

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 12, 2022

Mrs. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of Rocky Point High School.

Present: Susan Sullivan, President
Edward Casswell, Vice President
Gregory Amendola, Trustee (Arriving at 6:25 p.m.)
Michael Lisa, Trustee
Jessica Ward, Trustee
Scott O'Brien, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Christopher Van Cott, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Kelly White, District Clerk

Absent: Susann Crossan, Assistant Superintendent

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6 p.m. a motion made by Michael Lisa, and seconded by Jessica Ward, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss confidential legal and specific personnel issues.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

The board returned to open session at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. O'Brien announced that Chris Van Cott, Assistant Superintendent for Business, would be providing the fourth and final budget presentation during the meeting and thanked him for the hard work that went into creating a balanced budget. He also shared the news that Rocky Point Middle School was once again named a School to Watch. Dr. O'Brien noted the importance of this achievement, stressing how they were able to navigate through the obstacles over the past year. He added that this recognition was based on essential elements including excelling in academic excellence, developmental responsiveness, social equity and organization structure.

Mr. Chris Van Cott provided a Power Point presentation covering the following areas:

- Summarized Expenditure Categories
- Major Revenue Categories
- 2022-2023 Tax Cap Calculation
- State Aid
- Major Revenue Categories
- 2022-23 Balanced Budget
- Recommended Capital Reserve Projects
- Voter Registration
- 2022-23 Budget Summary
- Important Dates

Mr. Van Cott opened the floor to questions/comments regarding the budget presentation.

- Ms. Franco inquired if specific financial aid was included in the budget presentation. Mr. Van Cott confirmed that all financial aid numbers that had been released as recently as this past weekend were included in the presentation provided.

There were no further questions/comments.

Mrs Sullivan opened the floor to questions/comments regarding the agenda.

There were no questions/comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed below are presented as part of the Consent Agenda which can be adopted by the Board of Education under a single motion followed by a second and then a formal vote. The Consent Agenda items are listed in their regular order within a group. Before an actual vote is taken, any Consent Agenda item may be removed by a Board member without a formal motion or second. If this occurs, the indicated resolution will be discussed during its regular order on the agenda and voted on individually.

II-VII CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Jessica Ward, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the following agenda items as one item.

- II: Minutes** – Regular Meeting March 14, 2022; Special Meeting March 30, 2022
- III: Budget Transfer Summary** – March 2022
- IV: Treasurer’s Reports** – March 2022
- V: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer’s Report** – March 2022
- VI: Financial Reports** – March 2022
- VII: Committees on Special Education Schedules 4-12-2022-A and 4-12-2022-B**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

VIII DONATION OF FISHING POLES

Upon a motion made by Jessica Ward, and seconded by Gregory Amendola, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of sixteen (16) Long Island Rod fishing poles, Model: Fluke Combo, from the Long Island Beach Buggy Association (LIBBA), valued at approximately \$720.00.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Long Island Beach Buggy Association for their donation.

IX RITA E. SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP

Upon a motion made by Gregory Amendola, and seconded by Michael Lisa, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves and accepts the \$1,000 scholarship donation from Roger and Susan Sullivan, to be deposited to the Scholarship Fund CM2001.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

The Board thanked Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan for their donation.

X RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE ENVIRONMENTAL EAGLE SCHOLARSHIP

Upon a motion made by Michael Lisa, and seconded by Ed Casswell, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the establishment of the Environmental Eagle Scholarship as per criteria defined on the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XI SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Jessica Ward, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves for surplus the following attached lists of equipment.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XII TAN BORROWING FOR THE 2022-23 FISCAL YEAR

Upon a motion made by Jessica Ward, and seconded by Gregory Amendola, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

Tax Anticipation Note Resolution of the Rocky Point Union Free School District, New York, dated April 12, 2022, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$5,000,000 Tax Anticipation Notes in anticipation of the receipt of taxes to be levied for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XIII SENECA CONSULTING GROUP – AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
CONTRACT FOR 2022-2023**

Upon a motion made by Gregory Amendola, and seconded by Michael Lisa, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education agrees to enter into a 2022-23 contract with Seneca Consulting Group, Inc. for Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act administration at an annual cost of \$10,500 plus additional fees to print and mail required IRS 1095 forms. Pricing and terms for this service will be in accordance with a Request for Proposal process administered by Eastern Suffolk BOCES.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIV 2021-2022 HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACT

Upon a motion made by Michael Lisa, and seconded by Ed Casswell, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to enter into an agreement for health services for the 2021-2022 school year with the following district:

South Huntington Union Free School District.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XV 2022-2023 BOCES COOPERATIVE BIDDING SERVICES PURCHASING
CONTRACT**

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Jessica Ward, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Resolution to participate in the BOCES Cooperative Bidding Purchasing Program for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year on an “as needed” basis as per the attached Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program Resolution (A).

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVI STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Upon a motion made by Jessica Ward, and seconded by Gregory Amendola, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has considered the request for a contract between Rocky Point Schools and Hedieh Resciniti and her daughter, Lily Resciniti (grade 12), to remain in the Rocky Point Union Free School District tuition-free for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year beginning on April 13, 2022 and ending on June 24, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves this request.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVII PAPER EDUCATION COMPANY, INC. PROPOSAL

Upon a motion made by Gregory Amendola, and seconded by Michael Lisa, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the United States federal government enacted the American Rescue Plan (ARP) of 2021, Public Law 117-2 on March 11, 2021;

WHEREAS, the ARP provides financial assistance to states and school districts to sustain the operation of schools and to address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation's students;

WHEREAS, the District has developed a multi-year plan reflecting initiatives in accordance with the requirements of the ARP which includes the need to provide afterschool enrichment and support opportunities;

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached proposal from Paper Education Company as a sole source proprietor of providing unlimited 24/7 chat-based, one-on-one tutoring; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the proposal will be funded by the ARP.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVIII INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' SINGLE AUDIT AND RELATED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

Upon a motion made by Michael Lisa, and seconded by Ed Casswell, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Independent Auditors' Single Audit and related Corrective Action Plan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, which has been submitted by our external auditors, R.S. Abrams.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIX EDUCATIONAL DATA NY / LONG ISLAND COOPERATIVE BID SERVICES 2022-23

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Jessica Ward, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business to enter into an agreement with Educational Data Services, Inc. for participation in cooperative bids for the purchase of supplies, materials and equipment for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XX RESOLUTION TO EXPEND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS ON CAPITAL PROJECTS

Upon a motion made by Jessica Ward, and seconded by Gregory Amendola, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District ("Board") has determined that there is a need to undertake certain capital improvements, renovations and/or alterations to commence during the 2022-2023 school year ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, it is required that a proposition be presented to the voters of the School District authorizing the expenditure of available funds from the District's Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes and directs that the following proposition be placed before the voters of the Rocky Point Union Free School District at the Annual District Meeting to be conducted on May 17, 2022, and that the District Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to give notice of such proposition to be voted at said Annual District Meeting by publishing a notice thereat: the requisite number of times.

PROPOSITION NO. 2 (Capital Reserve Project Proposition):

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District ("District"), is hereby authorized to appropriate and expend from the Capital Reserve Fund, approved by the voters and established on May 16, 2006, and amended on May 21, 2013, an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the purpose of undertaking improvement projects ("Projects") to commence during the 2022-2023 school year and to consist of: (a) the retrofitting of LED lighting at the tennis courts and the upper turf field; the installing of LED pole lighting at the lower turf field; and the construction of lower turf field seating and drainage improvements at the Rocky Point Middle/High Schools, and (b) the replacement of playground surface and equipment at the Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School and (c) the replacement of the playground surface and equipment at the Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School and other work required in connection therewith, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto; and to transfer such sum into the District's Capital Fund as needed to be expended and approved towards the costs of said Projects.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXI RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2022-2023 PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

Upon a motion made by Gregory Amendola, and seconded by Michael Lisa, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education adopts the 2022-2023 Rocky Point Union Free School District Property Tax Report Card as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXII RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO FIELD TESTING

Upon a motion made by Michael Lisa, and seconded by Ed Casswell, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District has heretofore voiced its opposition to mandatory field testing of standardized assessments and;

WHEREAS the New York State Education Department has selected various schools of the Rocky Point Union Free School District for field testing of standardized assessments during the 2021-2022 school year and;

WHEREAS the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District as the elected governing body of the school district continues in its belief that field testing of standardized assessments is not in the best interest of its students or instructional program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rocky Point Union Free School District respectfully declines to participate in any and all field testing of standardized assessments during the 2021-2022 school year and directs the Superintendent of Schools to take all necessary steps to effectuate this resolution and provide notification of same to the State Education Department.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXIII CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT-SCHOOL SOURCE TECHNOLOGIES

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Jessica Ward, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute a contract with School Source Technologies to provide Transportation Request for Proposal consultation at a flat fee of \$10,000. Term of said contract is April 12, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXIV AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ROCKY POINT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION – SPECIAL AREA CHAIRPERSON

Upon a motion made by Jessica Ward, and seconded by Gregory Amendola, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute an Agreement between the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association for the purpose of department chair persons in one (1) Special Area Chairperson (Library K-12, Art K-12)

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XXV AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ROCKY
POINT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION – BUILDING-LEVEL SPECIAL
EDUCATION FACILITATORS**

Upon a motion made by Gregory Amendola, and seconded by Michael Lisa, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute an Agreement between the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association for four (4) building-level special education facilitators (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12).

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XXVI AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ROCKY
POINT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION – ELEMENTARY LEVEL
CHAIRPERSONS**

Upon a motion made by Michael Lisa, and seconded by Ed Casswell, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute an Agreement between the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association for the purpose of department chair persons at the elementary level in science (K-2 and 3-5), math (K-2, 3-5).

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XXVII RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET**

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Jessica Ward, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the Rocky Point Union Free School District Budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year pursuant to the Education Law Section 1716 in the amount of \$88,019,717.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXVIII PERSONNEL

Upon a motion made by Jessica Ward, and seconded by Gregory Amendola, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXIX NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Sullivan inquired of the trustees if there was any new business they wished to discuss.

There was no new business.

Mrs. Sullivan once again opened the floor to questions/comments.

- Ms. Ruberto inquired as to the deadline for candidate petitions for the Board of Education. Mr. Van Cott advised that the last day was April 18. Ms. Ruberto announced a Meet the Candidates night that would take place on May 9, given by the Sound Beach Civic Association. She added that they are working on a production of the history of Sound Beach and are planning to share the video in June. Ms. Ruberto stated she would provide the details once they were confirmed.
- Ms. Baldi spoke regarding increased communication with the community. Additionally, she brought forth a concern of not only portion size, but also an insufficient quantity of student lunches in both the middle school and high schools.
- Ms. Walsh noted the rates of children with food insecurities in the District.
- Mr. Contes commented on the need to improve the nutrition program.
- Mister Palifka expressed the importance of basic first aid courses and suggested that they be worked into the curriculum. He added that refresher courses for staff, students and community members would be beneficial.

There were no further questions/comments.

XXX ADJOURNMENT

At 7:49 p.m. a motion was made by Michael Lisa, and seconded by Ed Casswell to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White
District Clerk