

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 29, 2022

Ms. Ward called the meeting to order at 5:31 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 5:31 p.m. a motion was made by Susan Sullivan, and seconded by Erin Walsh, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:03p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Van Cott invited Mrs. Maureen Branagan, School Lunch Manager, to the podium to congratulate her on her retirement. Mrs. Branagan, who has been in her position for the past nine years, was described as self-motivated, accountable, receptive and dedicated throughout her employment with the District. Prior to joining Rocky Point, Mrs. Branagan worked in hospital and nursing home food services, beginning in 1980. He noted that she was the first Dietetic Technician hired at Stony Brook Hospital. Mr. Van Cott added that Mrs. Branagan served on the board of both the Long Island School Nutrition Director's Association and the Long Island Chapter of the School Nutrition Association. He referred to her as a tremendous asset and someone who treated both students and their families with extreme care, especially during the Covid-19 school closures. Mrs. Branagan and her staff served meals to students on a daily basis and also collected and distributed snack and meal boxes from local charities. Once students returned to the building, she redesigned the school lunch distribution system to comply with new strict regulations. Mr. Van Cott expressed how grateful the District was for all

of her hard work. He added that Mrs. Branagan credits her staff for the efficiency of their program. Mr. Van Cott once again referred to Mrs. Branagan as a valuable staff member and wished her well on her retirement.

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-VIII Consent Agenda Items

Upon a motion 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 July 28, 2022
- IV: Treasurer’s Reports** – June 2022
- V: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer’s Report** – June 2022
- VI: Financials** - June 2022
- VII: Internal Claims Audit Report** – June and July 2022
- VIII: Committees on Special Education Schedules 8-29-22-A and 8-29-22-B** as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

IX Rita E. Sullivan Scholarship Donation

Upon a motion made by Susan Sullivan, 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 and accepts the \$100.00 scholarship donation from Roger and Susan Sullivan, given in honor of Ann Moran, to be deposited to the Scholarship Fund CM20000.000.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan added that Ms. Moran unfortunately passed away over the summer.

X Donation from Ohiopyle Prints, Inc.

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, 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 approves and accepts the donation from Ohiopyle Prints, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rocky Point Union Free School District hereby approves the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to increase the general fund budget by \$14.58 as a result of the donation from Ohiopyle Prints, Inc.

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

A 2110 500 03 0000 \$14.58

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XI PTA Donation of Televisions, Wall Mounts, and Chromeboxes

Upon a motion made by Erin Walsh, 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 accepts the three (3) Samsung 43" televisions, two (2) Samsung 50" televisions, five (5) wall mounts, and (5) Chromeboxes from the Rocky Point PTA, valued at approximately \$5,173.15.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Lisa thanked the PTA for their donation and added that the mounted TV's in the high school hallways looked great.

XII Citizens Campaign Fund for the Environment Grant Award

Upon a motion 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 Schools, the Board of Education accepts the award of \$1,937.00 from Citizens Campaign Fund for the Environment.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rocky Point Union Free School District hereby approves upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to increase the general fund budget by \$1,937.00 as a result of the donation from Citizens Campaign Fund for the Environment.

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

A 2110 500 03 0000 \$1,937.00

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIII School Bus Stop Arm Program – School Safety Grant

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

WHEREAS, Section 117 4-a of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law authorized Suffolk County (“County”) to establish a demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of the vehicle’s operator to stop for school buses with stop signs extended; and

WHEREAS, the District has previously entered into an opt-in agreement with the County to participate in the Stop Arm Program; and

WHEREAS, the County has collected fines associated with said program and in an effort to promote school safety and traffic education, shall provide District with its share of program revenues based on student enrollment; and

BE IT RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute an agreement between the District and the County reflecting the acceptance of \$15,120 and associated uses of those funds.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIV Surplus Equipment

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, 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 approves for surplus the following attached lists of equipment.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XV Sale of Various Buildings and Grounds Equipment

Upon a motion made by Erin Walsh, and seconded by Michal Lisa, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the sale of the following equipment to the highest bidder, through Auctions International, Inc.:

- (2) Western Plows \$1,925.00
- (1) Air Flow 8’ Salt Spreader \$ 270.00
- (1) Befco Tractor Spreader \$ 57.50
- (1) 1980 International 284 Tractor \$1,600.00
- (1) 2001 John Deere 4610 Tractor \$5,800.00
- (1) Western Tornado Salt Spreader \$1,175.00
- (1) York Tine Field Rake \$ 260.00

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVI Bid Award #21-08 Boiler Maintenance & Repair Contract Extension for 2022-23

Upon a motion 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 Schools, the Board of Education renews the Agreement with Commercial Instrumentation Services for Boiler Maintenance & Repair for the 2022-23 fiscal year at no additional cost, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVII Special Education 2022-2023 Contract – Career & Employment Options

Upon a motion made by Susan Sullivan, 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 to enter into a contract with Career & Employment Options, Inc. for specialized career assessment for the 2022-2023 school year, under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or District Policy, as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVIII Agreement between the Board of Education and Susann Crossan

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Erin Walsh, 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 Susann Crossan in accordance with existing provisions in her employment agreement, Paragraph 8(b) effective June 17, 2019.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIX Personnel

Upon a motion made by Erin Walsh, 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 accepts the attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Ward congratulated the following employees on their appointments:

- Ms. Melissa May – JAE School Psychologist
- Ms. Kaitlyn Montalbano – JAE Physical Education Teacher
- Ms. Danielle Sohngen – HS Special Education Teacher
- Ms. Desiree DeMelfi – FJC Music Teacher
- Ms. Shakia Hall – HS School Lunch Monitor
- Ms. Bernadette Montefusco – School Teacher Aide
- Ms. Nicole Slavontis – School Teacher Aide
- Ms. Ursola Altieri – School Teacher Aide
- Ms. Jacqueline Loud-Carmody – JAE P/T Office Assistant
- Ms. Christine Michael – JAE School Lunch Monitor
- Ms. Sarah Nolan – FJC School Lunch Monitor
- Ms. Kaylyn Sadler – HS Hall Monitor
- Mr. Deny Alfaro – Custodial Worker
- Ms. Annette Siegel – Food Service Worker
- Ms. Lauren May-Kulick – FJC School Lunch Monitor
- Ms. Lisa Stevens – HS Attendance Aide

XX 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 reminded the meeting attendees of the public comment procedure.

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

- Ms. Ruberto expressed continued concerns regarding the District no longer accepting book donations to which she spoke about at the prior meeting. Ms. Ward reiterated that a policy change via a Board approved resolution was not required as language in the existing non-specific donation policy allows for discretion in regards to any donations.
- Ms. Villafane expressed thanks to Mrs. Branagan who assisted her in previous years with food allergy concerns in the cafeteria.

There were no further questions/comments.

XXI Adjournment

At 7:26 p.m. a motion was made by Michael Lisa, and seconded by Erin Walsh, to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White
District Clerk