

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 9, 2023

Ms. Ward called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Rocky Point High School.

Present: Jessica Ward, President
 Michael Lisa, Vice President
 Edward Casswell, Trustee
 Susan Sullivan, Trustee
 Erin Walsh, Trustee
 Scott O'Brien, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
 Susann Crossan, Assistant Superintendent
 Christopher Van Cott, Assistant Superintendent for Business
 Kelly White, District Clerk

Absent:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:30 p.m. a motion was made by Michael Lisa, and seconded by Erin Walsh, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss confidential personnel and legal matters.

All in favor – motion carried 5-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. O'Brien announced that there would be two short presentations during tonight's meeting. The first would be an update on the Strategic Planning process.

Dr. O'Brien reviewed the following progress:

- District Survey sent to all parents, staff and students
- Focus groups have met
- Virtual Town Hall held
- Several Steering Committee meetings took place and will continue to meet in order to finalize the strategic plan

Dr. O'Brien reminded the meeting attendees that the above info could be found in the Rocky Point Strategic Plan portion of the school website. He also announced that an update on the 9-period day would be available in the coming weeks. The update will include schedules for all four school buildings as well as information on new course

selections at the High School level. Dr. O'Brien added that additional courses such as Band and Orchestra would be available to fourth grade students, as well as STEM and SEL electives and extended lunch/recess. Additional security personnel will also be added.

Dr. O'Brien opened the floor to questions/comments regarding the Strategic Planning Process.

There were no questions/comments.

Dr. O'Brien invited Mr. Van Cott to the podium for the next presentation.

Mr. Van Cott greeted the meeting attendees and stated he would be providing a brief overview of the 2023-2024 budget cycle. He added that typically the budget presentations begin in January but due to the Strategic Planning process, as well as, waiting for the release of the Governor's budget for 2023-2024 school aid, this year's first budget forum will take place in February.

Mr. Van Cott reviewed the slide presentation including the following items:

- Anticipated Budget Highlights and Challenges
 - Highlights included Increased State Foundation Aid; Implementation of 9-Period Day; Additional Security Personnel; Restructured Transportation Routes; Strong Level of Reserve Funds;
 - Challenges included Health Insurance Costs; Implementation of 9-Period day; Required Cyber Security costs; Federal Grants nearing expiration; Inflation impacting costs, especially energy.
- Suggested Capital Reserve Proposition – The existing Capital Reserve expires May 2023. Establishment of a new 10 year Capital Reserve is proposed on the May 2023 ballot.
- Upcoming Budget Forums and Important Dates
 - Forum 1 – February 6th @ 6pm – HS Auditorium
 - Forum 2 – March 13th @ 6pm – HS Auditorium
 - Forum 3 – March 27th @6pm – HS Auditorium
 - Budget Adoption – April 19th @ 7pm – HS Auditorium
 - Budget Hearing – May 2nd @ 5pm – HS Auditorium
 - Budget, Proposition and Trustee Elections – May 16th – 7am-9pm – HS Gymnasium

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

There were no questions/comments.

Ms. Ward 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. On the following page 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.

III-IV CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Upon a resolution made by Michael Lisa, and seconded by Susan Sullivan, the following resolution was offered:

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

- III: Minutes** – Regular Meeting December 12, 2022
- IV: Committees on Special Education Schedules** 1-9-23-A and 1-9-23-B as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

V WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE, INC. FUNDING AWARD

Upon a resolution made by Susan Sullivan, and seconded by Erin Walsh, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the District has been awarded \$17,425.00 from the Workforce Development Institute, Inc. ("WDI"), a statewide non-profit that works to increase opportunities for potential success within construction trades, engineering and architectural industries. Said award will be utilized to upgrade equipment and ancillary items in District Career and Technical Education (CTE) instructional spaces; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the award in the amount of \$17,425.00 from WDI and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the associated funding agreement; and

RESOLVED, the Rocky Point Union Free School District hereby approves upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to increase the general fund budget by \$17,425.00 as a result of the funding award from WDI.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following budget codes will be adjusted to reflect that increase:

A2110208033100	\$7,750.00
A2100500033100	\$9,675.00

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Ward expressed her gratitude to Mr. Schumacher's hard work to obtain the grant.

VI SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Upon a resolution made by Erin Walsh, 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 approve for surplus the following attached lists of equipment.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

VII GENERAL EDUCATION TUITION CONTRACT - SHOREHAM-WADING RIVER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Upon a resolution made by Ed Casswell, 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 a tuition contract with the Shoreham-Wading River School District whereby the Rocky Point Union Free School District shall provide requested general education instruction services to Shoreham-Wading River resident student(s) for the 2022-23 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to execute said 2022-23 tuition contract, as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

VIII FAMILY INTEGRATED CONSULTING & RESOURCES / PROJECT PRESENCE PROPOSAL (REVISED)

Upon a resolution made by Michael Lisa, and seconded by Susan Sullivan, 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 safe operation of schools and address the impact of the corona virus pandemic on the nation's students;

WHEREAS, the District has developed a multi-year plan reflecting initiatives in accordance with the requirements of ARP which includes the need to provide evidence-based strategies to address students' social, emotional, mental health and academic needs;

WHEREAS, the District has utilized Family Integrated Consulting & Resources, a provider of said services, and it is desirous to maintain and further expand the relationship with this vendor;

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached revised 2022-23 proposal from Family Integrated Consulting & Resources as a sole source proprietor of a comprehensive integrated social, emotional, learning program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the proposal will be funded by the ARP and can be terminated by either party.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

IX GRANTING OF TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN EXEMPTIONS FOR 2023-24

Upon a resolution made by Susan Sullivan, and seconded by Erin Walsh, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants any/all of the following exemptions:

- RP 467 Partial Exemption for Seniors - (Local options 1, 2 & 3)
- RP 459C Limited Income Disability Exemption - (Local options 1, 2 & 3)
- RP 458A Alternative Veterans Exemption - (Local options 1, 2, 3 & 4)
- RP 458B Cold War Veterans Exemption- (Local options 1, 2 & 3)
- RP 466C Fire/Ambulance Workers Exemption - (Local options 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5)

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

X REVISION AND RE-ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY NUMBERS 2330, 6121 AND 7530 (SECOND READING)

Upon a resolution made by Erin Walsh, and seconded by Ed Casswell, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education re-adopts the following revised policies (second reading):

- 2330 Expense Reimbursement
- 6121 Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
- 7530 Child Abuse and Maltreatment

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XI 2022-2023 HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACT-W. ISLIP UFSD

Upon a resolution made by Ed Casswell, 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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to enter into an agreement for health services for the 2022-2023 school year with the following district: West Islip Union Free School District.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XII AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DOROTHY TIS

Upon a resolution made by Michael Lisa, and seconded by Susan Sullivan, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute an Agreement between the District and Dorothy Tis in accordance with existing provisions in her employment agreement, Paragraph 8(a) and 8(c) effective July 1, 2022.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIII EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT – KIM TRYPALUK

Upon a resolution made by Susan Sullivan, and seconded by Erin Walsh, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rocky Point UFSD approves the employment agreement between the Board of Education and Kim Trypaluk, Principal Office Assistant, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute same on behalf of the Board of Education.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIV PERSONNEL

Upon a resolution made by Erin Walsh, 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 attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Ward congratulated the following employees on their appointments:

- Mr. James Moeller – Interim High School Principal
- Ms. Dawn Meyers – Interim Middle School Principal
- Ms. Kim Trypaluk – Principal Office Assistant
- Ms. Regina White – Principal Office Assistant

XV NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Ward inquired of the trustees if there was any new business they wished to discuss.

There was no new business at this time.

Ms. Ward once again opened the floor to questions/comments.

There were no questions/comments.

XVI ADJOURNMENT

At 7:21 p.m. a motion was made by Susan Sullivan, and seconded by Michael Lisa, to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White
District Clerk