for Rye High School Graduation for the 2013-2014 school year:

Name	Assignment	Amount
Andrew Dapolite	Director	\$25.00/hr.
Penny Deen	Set-up, Filming & Breakdown	\$15.00/hr.
Madeline Albanese	Set-up, Filming & Breakdown	\$15.00/hr
Alex Reifsnnyder	Set-up, Filming & Breakdown	\$15.00/hr
Matt Zar	Set-up, Filming & Breakdown	\$15.00/hr
Anna Eva Kotyza	Set-up, Filming & Breakdown	\$15.00/hr

(Director not to exceed 6 hours. Set-up, Filming & Breakdown not to exceed 3 hours each.)

Consent Agenda Classified 13.05**Recommended Action:**

That the Board approves the following Substitute Teacher Aide to be used only on an as needed basis for the 2013-2014 school year at the approved per diem rates:

Rates as follows:

Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide for Special Education - \$102.00

Substitute Teacher Aide \$13.95 per hour

Arianna Heintz

Consent Agenda Classified 14.01**Recommended Action:**

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

Board President Ms. Slack announced that with sadness and well wishes, the Board approved the retirement of Bonnie Manheimer, a Middle School and High School Computer Aide who has worked in the District for 26 years. Bonnie was first hired as an aide at Midland School in 1988 and then became a permanent substitute before taking on her current role, which she has held for 15 years. She has overseen computer needs and assisted with new developments for both schools, provided computer support and training for staff members, and helped to resolve computer issues. She has also served as web advisor at the building levels and the District level, managing a number of matters including those related to the District's website and

school pages. Mrs. Manheimer additionally was an advisor for the Middle School Computer Club. On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Slack thanked Mrs. Manheimer for her service to the District and wished her a happy and healthy retirement.

Ms. Slack also announced The Board of Education approved a \$4,000 gift from the Niehaus Family for the Niehaus Scholarship. Mrs. Slack expressed gratitude to all of the individuals and organizations who continue to support the schools and students of Rye through gifts and contributions.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum Dr. Betty Ann Wyks described for the Board of Education and community the necessity of this consultant to continue staff development in ELA. On a motion by Ms. Pasquale, seconded by Mr. Repetto and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the following agenda item:

Consent Agenda Fiscal 11.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the contract with New Directions for Excellence for consultation services for summer literacy workshops and K-2 Curriculum Development not to exceed the sum of \$12,000. (Attachment #VIII)

Presentation/Discussion **Proposed 2014/15 School Lunch Budget**

Food Service Director John Rubbo presented the proposed 2014-15 school lunch budget that was provided to the Board for review. The Board will vote to adopt the lunch budget at its next meeting. Mr. Rubbo noted that the Food Services Department is constantly looking at ways to better utilize the menus in order to continue minimizing waste and saving in costs. He also discussed the ways in which certain concerns have been addressed this year, such as the lunch lines at Osborn School, which were expedited by providing the cashiers with additional equipment. (Attachment #IX)

Mr. Rubbo and his staff will continue to explore other areas that can be improved, and will specifically work to address concerns regarding certain "favorite" lunches running out by the last lunch periods of the day.

Presentation/Discussion
2014-2015 Capital Expenditure Report

Facilities Director Sam Carder reported on the planned capital expenditures for 2014-15. He explained that the District has allocated \$775,000 for capital projects, which will primarily address security, safety, and code issues as well as certain necessary upgrades. The roofs will be repaired at each building, security film will be added at all schools, certain doors will be replaced, heating and ventilation issues will be addressed, a portion of the Midland parking lot will be replaced, a drainage pipe at Osborn will be replaced, a hot water pump issue at Osborn will be addressed, a plan will begin to be developed to address moisture in the Midland basement, and gymnasium windows will be replaced at Midland. The Facilities Committee is focusing on building a more forward-looking plan for addressing the District's needs in a tax cap environment. (Attachment #X). Facilities Committee Mr. Jim Culyer spoke to the Board regarding performance contracting for lighting performed back in the 1990s. Mr. Culyer urged the Board and Facilities Committee to address the capital needs of the district in the future ten to fifteen years, the tax cap environment and the possibility of bonding for these expenditures. Ms. Mary Emery supports the long term plan for bonding for our district's capital needs while also inquiring if there are monies left over from the new addition project to possibly be used to fund capital projects.

Presentation/Discussion
Board of Education Bylaws

Members of the Board discussed changes to the Board of Education Bylaws, which will be on the agenda for approval at the Board of Education Reorganization Meeting. The Bylaws are reviewed annually by the District's Policy Committee.

Communications To/From the Board of Education

Mr. Fox asked to be provided with the draft of the year end finances; including tax rate determination, expenditures, and treasurer's reports. He indicated that the Board needs to see this information by the end of the year and requested that administration provide the Board with same as soon as possible.

Board Member Interest in Being Considered for Officer Positions

Board of Education President Laura Slack and Board of Education Vice President Katy Keohane-Glassberg stated their interests in continuing to serve their respective officer positions pending nominations.

There were no further communications to or from the Board.

On a motion by Ms. Pasquale seconded by Ms. Belanger and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:30 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session to continue to review litigation matters. Ms. Slack announced that the Board will reconvene the meeting at the conclusion of this Executive Session.

The meeting was reconvened by Laura Slack at 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday June 10, 2014 at Rye Middle School

On a motion by Mr. Repetto seconded by Ms. Pasquale and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted to approve the following Consent agenda items:

Consent Agenda General 10.02

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves a Settlement Agreement and Release in connection with Case No. 80382, a copy of which has been previously reviewed by the members of the Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

Consent Agenda General 10.03

Recommended Action:

That the Board approves the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rye City School District hereby authorizes an appeal and/or cross appeal of the Decision of the Impartial Hearing Officer in Case No. 78339; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes School District counsel, Ingerman Smith, L.L.P., to proceed as necessary to file and pursue such appeal and/or cross appeal on behalf of the School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Pupil Personnel Services is hereby authorized to verify the Petition and any other pleadings or documents in connection with the appeal.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Repetto seconded by Ms. Glassberg and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 11:31 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Elaine Cuglietto
District Clerk

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