

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
East Rockaway, New York  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
7:00 P.M., December 11, 2018, East Rockaway Jr. / Sr. High School  
Preceded by Recognition of Fall Scholar Athletes,  
a AP/SUP/College Credit Program Presentation,  
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. Scerio; Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Mona Hecht; District Clerk, Vitina Fazi

1. The meeting was called to order by Keith Gamache at 7:05 p.m.
2. Patti Nicoletti introduced Rhame Avenue School student, Brigid Peknic who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Gamache introduced Superintendent Lisa Ruiz. Ms. Ruiz welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Brigid for a job well done. She stated that there were two presentations taking place tonight. Recognition of the Fall Scholar Athlete Teams was going to take place first to allow the team members, coaches, and Mr. Barth to attend Malverne School District's board meeting for a similar recognition. Ms. Ruiz then introduced Mr. Barth, Athletic Director.

Mr. Barth thanked the Superintendent and Board of Education for allowing him the opportunity to honor the Team Scholar athletes. Mr. Barth reported that the students had a fun and successful fall season. He then announced the fall scholar athlete teams. Due to other commitments, many of the student athletes were not present but their names were announced. He began by introducing Girls Varsity Soccer Coach Joe Lores and Sarah Mihalich. The students' names were called and the students were presented with certificates. Mr. Barth then introduced Assistant Boys Varsity Soccer Coach, Jonathan Scalia. Mr. Scalia announced the students' names and certificates were presented to the students. Mr. Barth then introduced Girls Varsity Cheerleading Coach, Patricia Refino. Ms. Refino announced the students' names and certificates were presented to the students. He then introduced Girls Varsity Cross Country Coach Kenny Anderson. Mr. Anderson announced the students' names and certificates were presented to the students. Mr. Barth then introduced Girls Tennis Team Coach Pat Ward, who was not present due to her commitment at Malverne High School. Mr. Barth announced the students' names and presented the students with certificates. Mr. Barth stated that the Girls Varsity Volleyball Team Coach, Ksenia Brito, was also not present. This team was honored last night at

Village Hall. Mr. Barth called the students' names and presented the students with certificates. He also read some parts of a letter from Coach Brito congratulating the students.

Mr. Barth thanked everyone for attending tonight and congratulated all the fall athletes. Ms. Ruiz thanked the coaches, volunteers, and students for all their hard work. It was a pleasure to see some of our teams make it to the finals.

Ms. Ruiz then introduced Ms. Mona Hecht, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction. Ms. Hecht spoke about the next presentation. Ms. Hecht then introduced Mr. Andrew Rosenberg, Director of Guidance. Mr. Rosenberg spoke about advanced course options for our students. A PowerPoint presentation was shown describing the District's advance placement courses and college level courses that students can elect to take. Mr. Rosenberg then introduced students Gianna Wayar and Emma Neary. Both students shared their experiences of taking advanced courses and spoke about how much it has influenced their future choices. Mr. Rosenberg asked if there were any questions. A question was asked and answered. Mr. Rosenberg thanked the Superintendent and Board of Education for allowing him to present this evening.

Ms. Ruiz thanked Ms. Hecht, Mr. Rosenberg, and the students who spoke so eloquently of their experiences. The District's goal is to continue to offer these courses. She also thanked the teachers who train during the summer to teach these courses. The AVID program currently in place helps to develop and advance students in vocabulary, writing, and comprehension. She hopes to continue the AVID program which will assist students who choose to take advanced courses.

At 7:50 pm, Mr. Gamache continued with the public portion of the agenda.

3. Public Comments on Agenda Items – None
4. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made by Patti Nicoletti, and seconded by Dominick Vulpis, and unanimously passed, the following minutes were approved:

A. November 13, 2018, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

5. Acknowledgment of Monthly Reports and Correspondence

A. Receipt of Monthly Financial Reports: October, 2018

B. Correspondence: Two (2) late entry email correspondence were received and noted on tonight's agenda

6. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools

Upon motion made by Kristin Ochtera, and seconded by Neil Schloth, the following Items A, B, C as amended to reflect correct end date of June 30, 2019, and D through J, were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

- A. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Susan Glickman for a medical leave of absence effective January 4, 2019, through February 4, 2019.
- B. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Ann Kerner to the position of short term substitute teacher effective January 7, 2018 through February 1, 2018, at the per diem salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Scheduled for short term substitute teachers.
- C. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Mariana Pineda to the position of leave replacement special education teacher, effective January 28, 2018, through June 30, 2019, at the prorated BA, Step 2 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2018-2019 school year.
- D. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Jennifer McKeon, to the position of Senior Typist Clerk (12 months), effective December 3, 2018, at the prorated Step 14 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Secretaries Association Agreement for the 2018-2019 school year.
- E. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Francine Hernandez, to the position of Typist Clerk (10 months), effective January 2, 2019, at the prorated Step 1 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Secretaries Association Agreement for the 2018-2019 school year.
- F. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of MaryPat Hickey to the position of Senior Typist Clerk (10 months), effective December 12, 2018, at the prorated Step 3 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Secretaries Association Agreement for the 2018-2019 school year.
- G. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Leira Serrano to the position of Typist Clerk 1 (Bilingual) (12 months), effective December 12, 2018, at the prorated Step 3 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Secretaries Association Agreement for the 2018-2019 school year.
- H. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Francky Cange to the position of Security Aide, effective upon Civil Service approval, at the hourly salary set forth by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-

Contractual Salary Schedule.

- I. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of James Lores to the position of Messenger/Bus Driver (10 months) effective July 1, 2018, at the Step A annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Custodial Unit Agreement for the 2018-2019 school year, pending approval of the Side Letter Agreement described in in Other Items 7 (B) below.
- J. 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 for the 2018-2019 school year:
  - 1. Jessica Rouse, substitute teacher, effective December 12, 2018
  - 2. Kevin Fuller, concert supervisor, effective December 12, 2018
  - 3. Daniela Rappa, substitute teacher, effective December 12, 2018
  - 4. Amy Zagorski, substitute teacher, effective December 12, 2018
  - 5. Lisa Blank, concert supervisor, effective December 12, 2018

7. Other Items

Upon motion made by Neil Schloth, and seconded by Patti Nicoletti, the following Items A through I were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

- A. Approve the revised Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for the 2018-2019 school year.
- B. Approve the terms of the Side Letter Agreement dated November 29, 2018, between the Board of Education of the East Rockaway UFSD, and the East Rockaway Custodial Unit, and authorize the Superintendent to execute the Side Letter Agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
- C. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board approves Thanksgiving holiday pay for the District's security aides, effective with the 2018 Thanksgiving holiday.

- D. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with the provisions of New York State Education Law §3012-c and Subpart 30-2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District ("District") hereby certifies Leon D. Araoz as qualified lead evaluator.

The District hereby authorizes Leon D. Araoz to conduct and/or complete the annual professional performance reviews of classroom teachers within the District.

E. Approve the Health and Welfare Agreement between the East Rockaway UFSD and Seaford Union Free School District for health and welfare services for the 2018-2019 school year. and authorize the Superintendent and the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

F. Approve the Consultant Services Provider Contract between the East Rockaway UFSD and Edward M. Petrosky, Psy.D, ABPP for Neuropsychological Evaluation Services for 2018-2019 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

G. Approve the Consultant Services Contract between the East Rockaway UFSD and ELLGames, Inc. (Vilma Matos) for ENL Consultant Services for the 2018-2019 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

H. Accept the following donations:

1. From the Centre Avenue PTA:

- a. A classroom resource curriculum grant in the amount of \$49.11
- b. A classroom resource curriculum grant in the amount of \$51.81
- c. A classroom resource curriculum grant in the amount of \$49.98

2. A grant award from the East Rockaway Education Foundation in the amount of \$6,654.41 in support of District-wide educational programs

I. Declare obsolete for the purpose of disposal and/or recycling, the following items:

1. For disposal, an Ultima 65 laminating machine

8. Upon motion made by Kristin Ochtera, and seconded by Patti Nicoletti, the CSE Recommendations were unanimously approved.

Upon motion made by Dominick Vulpis, and seconded by Neil Schloth, the CPSE Recommendations were unanimously approved

9. Budget Transfers

Upon motion made by Patti Nicoletti, and seconded by Neil Schloth, the following budget transfers were unanimously approved.

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

1. Transaction No. 19-0007
2. Transaction No. 19-0008

3. Transaction No. 19-0009

10. Policy Matters

Ms. Ochtera reported that the following policies will continue to be up for review until the next meeting of the Committee.

A. For Review

1. 0110, Sexual Harassment
2. 1050, Annual District Election and Budget Vote
3. 2120, School Board Elections
4. 2120.1, Candidates and Campaigning
5. 4710, Grading
6. 4750, Promotion and Retention of Students
7. 4770, 4770-R - Graduation Requirements
8. 4772, Graduation Ceremonies
9. 4773, Diploma and Credential Options for Students with Disabilities
10. 5150, School Admission
11. 5205, Eligibility for Extra Curricular Activities
12. 5420, Student Health
13. 5460, Child Abuse
14. 8414.5, Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers

11. Reports

A. Board President's Work Session Report:

**Bond Forum:** An initial informational Bond Forum will be held on Tuesday, January 29th to discuss and share the projects that have been identified by the Facilities Committee. Our district architect, the board and administration will be available to discuss the various possible projects. Related to this matter, Living with the Bay/GOSR will be having a community open house tomorrow, December 12th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the large gym. I hope you will attend.

**Budget work sessions:** These budget presentations and discussions will be on the same nights as our regular work sessions. The budget work sessions are scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm in the conference room. Come learn about the budget priorities and budget development at these monthly sessions. Mrs. Scio will provide recaps at our monthly general business meetings, but items are discussed in greater depth at each budget work session.

**Junior ROTC:** Some parents inquired about starting a Junior ROTC program. Due to a minimum participation commitment of 50 students, it does not appear to be a

good fit for our school at this time. Thank you to Mrs. Hecht for looking into the specifics of this program.

**ESSA Accountability:** New York State's plan for implementation of the "Every Student Succeeds Act" is in place. We are still waiting to receive our final designation for the 2017/2018 school year. Some new features include an emphasis on progress for our ENL students, chronic absenteeism, social studies, graduation rate and college, career, and civic readiness of our high school students. Future indicators will also include out-of-school suspensions for this current school year. NYSED is also emphasizing improvement in the participation rate for districts not meeting the 95% participation rate. This will be a challenge for us, along with most of our neighboring Long Island districts. We plan to continue honoring our parent's wishes regarding having their child take or not take the grade 3-8 State tests. We also believe that parents should be informed of information from the State and plan to share information from NYSED with our parents including "5 Things every parent should know about NY State's plan for the ESSA" flyer. If you have questions or concerns regarding testing, please talk with your child's teacher, principal, or other member of our administrative team.

**Student Competitions:** We are excited about the success and growth of many of our extra and co- curricular activities including advancing to higher levels of competition. Our goal is to continue providing challenging opportunities for our students, but we also need to ensure that decisions are made in a consistent and fair manner and that our policies are financially sustainable. It's also important that we follow existing policy when exploring such opportunities for our students.

## B. Superintendent's Report

Ms. Ruiz apologized for her absence at last month's meeting. She was home sick and wanted very much to attend.

Ms. Ruiz thanked Mr. Cimorelli and his students for the newly created plaques for our board members. Each plaque was individually created with a laser engraver and includes the board member's favorite quote on the back.

Tonight we accepted grant awards from the East Rockaway Education Foundation and Centre Avenue PTA. The District very much appreciates the efforts of both these groups and their support of our teachers.

## **Achievement**

Teachers in Grades K-2 have immersed themselves in the Science 21 program. In kindergarten, the classes learned about forces and how to recognize the strength and examples of forces. In first grade, students recently studied light and sound. They explored how light and sound allow us to see, hear and communicate through different experiments. In the second grade classes, students studied matter and conducted hands-on activities to investigate the properties of matter and why certain materials are used for different purposes.

Laura Millar is a candidate in the competition for a Special Scholarship awarded through the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program based on her PSAT/NMSQT scores. She will be competing for the Liberty Mutual Scholarship. Students selected for the scholarship will be notified in March.

Isabella Da Costa was selected by Senator Kaminsky to be nominated to New York State for the Presidential Scholars Award. She is being nominated for the CTE award through the Presidential Scholars Program.

Congratulations to Nicholas Stebner (and Ms. Silver high school choral teacher) on being accepted to the American Choral Director's Association Junior High Honor Choir. Nicholas will perform in Kansas City at the end of February. This is a first for East Rockaway!

All new teachers and administrators engaged in Thinking Maps Training on November 16, 2018.

Laura Millar and Eddie McCann were honored as Outstanding High School Physical Education students by the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation.

Arianne Millar was selected by the Nassau County Chapter of the New York State Athletic Administrators Association as the recipient of the Bonden Westring Award. This award is given annually to the athletics administrative assistants in Nassau County who displays devotion to duty, commitment to excellence and a love of children.

A team of teachers responsible for further developing the vertically aligned research program met with Ms. Terranova, Ms. Valentin, Department Chairpersons and Adam Fachler, Thinking Maps Trainer, to enhance the scaffolding and complexity of each grade level research project.



## Connection

In the coming months, the Engage Every Family building committees will meet to create action plans to increase the level of involvement of our families and to help support learning at home. These committees are made up of building administrators, teachers and parents. This work will build on last year's work to operationalize the plans and bring them to life!

At the start of the new year, we will be hosting a parent/community book club to read the book, *The Teen Formula, A Parent's Guide to Helping Your Child Avoid Substance Abuse*, by Dr. Dave Campbell. Teendrugrehab.com revealed almost 50% of high school seniors have abused a drug of some kind. In this book, Dr. Dave Campbell uncovers the different challenges that often lead adolescents to substance abuse and the eleven strategies clinically proven to help your teen avoid or overcome addictive behaviors. Some outcomes will help parents identify the pitfalls of certain parenting styles. Learn to enjoy a positive parent-teen relationship.

Learn how to:

- \* Equip your teen to live with a sense of personal accountability and responsibility.
- \* Restore a broken relationship with your child.
- \* Prepare your pre-teen to make wise choices.
- \* Find help if your teen is already using or abusing addictive substances

With the support of the Prevention Task Force, we will host three evenings of book discussion in small groups and presentations and resource forums. We would also like to open this opportunity up to all families in our community. We hope to provide dinner and babysitting at some of these events. Thank you to the East Rockaway Education Foundation for the grant they provided which will fund the cost of 50 books. Parents will receive a book free of charge. We will be seeking additional funding to purchase additional books depending on parent interest. An informational flyer will be coming out in January with a launch date.

Over 30 alumni from the class of 2018 returned to East Rockaway High School on Wednesday, November 21, 2018. Returning students addressed Grades 9-12 in two separate assemblies answering questions about how best prepare for college and advice on managing the transition from high school. Mr. Schafer met with students in smaller groups as well.

Using the skills that were obtained in the projectile motion unit in Regents Physics, students also completed an independent project where they researched and analyzed something that is of interest to them. A McKayla Maroney vault, a cheerleading basket

toss, an Aaron Rodgers Hail Mary pass, and a Cristiano Ronaldo free kick are a few of the real-world phenomena that were studied!

Boys and girls basketball teams will once again participate in a Holiday Toy drive benefiting Greg's' Wings Foundation.

Team Up 4 Community challenged Long Island athletes to be a sports hero to a cause or someone in need this 2018 holiday season to see how big of an impact we could make together in our communities. Based upon our students' extraordinary community service endeavors, our high school students were entered into this contest and could win one of three scholarship prizes. Ms. Ruiz encouraged everyone to follow the link on the District's website at: <https://www.teamup4community.org/l-i-holiday-sports-heroes-video-challenge-2018> and vote for our students. You can vote multiple times after a 24-hour period. She has already cast her vote and intends to vote again. She thanked Mr. Barth for his work to promote this contest.

In Advisory in the month of December, the focus is on developing healthy interpersonal relationships. Students discussed the difference between a friend and an acquaintance, modeled the ideal friend, and will move to analyze how to manage conflict in productive ways. Ms. Ruiz thanked Ms. Terranova and her team for providing those lessons to students

Peer Leaders Adopt an Advisory Launch. Working with school social worker Ms. Maureen Schutta, peer leaders from the high school have adopted a MS Advisory and will visit on a weekly basis to provide leadership and guidance (together with their adult advisor). There was a breakfast for the Peer Leaders and their middle school buddies.

The Third Annual Empty Bowls Event took place on Wednesday, December 5, 2018. Over 150 students, family, staff and community members that attended were treated to a delicious dinner, musical entertainment and a pop up art gallery. Students raised over \$900 which benefited Island Harvest. Bowls were distributed to anyone that attended. Many thanks to art teachers Kelly Cabasso, Kristie Galante, and Chairperson Pete Ceglie, for coordinating another successful event!

### **Opportunity**

During the holiday season, Centre Avenue Student Council and K-Kids organized food and toy drives for local organizations and families. For Thanksgiving the elementary school students made 13 baskets for local families. Ms. McCabe coordinated the Giving Tree in both schools, in which staff members and local families donate toys, gift cards and clothes to families in the local area.

Teachers in grades K-6 at Rhame and Centre Avenue schools were most recently provided with an opportunity to engage with a literacy expert for 1/2-day grade level specific sessions focusing on Writer's Workshop. Teachers worked to generate mini-lessons and a framework for writing Personal Narratives in alignment with the Columbia University Teachers College Writing Workshop Model.

On Monday November 26, 2018, the Senior Chorus performed at a New York Islanders game at The Barclays Center in Brooklyn. During intermission, the Chorus members sang "This is Me" from The Greatest Showman to over 8,000 audience members. Their moving performance sparked high praise from game attendees, with many strangers stopping to heartily congratulate the students after the game.

### **Innovation**

Fifth grade students at Centre have been working in Eureka Math Module 2 to learn various strategies for solving long division equations with and without decimals. They have recently used Flip Grid, with Mr. Araoz's assistance, to create a script on the steps to solve long division and then film a video. These videos will be used as "how-to" for fellow students in Grades 4 and 5.

Seventh and eighth grade social studies students have started a trial "techbook" in conjunction with their curriculum. Students also took a small break from the Regents Physics curriculum to compete in an engineering "tower-building" competition. Students were given one piece of computer paper, a pair of scissors, and scotch tape. Students Bryan Morgenthaler and Billy Hyland built the highest tower with a height of 125 cm!

Last week, Mr. Araoz visited both Rhame Avenue third grade classrooms to facilitate an hour of code. Serving as the new director of technology for the school district, Mr. Araoz showed students engaging features on the website: code.org, which they were first introduced to through the district's STEAM program, taught by Mrs. Healy.

Students in Ms. Falvo's and Ms. Isik's seventh grade English classes celebrated "Vignettes-giving!" This holiday involves sharing original vignettes that are modeled after Sandra Cisneros' collection of vignettes from The House on Mango Street. Students spent the week sharing their coming of age and personal experiences that have shaped their identity.

Jordan Lu, Andrew Calise, Peter Kaplan, and Louis Perri placed first at the Vex IQ Challenge Robotics Tournament at Friends Academy. This win qualifies these students for participation in the Vex IQ Southern NY State Robotics Championship event in

February and for the US Open Robotics event in Iowa in April. Many thanks to Mrs. Healy, Mr. Cimorelli, and Mr. Howard for hosting this past Saturday's Vex Tournament.

We have been working closely with our security consultant Altaris Security to review their opportunities for enhanced security which were recommended in the evaluation they conducted. Representatives from Altaris have participated in various drills in all three buildings and have met with our district safety team. They have provided valuable guidance to enhance security in our district. Many thanks to the Board of Education for approving the funds for this valuable service.

### C. Communication Sub-Committee Report

Mr. Dominick Vulpis gave the following report:

The committee met for the first time on November 27, 2018, at Rhame Avenue School. The charge of the committee was defined as “engaging in productive dialogue regarding communications methods and messaging strategies for the East Rockaway School District. The goal is to create a positive discussion that will potentially drive future district communications decisions.”

The following points of discussion will generate future agenda items for this committee:

#### Working Parents

- ✧ Outreach other than Facebook page
- ✧ Scheduling events with night/day options for working parents

#### Social Media

- ✧ Use of social media to post standardized testing dates with grade levels

#### Clarity of Opinions

- ✧ Understanding the need to be transparent in all meetings with the exception to personnel and legal issues

#### Technology Communication

- ✧ Portal usage other than grades
- ✧ Google Classroom for all teachers

#### Information Updates on District Website

- ✧ Pages need to be consistent with information updated

#### Phone Calls to Parents

- ✧ Emails and google are excellent tools but the use of phone communication to praise student involvement and work ethic are welcome

#### Home School Students

- ✧ Would like to establish a liaison with schools for students to become involved outside the classroom

#### Connection to Community

- ✧ Close the gaps between village, private schools, home schools by inviting all groups to school events and attending community events
- ✧ All village constitutes need to be considered in outreach
- ✧ Tradition of the community should have a place in decision making
- ✧ There should be communication with St. Raymond's on lock downs, snow days, calendar events

These items of discussion will be ongoing and used to compel the next agenda's items.

#### 12. Good and Welfare

- Condolences to the Zollo Family on the passing of Pasquale Zollo on November 23, 2018
- Condolences to Susan Kosser on the passing of her sister-in-law, Barbara Plouff, on November 3, 2018
- Condolences to Victoria Berman and family on the passing of her grandmother, Rozalia Odessky
- Condolences to Joseph Cracolici and family on the passing of his mother, Filippa Cracolici
- Condolences to Susan Torborg and family on the passing of her husband, Gene Torborg, on December 6, 2018
- Condolences to Lorraine Liberti and family on the passing of her mother, Nancy Liberti, on December 5, 2018

#### 13. Public Comments - None

#### 14. Board Member Comments

Kristin Ochtera: Ms. Ochtera wished everyone a happy holiday season; good fortune in wrapping up 2018 and more good fortune for 2019.

Patti Nicoletti: Ms. Nicoletti thanked Mr. Barth for all he has done for our student athletes and the Athletic Department. Many thanks also to Mr. Rosenberg for tonight's presentation. She congratulated Gianna and Emma for sharing their experiences. She was very impressed

with what they said. Ms. Nicoletti thanked all the teachers who were willing to train during the summer in order to teach the advanced courses. The Board appreciates their dedication. Lastly, she thanked Mr. Cimorelli and his technology students for the new plaques. Not only do they identify each board member but engraved on the back are individual quotes which have meaning to each individual member. She wished everyone a happy and restful holiday.

Neil Schloth: Mr. Schloth joined his colleagues on all the points they brought up. He thanked the Superintendent, administration and staff for striving to improve our schools each and every day.

Dominick Vulpis: Mr. Vulpis also joined his colleagues on what was shared by them. He read to the audience the quote on his plaque: "Life is for the living so make a daily contribution to live life to the fullest." He has been listening to all of the wonderful things that are being accomplished in the District. Special thanks to the teachers who not only teach in the classrooms but are doing all the extra-curricular activities and programs outside of the classroom. This is a huge undertaking and he is very appreciative of their efforts.

Keith Gamache: Mr. Gamache also joins his fellow trustees on what was shared tonight. Mr. Gamache read his quote, "In struggle for justice." [Jonathan Kozol] He reminded the audience to vote for our students and wished everyone a happy holiday season and a great new year.

15. Upon motion made by Kristin Ochtera, and seconded by Neil Schloth, and passed unanimously, the public meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vitina Fazi  
District Clerk