

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

East Rockaway, New York

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

7:00 P.M., June 18, 2019, East Rockaway Jr. / Sr. High School

Preceded by Recognition of Retiring Board Trustees, Patti Nicoletti and Kristin Ochtera,

Recognition of Arianne Millar, Recipient of Bondene Westring Award,

Valedictorian, Laura E. Millar, and Salutatorian, Scott Buzzolani,

Recognition of Student Athletes –Award of Excellence Recipients;

Girls Varsity Softball Class B Long Island Champions

and Boys Varsity Baseball Conference Champions

Recognition of Retirees, PTA Installation Ceremony,

and a Public Forum

MINUTES

Present: Members of the Board of Education: Keith Gamache, Kristin Ochtera, Neil Schloth, Patti Nicoletti, Dominick Vulpis, Superintendent Lisa J. Ruiz, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, Jacqueline A. Scrio; Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Mona Hecht; District Clerk, Vitina Fazi

1. The meeting was called to order by Keith Gamache at 7:08 p.m. in the auditorium of the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School.
2. Board Trustee Dominick Vulpis introduced Rhame Avenue School kindergarten student Jake Lynch who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Ruiz welcomed everyone to the meeting. She stated that tonight's agenda is rich with many accomplishments and many individuals to celebrate.

Before the recognitions began, Ms. Ruiz spoke about the accomplishments and successes of Jacqueline A. Scrio, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations and recommend her tenure to the Board of Education. She wished Ms. Scrio a long and successful career in East Rockaway.

Ms. Ruiz then introduced David Barth, Director, Physical Education, Health & Athletics. Mr. Barth thanked the Superintendent and Board of Education for allowing him to speak and recognize the student athletes this evening. Mr. Barth introduced employee Arianne Millar who received the Bondene Westring Award from Nassau County on June 14, 2019. This award is given annually to the athletics administrative assistant in Nassau County who displays devotion to duty, commitment to excellence and a love of children. Ms. Millar was called to the podium, given flowers, and a photograph was taken.

Mr. Barth then spoke about the spring sports season. Four teams were awarded the distinction of varsity scholar athlete teams: varsity softball, varsity girls track and field,

varsity girls' lacrosse and varsity badminton. Individual student athletes were honored as Section 8 award winners as well as scholar athletes (award of excellence recipients): Chris Perri, Matt Perri, Bryan Morgenthaler, Edward McCann IV, Laura Millar, Mimi Bilardello, Hunter Vertuccio, Siobhan Perini, and Emily Chelius. The students were presented with certificates and a photograph was taken.

Mr. Barth also announced that the boys' varsity baseball team were conference champions, a distinction not held by East Rockaway since 1971. Mr. Barth read the names of the athletes on the roster.

Mr. Barth congratulated the girls varsity softball team who were the Class B Nassau County and Long Island Champions. He introduced Coach Lores who called the athletes to the stage along with coach Jimmy Lores and Cliff Krug for a photograph. Ms. Ruiz congratulated all the student athletes, their coaches, and Mr. Barth for his leadership.

Ms. Ruiz then introduced principal Richard Schaffer. Mr. Schaffer spoke on behalf of the valedictorian, Laura Millar, and salutatorian, Scott Buzzolani. He congratulated both students on their accomplishments and successes and a photo was taken.

Mr. Schaffer then recognized tonight's retirees. He spoke on behalf of Cathy Corapi, Brigid Mulvaney, MaryBeth Palazzolo, Barbara Gerber and Joe Lores. He thanked them for their many years of service in the District, wished them well on their retirement, and presented them with a recognition award.

Mr. Walter then spoke about retiring teacher aides Darlene Woods and Ann Chiaffitelli. He thanked them for their many years of service in the District, wished them well on their retirement, and presented them with a recognition award.

Ms. Ruiz thanked all of the retirees for their many years of dedicated service to the students of the community and wished them a long and healthy retirement.

Ms. Ruiz then introduced Kristin Ochtera who led the PTA Installation Flower Ceremony using the theme of flowers. Ms. Ochtera read the oaths to the new members and declared them duly installed officers of the District's PTA's. Ms. Ochtera thanked the PTA's for everything they do to support our students and helping the District to provide the best education for our children. The newly elected 2019/20 officers were called to the stage and given individual flowers. Congratulations and flowers were also given to retiring PTA presidents.

Ms. Ruiz then introduced trustee Neil Schloth. Mr. Schloth spoke on behalf of retiring board of education trustees Patti Nicoletti and Kristin Ochtera who served on the board for the past 9 years. He thanked them for their dedicated service on the board and stated that they would be sorely missed. Ms. Ruiz also stated that working with them both has truly been an honor and a privilege.

At 8:14 pm, Ms. Ruiz invited the audience to join her in the cafeteria for refreshments in recognizing all the honorees this evening.

At 8:40 p.m. Mr. Gamache continued with the public portion of the agenda.

3. Public Comments on Agenda Items - None
4. Upon motion made by Patti Nicoletti, and seconded by Neil Schloth, and unanimously passed, the following minutes were approved:

A. May 29, 2019, Meeting of the Board of Education

5. Acknowledgment of Monthly Reports and Correspondence

A. Receipt of Monthly Financial Reports: April, 2019

B. Correspondence – Two

6. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools

Upon motion made by Kristin Ochtera, and seconded by Neil Schloth, the following Items A through L were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

- A. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, grant tenure to Jacqueline Scrio, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, effective June 30, 2019, subject to satisfactory evaluation.
- B. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, create the position Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services in the tenure area School District Leader in the East Rockaway Administrators Association collective bargaining unit, and further approve the four-year probationary appointment of Vincent Healy to the position of Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services, (tenure area: School District Leader, certification: Professional), effective July 1, 2019, at the Step 1 annual salary established by the East Rockaway Administrators Association contract for the 2019-2020 school year.
- C. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, abolish the position of Chairperson for Special Education, effective June 30, 2019, and accept the resignation of Nicholas Taylor, Chairperson Special Education, effective June 30, 2019.
- D. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of Jack Bixhorn, elementary teacher, effective June 30, 2019.
- E. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Patricia Refino for a leave absence from her science teacher position, effective September 3, 2019, through January 24, 2020.

- F. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Ashley Donovan for a leave absence from her elementary position, effective September 3, 2019, through November 25, 2019.
- G. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Casey Wise for a leave absence from her teaching assistant position, effective September 3, 2019, through November 22, 2019.
- H. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Marie Anderson to the position of ENL teacher for the Jump Start Program, effective July 29, 2019 to August 2, 2019, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational Assignments for the 2019-2020 school year.
- I. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Catlin Castellano to the position of ENL teacher for the ENL Enrichment Summer Program, effective August 12, 2019 through August 23, 2019, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational Assignments for the 2019-2020 school year.
- J. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Joanna Postiglione to the position of Account Clerk, 12-month position, effective June 24, 2019, at the pro-rated Step 1 annual salary established by the East Rockaway Secretaries Association Agreement for 12-month account clerks for the 2018-2019 school year.
- K. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Melissa Power to the position of Part-Time Registered School Nurse, 10-month position, effective September 3, 2019, at 50% of the annual Step 4 salary established by the East Rockaway School Nurses Association Agreement for the 2019-2020 school year.
- L. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following temporary assignments at the salary approved by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for substitute workers:
 - a. Diana Servider, substitute monitor and teacher aide, effective upon Civil Service approval

7. Other Items

Upon motion made by Dominick Vulpis, and seconded by Kristin Ochtera, the following Items A through E were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

- A. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway School District hereby abolishes the position of Chairperson Special Education, effective June 30, 2019. The Superintendent is directed to notify the affected staff member of this action.

B. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District approves the terms of the Letter Agreement dated June 3, 2019, between the Board of Education and the East Rockaway Administrators' Association, concerning the placement of the newly established Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services position in the East Rockaway Administrators bargaining unit agreement, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Letter Agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

C. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District approves the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement dated June 3, 2019, between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union, East Rockaway Food Service Workers and Monitors Unit, regarding the terms and conditions of employment for the District's unit members for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2022, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute the resulting collective bargaining agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

D. Approve the day and time of regular Board of Education meeting dates as more fully set forth on Attachment "1."

E. Approve the employment agreement with Susan Kosser as the interim Director of Pupil Personnel Services, effective July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education; and further approve the appointment of Susan Kosser as the Title IX officer, Chairperson for CSE and CPSE Committee effective July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

Upon motion made by Kristin Ochtera, and seconded by Neil Schloth, and unanimously approved the following Item F was tabled.

F. Approve the following employment agreements for the 2019-2020 school year and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the agreement(s) on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education:

1. James Daly, Director of Facilities
2. Lee Araoz, Director of Technology and Learning Analytics

3. Tina Fazi, Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations and District Clerk
4. Mary Volino, Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education
5. Debra Muller, School District Treasurer

Upon motion made by Patti Nicoletti, and seconded by Kristin Ochtera, the following Items G through Q were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

G. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law §2034(6)(b), after six months have passed since the May 21, 2019, election without any proceeding, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District Clerk to unseal and open the ballot box and to destroy all of the ballots cast, spoiled and unused in the May 21, 2019, Annual District Budget Vote and Board of Education Election, no earlier than November 22, 2019.

H. Approve the terms of the Side Letter Agreement dated June 6, 2019, between the Board of Education of the East Rockaway UFSD, and the East Rockaway Teacher Aides Association, and authorize the Superintendent to execute the Side Letter Agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

I. Approve the Services Agreement Reinstatement for continuation of 403(b)/457(b) administration services by The Omni Group for the 2019-2020 year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

J. Approve the Student Accident Coverage Agreement between East Rockaway UFSD and J.J. Stanis and Company, Inc. for the 2019-2020 school year and authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations to sign the Student Accident Coverage Request on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

K. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the East Rockaway UFSD advertised for Requests for Proposals published in *Newsday* on May 20, 2019, for athletic trainer services for the 2019-2020 school year, opened at the District Office on May 30, 2019, at 1:00 pm, and has determined, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, that Ivy Rehab Physical Therapy, PLLC is the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts this bid and awards the contract for athletic trainer services for the 2019-2020 school year, to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a contract with Ivy Rehab Physical Therapy, PLLC on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

- L. Approve the Owner/Architect Agreement Continuation Letter between the East Rockaway UFSD and JAG Architect for the 2019-2020 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the letter agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
- M. Approve the Health and Welfare Agreement between the East Rockaway UFSD and Lynbrook UFSD for health and welfare services for the 2018-2019 school year and authorize the Superintendent and President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
- N. Approve the Health and Welfare Agreement between the East Rockaway UFSD and Manhasset UFSD for health and welfare services for the 2018-2019 school year and authorize the Superintendent and President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
- O. Approve the Special Education Services Contract with The Charlton School/Ketchum-Grande Memorial School for special education services for one (1) student, Student ID No. 180008439, for the 2019-2020 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the tuition agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
- P. Approve the Education Agreement with Maryhaven Center of Hope for special education services for one (1) student, Student ID No. 180005899, for the 2019-2020 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the tuition agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
- Q. Approve the tuition agreement with Lawrence UFSD for special education services for one (1) student ID No. 180008401 for the 2019-2020 summer and school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the resulting tuition agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

Upon motion made by Patti Nicoletti, and seconded by Kristin Ochtera, the following Items R through W were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

- R. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District hereby reaffirms the authorization for the following reserve accounts as prescribed under General Municipal Law and/or Education Law:

1. Capital Reserve for Building Improvements and Repairs II;
2. Capital Reserve for Technology II
3. Unemployment Insurance Reserve
4. Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve (EBALR)
5. Reserve for Employee Retirement System (ERS)

6. Reserve for Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Sub-Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to fund the reserves for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and assign amounts from the unappropriated fund balance as follows:

Transfer To:	Amount Not to Exceed
Capital Fund for Building Improvements and Repairs II	1,681,927
Capital Fund for Technology II	200,000
Reserve for Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Sub-Fund	300,000
Reserve for Employee Retirement System	525,000

S. Approve the following resolution:

For the purpose of participating in Cooperative Bids for Air Filters HVAC; Blinds, Shades & Stage Curtain Cleaning; Burners and Boiler Service; Carpet and Tile Installation; Custodial Equipment Repair; Custodial Supplies and Trash Bags; Custodial Supplies Green Cleaning; Door Installation and Repair; Drag Mop Rental; Dumpsters; Electrical Service; Electrical Supplies; Elevator Maintenance; Equipment Repair; Fence Installation and Repair; Fire Extinguisher Service; Floor Sanding, Refinishing and Repair; Fuel Tank Alarm/Tank/Manhole Repairs; Geese/Dog Service; General AC and Refrigeration Repairs and Service; General Boiler Welding; Grounds Equipment Repair; Gym Folding Door; Heating Plant Maintenance and Repair; Irrigation Installation and Service/Well Installation; Kitchen Equipment Repairs; Locksmith Services; Lumber and Masonry Supplies; PA, Intercom and Master Clock Service; Paint and Associated Supplies; Painting Service; Pest Control Services; Playground Equipment Repair; Plumbing Service; Plumbing Supplies; Pneumatic Systems; Port-a-pottie; Pump and Motor Repair; Roof Repair; Scoreboard Repair/Electric Partition; Doors/Gym Equipment; Signs and Associated Supplies; Site Work/Asphalt/Concrete/Parking Lot Sweeping; Slate Roof Repair; Split System AC Units; Steam Traps and Parts; Storm Drains; Suspended Ceiling Installation; Theatrical Lighting/Stage Rigging; Track/Tennis/Playground Resurfacing Repair; Tree Cutting and Pruning; Uniforms Purchase; Universal Waste Recycling; Window Glass Repairs, Parts, Replacement:

WHEREAS, the Boards of Education:

Baldwin UFSD Bellmore UFSD Bellmore-Merrick UFSD Bethpage UFSD Carle Place UFSD	Herricks UFSD Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD Hicksville UFSD Island Trees UFSD Jericho UFSD	North Shore CSD Oceanside UFSD Plainview Old Bethpage UFSD Port Washington UFSD Rockville Centre UFSD
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East Meadow UFSD East Rockaway UFSD East Williston UFSD Elmont Schools Floral Park/Bellerose Freeport UFS Garden City UFSD Great Neck UFSD	Levittown UFSD Long Beach UFSD Lynbrook UFSD Malverne UFSD Manhasset UFSD Massapequa UFSD Mineola UFSD North Bellmore UFSD North Merrick UFSD	Seaford UFSD Syosset UFSD Uniondale UFSD Valley Stream CHSD Valley Stream #30 Wantagh UFSD West Hempstead UFSD Westbury UFSD
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desire to participate in Cooperative Bids during the 2019/2020 school year as authorized by General Municipal Law Section 119-0, and whereas, the Board of Education through its Director of Finance and Operations, or designee, has assumed responsibility for drafting specifications, advertising for Bids, accepting and opening Bids, tabulating Bids, and reporting the results for each of the respective bids to the participating Boards of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, or designee, on behalf of the Board of Education of the East Rockaway School District, be and hereby is authorized to participate in Cooperative bidding conducted in conjunction with the Boards of Education of the aforementioned school districts for the bids noted above. Any award of contract pursuant to these Cooperative Bids will be made by the respective Board of Education in cooperation with the participating Districts.

T. Declare obsolete for the purpose of disposal and/or recycling, the following item:

1. For disposal, the item described on the Change of Disposition form dated June 13, 2019

U. Accept the following donations to fund scholarships:

1. From Daniel Ezell, a check in the sum of \$250 for the Daniel Ezell Scholarship
2. From Patricia Drugan, a check in the sum of \$150 for the Cheryl Drugan Award

V. Accept the following donations:

1. From an anonymous donor, weight room equipment, consisting of: Powernetic's Attacker Machine; Powernetic's High Stepper; Powernetic's Supercat; Powernetic's Power Trainer; and a Powernetic's Kicker, valued at \$3,000, for the Physical Education and Athletic weight training program
2. From the Centre Avenue PTA:
 - a. A curriculum enhancement grant in the sum of \$50.10 for classroom resources for Ms. Castellano's classroom
 - b. A curriculum enhancement grant in the sum of \$450 for Gr. 3 classroom

- resources
- c. A curriculum enhancement grant in the sum of \$500 for Gr. 2 classroom resources
- d. A curriculum enhancement grant in the sum of \$105.06 for reading classroom resources

W. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Dr. William H. Kaplan be appointed to serve as a medical inspector for the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District pursuant to Education Law Section 913; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to section 913 of the Education Law, the individual referred to in the Confidential Attachment 2 is directed to report for a medical examination in order to determine the capacity of such person to perform his/her duties as an employee of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, the said medical examination to be before Dr. Kaplan at his office located at 29 Barstow Road, Suite 104, Great Neck, New York on June 24, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., and at such other times as shall be deemed necessary to complete said evaluation; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that said individual is directed to produce at said medical examination any and all medical records related to the present state of his/her health.

8. Upon motion made by Neil Schloth, and seconded by Patti Nicoletti, and unanimously passed, the CSE and CPSE Recommendations were approved.

9. Budget Transfers

Upon motion made by Dominick Vulpis, and seconded by Kristin Ochtera, and unanimously passed, the following budget transfers were approved.

A. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following budget transfer:

- 1. Transaction No.19-0023
- 2. Transaction No. 19-0024
- 3. Transaction No. 19-0025
- 4. Transaction No. 19-0026

10. Policy Matters

Ms. Ochtera reported that polices A (1-11) for adoption are primarily changes made by legislation and/or updates recommended by the NYSSBA. Other policy changes clarify eligibility, streamlines the policies, and reflects changes in NYS policy.

Mr. Gamache asked for a vote of adoption for the policies listed in Item A. By a unanimous vote the policies in Item A were approved for adoption.

A. For Adoption

1. 1400, Public Complaints
2. 1530, Smoking and Other Tobacco Use on School Premises
3. 1741, Home Schooled Students
4. 2340, Notice of Meetings
5. 4311.1, Display of the Flag
6. 4526.1, Internet Safety
7. 4770, 4770-R, Graduation
8. 5205, Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities
9. 5225, Student Personal Expression
10. 6900, Disposal of District Property
11. 8630, Computer Resources and Data Management

B. For Review

1. 4710, Grading
2. 4531, Field Trip and Excursions
3. 4750, Promotion and Retention of Students
4. 5152, Non Resident Students
5. 5300, Code of Conduct
6. 6240, Investments
7. 5605, Voter Registration for Students
8. 9620, Child Abuse in an Education Setting

11. Reports

A. Board President's Report

Communication Committee presentation: Mrs. Tasca and Mrs. O'Moore from the Communications Committee presented the board with a summary of the committee's work throughout the year. The committee was considered a success and it is recommended that it continues for another year. Many communication and community connections raised by the committee already exist and progress was made livestreaming events at the end of this current year. The board will discuss the possibility of livestreaming work sessions and regular business meetings as well as the possibility of working with the village on some form of collaborative, electronic calendar of community wide events and institutions.

Audit Committee: We met with our external auditor Craig Hauser from Nawrocki Smith to go over year-end auditing procedures to ensure that our report can be filed

with the state by October 15th. We also met with our internal auditor Don Hoffman from Cullen and Danowski to review the draft risk assessment report. He reported significant progress in fulfilling passed recommendations, made us aware of areas still requiring attention, but had an overall positive outlook on our business practices and financial position.

Exitsurvey: We had an initial discussion of implementing exit survey procedures for employees leaving the district. Further discussions will take place during future work sessions to assess the necessity, determine what we hope to learn and how we would use this information, as well as develop a clear and effective tool to collect the data in an object manner.

Policy review: We reviewed 12 policies, 11 of which were moved forward for adoption tonight. I want to thank Mrs. Nicoletti and Mrs. Ochtera on their significant policy work over the years. Thank you for keeping the rest of us informed about significant changes and seeking our input when necessary. It is important and at times laborious work. The two of you leave big shoes to fill. Thank you!

Summer retreat: With two new trustees joining us in July we plan to have a board retreat as soon as possible. New people and ideas are important and can energize any group, but experience also matters and our collective experience is dropping from 35 to 17 years. The goal of the retreat would be to help us understand our roles and responsibilities as quickly as possible in order to work together effectively to best serve our schools.

Pre-bond forum: We also held a pre-bond forum where we shared the progress of our discussions and sought additional input. At this time, we are moving forward with getting SEQR approval on a majority of the projects previously discussed excluding the electrical outlet expansion (approximately \$300,000), and relocating the central administrative offices (approximately \$600,000). The all-purpose room floor at Centre Avenue and the Nurse's office at the high school were moved into contingency, meaning if other projects come in under budget and we have the money, we will look to get those completed as well. Because we can always remove projects from the SEQR, but adding them would slow down the process, we kept the maintenance garage demolition and relocation connecting the tech building to the main building as a project. This concept received the least amount of support during the evening partly due to its increased cost of \$2.35 million dollars. A new bulkhead remains part of the SEQR, but we received news that same day that Living With the Bay would fund the building of the bulkhead without a greenway on our property. The proposal has been reviewed by our architect and looks to meet our needs and is being reviewed by our legal counsel. If all goes well, this could bring an additional savings of nearly \$1.8 million dollars from the bond. A new multi-sport turf field

complex with lights is also in the plan. The separate bathroom facility with concession stand at \$750,000 did not receive much support that evening with people preferring the increased bathroom facilities be made a part of the tech building renovation and concessions could be done with a tent or portable concession stand. The board will have at least one more work session before presenting a final list of bond projects in September and adopt a resolution so the public can vote in November.

B. Communications Sub-Committee Report - None

C. Superintendent's Report

Achievement

Teachers in Grades K-2, along with our math specialists and interventionists, were provided with professional development in alignment with the new Eureka Math Program that will be rolled out in the primary grades in September. Teachers from both schools worked together with an expert educational consultant to unpack the new materials and begin to plan for September. This was an excellent opportunity for our teachers to become familiar with this new program prior to the beginning of the school year in order to hit the ground running and implement best practices with their students.

On Wednesday, June 12th, 2019, 70 seniors were presented with awards in the areas of academics, service, leadership and character as well as almost \$45,000 in scholarships provided by local organizations, community members, high school staff, etc.

Congratulations to the Varsity Softball team who won the Class B Nassau County and Long Island Championship.

Sabrina Haltigan, Juliet McCarthy, and Gianna Campanaro each had their artwork displayed in the Congressional Art Exhibit at Adelphi University. Gianna Campanaro received 1st place in this competition and has her art work hanging at the Capitol Building. Gianna also received a scholarship with her award.

The Junior Chorus performed at NYSSMA Majors on May 19th, 2019, receiving a Silver rating on a challenging Level 3 program.

On June 5, 2019, the Athletics Department hosted their Spring Sports Awards Ceremony honoring our teams and student athletes' success from the spring season.

Connection

Students from Rhame and Centre Avenue schools recently connected with the East Rockaway Public Library to learn about the amazing resources available to them. Every grade level across both schools visited the Library and spent time with the children's librarian to get a tour and familiarize themselves with how to access the materials that are of interest to them. Students were also shown many new, innovative materials that they can engage with at the library and received valuable information about summer resources and extra help opportunities that the library provides. We hope that this continued connection to our public library helps to foster a love for learning through reading.

On June 4th, 2019, the High School hosted an orientation for incoming 7th grade students and parents. Students engaged in activities to develop interpersonal skills, met their future administrators and got a taste of middle school academics. Parents were introduced to the middle level program and building expectations and procedures.

On Thursday, June 13th, 2019, sixth grade students from Centre Avenue visited Mr. Crowley's AP Environmental class for an interactive human density experiment. The AP Environmental students led the lesson as elementary student volunteers were immersed in barrels of water to determine their overall density.

Students in the East Rockaway Art Department participated in many exciting events over the last few months. Most recently, the students currently enrolled and those enrolled for next year's AP Art course displayed their work at the East Rockaway Village Art Walk along with local artists and vendors. Thank you to the Village. This authentic opportunity for students was held on Friday, June 14th, 2019, from 4-7pm on Dock Street. Community members had the opportunity to view the beautiful artwork while listening to some amazing performances as well.

Innovation

Teachers in grades 3-6 recently met with our Achieve 3000 Educational Consultant to wrap up the year and discuss student progress using this innovative software program to help build reading skills through engaging in reading informational texts that are differentiated to meet the needs of all students. Both elementary schools are proud to report an overall increase in the Lexile Growth of our students reading levels through the use of this program and were provided with new tools and resources to implement in September. Students will also be able to use this program as part of their summer reading in different ways including an engaging contest with a brand new IPAD as a prize for students that surpass their goals.

Discovery Ed will host "Techbook" training during Regents week to prepare our teachers for the new supports and curriculums being introduced next year in Social Studies, Science, and Mathematics next year.

Art teacher, Kristie Galante had her artwork written up in *The Art of Education University* magazine. She was acknowledged for her experimentation with light, colors and textures during one of their classes.

Opportunity

Sixth grade students from both Rhame and Centre Avenue Schools participated in an Awards Night Ceremony last week at the High School. All students were honored for their various accomplishments as soon to be graduates. The night was filled with excitement as students received certificates and awards for their participation in various clubs as well as growth, leadership, community service, school involvement and academic achievement just to name a few. We look forward to our 6th Grade Graduation Ceremonies that will take place on Monday, June 24th at the High School as we honor our 2019 graduates and wish them continued success on the road ahead into the Junior/Senior High School.

The high school offered Stop the Bleed training for students in grades 9-12 after school on Thursday, June 13, 2019. There are also future plans to offer the training in high school health classes.

The first ever Poetry Cafe was held on June 4th; this was a service learning project for Advisory. Students read original poems and sang songs. Food and coffee for the adults were donated by a local coffee shop. Great experience for our students.

The high school library hosted a "Book Tasting" to kick off Summer Reading 2K19 that allowed the middle school students the opportunity to sample different books they can read over the summer.

Three 8th grade chorus students were accepted into the NYACDA Middle School Honor Choir. They will be traveling to Albany this coming August.

12. Good and Welfare

- A. Congratulations to Erin Kennedy and family on the birth of her son, Luke Avery, on June 3, 2019
- B. Condolences to Nino Profeta and family on the passing of his grandmother, Maria LoRaso, on May 21, 2019
- C. Condolences to Nick Maniaci and family on the passing of his grandmother, Rosaria

Maniaci, on May 21, 2019

13. Public Comments

Next on our agenda is the public comment period. Please note that anyone wishing to speak at this time should fill out a card and comply with all provisions of board policy. Please keep your comments to three minutes, refrain from addressing topics related to personnel matters or individual students. Such concerns should be discussed privately with an administrator or the superintendent at an appropriate time. The board is here to listen and cannot provide immediate feedback or engage in open dialogue. Any necessary follow up will be noted and provided at a later date.

Christine DelValle: Ms. DelValle had a question regarding contacting the board of education with feedback from the bond proposal meeting. Mr. Gamache replied that there is a link on the website and/or by an email sent to the board of education.

Dineen Cilluffo: Ms. Cilluffo asked for an investigation to be conducted as to why the police were called during the “slip and slide” senior prank when there was no criminal activity and no one was hurt.

Erik Walter: Mr. Walter, as president of the ERAA, thanked Ms. Nicoletti and Ms. Ochtera for their many years of service as members of the board of education and for all they have done. They both played an integral part in the hiring process of each member of the ERAA. He believes they will continue to advocate for our students. Many thanks for their ideas, support, kindness, respect and wished them a great future and presented them with flowers.

Mr. Walter also congratulated Ms. Scrio on receiving tenure and for supporting their unit. She tirelessly worked with their unit to create more opportunities for students. Her leadership and guidance has made a positive impact on our school and community. Mr. Walter wished her much success and presented her with flowers.

Ozzie Lonergan: Ms. Lonergan questioned whether exit surveys are being done. Mr. Gamache replied that discussions concerning exit surveys just began. Ms. Lonergan reiterated that this is a priority and should be done immediately.

14. Board Member Comments

Dominick Vulpis: Mr. Vulpis stated that tonight was a wonderful evening with so many retirees being thanked for their many years of service to the District. He welcomed Mr. Healy to the District and wished him the best of luck and a long and successful career. He congratulated Ms. Scrio on receiving tenure. Ms. Scrio’s tenure is was well deserved as she is one of the most hard working business officials he has ever worked with. He thanked Patti Nicoletti and Kristin Ochtera for all the wonderful things they made happen in the District. Many thanks also to the principals and assistant principals for their long days, long nights, evaluations, exams, that not only take place at this time of the year, but every day.

Neil Schloth: Mr. Schloth congratulated tonight's retirees, school scholar athletes who continuously maintain high averages, and our competitive sports teams. Many thanks also to our PTA's for being the backbone of our school. He reminded everyone to stay involved in the proposed bond vote. He thanked the community members who are currently involved and encouraged all residents to provide their feedback to the District. He thanked the community for staying until the end and wished everyone a good summer.

Kristin Ochtera: Ms. Ochtera echoed the sentiments of her fellow board members. She congratulated everyone who worked so hard this year to make our district successful. It has been wonderful to serve on the board these last nine years. Much work has been accomplished for which she is very proud of. She thanked the audience and administration for their support and accolades shared with her this evening. It has been her pleasure to serve the community in this capacity.

Patti Nicoletti: Ms. Nicoletti shared the sentiments of her fellow board members. It has been an honor and privilege to have served the community these past nine years. She is appreciative of all the support she has received. Although we have a small community, we have tremendous dedicated teachers and administration under the guidance and supervision of Ms. Ruiz. Wonderful things have happened in the District under Ms. Ruiz's tenure. She made reference to the film characters Shrek and Donkey and compared them to her relationship with Ms. Ochtera. In the end, those characters, like her and Ms. Ochtera, worked well together and complimented each other and did good. It has been an honor to serve with Ms. Ochtera and she is one of the smartest people she has ever met. Ms. Ochtera tackles problems easily and is able to see beyond a simple resolution. She thanked everyone for attending tonight.

Keith Gamache: Mr. Gamache thanked Ms. Nicoletti and Ms. Ochtera. His relationship with them started as trustees, then mentors and now good friends. He has enjoyed the time he spent with them. Mr. Gamache went on further to state that despite its challenges and additional time commitment, I've enjoyed serving as the board president this past year. I ran for the Board wanting to increase opportunities for our students. With the help of my fellow board trustees and the leadership of this administration, this has been achieved. While there have been many increased opportunities instructional, extra-curricular, and athletic, perhaps the one I am mostly proud of is the expansion of the number of students able to attend BOCES from 6 students each year to 18. Since joining the Board, I advocated for moving work sessions out of the superintendent's office (a long standing practice) to the conference room and added the President's report summarizing our work session discussions to our monthly meetings. At next month's reorg meeting the board will choose a president and vice president for next year and I hope I'll have the support of my returning and newly elected trustees to continue in this role.

15. Upon motion made by Patti Nicoletti, and seconded by Kristin Ochtera, and passed unanimously, the public meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vitina Fazi
District Clerk