

**MINUTES**  
**ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**January 25, 2010**

**Mr. Nofi called the meeting to order at 7:39 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Michael Nofi, President  
Diane Burke, Vice President  
Edward Darcey, Trustee  
Michael Ferrara, Trustee  
John Lessler, Trustee  
Carla L. D'Ambrosio Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Michael F. Ring, Ed.D., Asst. Supt. for Finance and Operations  
Anja Groth, Acting Assistant Superintendent for Instruction  
Patricia Jones, District Clerk

Absent: None

Mr. Nofi invited anyone with questions and/or comments to approach the microphone.

- Ms. Bea Ruberto announced the Sound Beach Civic Association would again award two \$1,000 scholarships – one for a senior from the Rocky Point School District and one for a senior from the Miller Place School District. All information pertaining to the scholarships will be posted and available on the SBCA website ([www.soundbeachcivics.org](http://www.soundbeachcivics.org)) beginning February 1, 2010. The deadline for applications is set for April 30, 2010.

There were no further questions or comments.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Carla L. D'Ambrosio, Superintendent of Schools:

**Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School**

- Second graders from Ms. Ladani's class came to the new district office bearing flowers, cookies and beautiful messages of welcome.
- PARP is in full swing at the Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School. Goals are set high for all students to read each day to an adult. Mr. Crawford and Dr. Herbert will serve lunch to the students if FJC meets its PARP goal.
- In February the Suffolk County Sheriff's Officers Safety Program will visit kindergarten students to review practicing good safety habits and bully prevention. With parental permission, the program will include participation in

the New York State Operation Safe Child Program. This program coordinates with the Amber Alert system should a child become missing.

### **Joseph A. Edgar School**

- Thanks to the PTA, Journey to Indian Territories returned to JAE. Fourth grade classes learned about Native American Indian life on Long Island and in New York State.
- The fifth grade participated in “Today’s Smoke,” an anti-smoking program provided by the Suffolk County Health Department.
- Selected third and fourth grade classes taste-tested various winter vegetables, both cooked and raw, as a continuation of the Healthy Kids Program. This program is run in conjunction with the Rocky Point Child Nutrition office. Results were recorded and the winning vegetables will be featured on a future lunch menu.

### **Rocky Point Middle School**

- On January 14<sup>th</sup>, fifty-two 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society.
- Author’s Day is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup>. Author, Sara Beth Durst, best known for her books, *Into the Wild*, *Out of the Wild* and *Ice*, will be hosting in-school presentations for the students. Students will be able to purchase signed copies of her book for \$5.00. Special thanks to members of the PTA for their generous support of the Middle School Author’s Day.
- The MS is proud to announce Maya Brennan was named Rocky Point Idol. Congratulations to May and all of the other contestants who participated.

### **Rocky Point High School**

- Regents and RCT exams will be administered on January 26<sup>th</sup> through January 29<sup>th</sup>. Students who are eligible to take these examinations have been notified by mail.
- High School course offering information for next year is now beginning. Please refer to the offerings guide for assistance.
- The HS Challenge Team won another round on the very competitive program “The Challenge.” We are very proud of the team’s accomplishments and wish them continued success. Thank you Ms. Rizzi and Team Rocky Point.

The tragedy last week in Haiti has touched everyone. Throughout the district, there will be activities planned in support of the relief efforts.

- The High School Leaders Club and Varsity Club will host a volleyball game on February 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The JAE Student Council raised over \$2,000 in the “Hands Across the Ocean to Haiti” event held on January 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Thank you to all who participated in these relief efforts. Additional information will be posted on the district website as events are finalized.

## **MINUTES**

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke and seconded by Edward Darcey, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Minutes of the following Board of Education meetings be accepted as presented: **Regular Meeting, December 14, 2009, Work Session, January 11, 2010.**

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

#### **TREASURER’S REPORTS**

Upon a motion made by Edward Darcey and seconded by Michael Ferrara, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer’s Report for the month of November 2009 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

#### **EXTRA-CLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT TREASURER REPORT**

Upon a motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by John Lessler, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the Extra-Classroom Activity Treasurer Report for the month of November 2009 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Upon a motion made by John Lessler and seconded by Diane Burke, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the Financial Reports for the months of November 2009 and December 2009 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

#### **BUDGET TRANSFER SUMMARY – DECEMBER 2009**

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke and seconded by Edward Darcey, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the December 2009 Budget Transfer Summary.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

#### **INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT – DECEMBER 2009**

Upon a motion made by Edward Darcey and seconded by Michael Ferrara, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the December 2009 Internal Claims Audit Report.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACT**

Upon a motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by John Lessler, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to enter into an agreement for health services for the 2009-2010 school year with the following district:

**Comsewogue School District**

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**BID AWARD #10-06 KITCHEN SERVING LINES AND KIOSK - RPHS**

Upon a motion made by John Lessler and seconded by Diane Burke, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards bid number 10-06, Kitchen Serving Lines & Kiosk at the Rocky Point HS, to Bar-Boy Products, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder, meeting bid specifications per the attached analysis.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE ROCKY POINT SCHOOL RELATED PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION**

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke and seconded by Edward Darcey, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point School Related Professional Association.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ROCKY POINT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

Upon a motion made by Edward Darcey and seconded by Michael Ferrara, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association and authorizes the following persons to execute same: Carla L. D'Ambrosio, Superintendent of Schools and Michael P. Nofi, President, Board of Education.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**BEQUEST TO DISTRICT**

Upon a motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by John Lessler, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the \$5,000.00 bequest under the will of Ruth Spiegel to be used for the benefit of the Frank J. Carasiti School’s needy children.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Nofi remarked that Mrs. Spiegel was known to be a wonderful person who cared deeply for the children of the district. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Nofi expressed his gratitude for Mrs. Spiegel’s thoughtful bequest.

**FRIENDS OF MUSIC DONATIONS**

Upon a motion made by John Lessler and seconded by Diane Burke, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts two donations from the Friends of Music, totaling \$3,687.60.

**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 \$3,687.60 as a result of the donations from the Friends of Music.

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

A 2110 208 04 0000	\$2,132.00
A 2138 500 06 3120	\$1,550.60

All in favor –Motion carried 5-0

**DONATION TO 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS’ MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$8,800.00 from Able Electronics, Inc.

**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 \$8,800.00 as a result of the donation from Able Electronics, Inc.

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

A 2855 150 99 0000
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Mr. Nofi announced that this item would be tabled. Currently, both the 7<sup>th</sup> grade baseball and lacrosse programs have been reinstated. Mr. Nofi extended his gratitude to Able Electronics, Inc. for offering to donate monies to fund the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' baseball team.

#### **CIPA (CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT)**

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke and seconded by Edward Darcey, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education re-confirms that the Rocky Point Union Free School District is CIPA compliant on January 25, 2010, as previously approved on March 23, 2009, when the Board of Education adopted the new District Policy Manual.

**WHEREAS**, the Rocky Point Union Free School District enforces an acceptable use policy, including Internet content filtering using a product called Cymphonix. An electronic copy of the District Policy Manual that includes the Acceptable Use Policy, Web 2.0 Policy, and Children's Internet Protection Act Policy is available on the school web site at [www.rockypointschools.org](http://www.rockypointschools.org).

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

#### **SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT PLAN**

Upon a motion made by Edward Darcey and seconded by Michael Ferrara, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the 2010 – 2012 Special Education District Plan, as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

#### **COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Upon a motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by John Lessler, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education votes to arrange for appropriate services pursuant to the recommendations of Schedule 01-25-10-A and Schedule 01-25-10- B.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

#### **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Upon a motion made by John Lessler and seconded by Diane Burke, the following resolution was offered:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 75 of the New York State Civil Service Law the Superintendent of Schools found probable cause to prefer Charges of misconduct against a certain employee; and

**WHEREAS**, by resolution on October 13, 2009, the Board of Education voted to serve the employee with the Charges and designated Howard M. Bergson, Esq., to serve as Hearing Officer, to preside over a hearing in accordance with Section 75 of the New York State Civil Service Law, and to make findings of fact and recommendations to the Board of education; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 75, on November 24, 2009, a hearing was held before the designated Hearing Officer whereat there was full and fair disclosure of the nature of the case against the employee and a full and fair opportunity for the employee to present a defense; and

**WHEREAS**, at the conclusion of the disciplinary hearing, the Hearing Officer rendered a written decision and report, dated December 22, 2009, setting forth findings of fact and making a recommendation as to the penalty to be imposed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hearing Officer found the employee guilty of certain Charges and recommended that a penalty of dismissal should be imposed,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education hereby adopts the findings of fact and recommendation as to the penalty to be imposed made by Hearing Officer Bergson in his decision and report dated December 22, 2009 in their entirety and, in accordance therewith, the employee named therein is hereby terminated, effective immediately.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Nofi called for a roll call:

Mrs. Burke: Aye  
Mr. Darcey: Aye  
Mr. Ferrara: Aye  
Mr. Lessler: Aye  
Mr. Nofi: Aye

#### **PERSONNEL**

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke and seconded by Edward Darcey, 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

Mr. Nofi extended his congratulations to Ms. Serina Werthner upon her tenure appointment and wished Ms. Werthner the best as she moved forward in her career.

Mr. Nofi opened the floor to questions and/or comments.

- Mr. Peter Costa sought confirmation of the reinstatement of the grades 7 and 8 spring teams.
- Mr. Leverock of Able Electronics sought clarification of the status of his intended donation to fund the 7<sup>th</sup> grade baseball team. Mr. Nofi explained that Mr. Leverock's donation was tabled and could not be accepted as the team had been reinstated utilizing district funds.
- Ms. Jenny Andersson invited the members of the Board of Education and all those in attendance at the meeting to attend the February 9<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting to be held at the Rocky Point High School in order to view the movie "Including Samuel," a film which examines the social and educational inclusion of youth with disabilities.

There were no further questions or comments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:58 P.M. a motion was made by Edward Darcey and seconded by Diane Burke to adjourn the meeting.

All in Favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jones  
District Clerk





