

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
February 23, 2009

Mr. Sanseverino called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Joseph Sanseverino, President
Margaret Smith, Vice President
Edward Darcey, Trustee
Diane Burke, Trustee
Michael Nofi, Trustee
Carla L. D'Ambrosio, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Sherry J. Alessandro, Ed.D., Asst. Supt. for HR/Administration
Michael F. Ring, Ed.D., Asst. Supt. for Finance and Operations
Patricia Jones, District Clerk

Mr. Sanseverino welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited those who wished to make comments or ask questions to come forward to the microphone.

- Mr. Pinkenbury, a parent of a soon-to-be kindergartner, expressed his concerns with a district e-mail that directed him to log on to, in his opinion, an insecure website for kindergarten registration. Mrs. Susan Wilson, Director of Technology, assured Mr. Pinkenbury that the website was secure and offered to meet with the parent one-on-one to discuss his concerns.

There were no further questions and/or comments at this time. Mr. Sanseverino noted that there would be another opportunity to pose questions/comments at the end of the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. William Caulfield, principal, Rocky Point High School and Rocky Point Middle School:

- College Information Night is to be held at 7 PM on Wednesday, February 25th.
- On Tuesday, March 3rd, the high school musical production of *Oklahoma!* will be presented for senior citizens at 3:30 PM in the high school auditorium.
- Monday, March 9th, will mark the beginning of varsity and junior varsity spring sports.
- Rocky Point Middle School Student Government sponsored a successful sixth grade dance.
- Rocky Point Middle School seventh and eighth grade students raised more than four hundred dollars for the Moran family.

- Mr. Caulfield commented upon the high number of middle school students who made the Honor Roll during this last academic quarter.

Mrs. Carol Tvelia, principal, Joseph A. Edgar School:

- The February 13th third grade Valentine Soirée was a tremendous success.
- Approximately one hundred students participated in the Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart program to raise money for the American Heart Association. At this time, Ms. Tvelia was unable to report the exact amount raised by the participants because all of the contributions had not yet been calculated.
- Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on March 11th, 12th, and 13th.
- Suffolk County Police Department Computer Crimes Unit Detective J. Roberts provided JAE students with comprehensive and detailed information pertaining to safe usage of the internet.
- Mr. Mark Yashowitz, fifth grade Student Council advisor, proudly recognized and introduced the following students: Kate Fitzpatrick, James Feldmann, Brendan Flinter, Shannon McGreevy, Madison Hrysko, Joey Grubbs and Samantha Taveras. The students reported that they were involved with the soup kitchen held at the Holy Trinity Church in Rocky Point on February 5th and 12th and would participate again on February 26th. The students were basically responsible for the set-up prior to the actual dinner being served and participated in placing the place settings – utensils, condiments, and flowers; taking out the garbage on an “as needed” basis; and separating the bread into groups of six for the patrons.
- Ms. Tvelia announced that the senior citizen St. Patrick’s Day Breakfast had been rescheduled from March 13th to March 17th, 2009.

Mr. Sanseverino thanked Mr. Yashowitz and the students for their dedication to community service acts of kindness, and particularly thanked them for their work in the soup kitchen.

Dr. Scott O’Brien, principal, Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School:

- Students created more than 350 Valentine’s Day cards for residents of the Long Island Veterans’ Home in Stony Brook. The cards, created under the “Fostering Friendships” program headed by kindergarten teachers Christine Edmonds and Jessica Lukas, were presented at a school assembly to Brookhaven Town Councilman Timothy Mazzei who brought them to the Veterans’ Home.
- The Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School will participate in the annual Brookhaven National Laboratory Science Fair. The fair is open to all students in kindergarten, first and second grades. The projects are to be completed at home and will be displayed in the school cafeteria on March 11th, 12th, and 13th. Two students from each grade level will be selected to represent their grade and school at the Brookhaven National Laboratory Science Fair on May 2nd, 2009. All students will receive participation ribbons and certificates.
- Kindergarten registration for the 2009/2010 school year begins in March. Children turning five years of age on or before December 1, 2009 are eligible for kindergarten at FJC; registrations are by appointment only. Applications are

available on the district's website. Appointment times and registration packets will be mailed after initial applications have been received.

- Assistant principal, Dr. Courtney Herbert, will be recognized on Friday, March 6th, at the Mentoring Matters Conference at C.W. Post for her efforts in creating the "M & M" Mentoring Program at FJC. Dr. Herbert will be receiving the Mentoring Achievement Award/Mentoring Coordinator of the year through the Mentoring partnership of Long Island. Dr. Herbert's leadership and efforts have supported more than one hundred students at the Frank J. Carasiti School. Dr. O'Brien thanked all staff from the district that partnered with these students and announced that he was very proud of Dr. Herbert, the mentors and mentees and the "M&M" program at FJC.

Dr. D'Ambrosio extended her sincere gratitude to the administrators and staff at the elementary buildings for fostering the principles of community service among students, stating that it was great to teach students the noble concept of giving back.

Len Kies, Director of Health, Physical Education, Athletics and Intramurals:

- The Rocky Point Varsity Cheerleading team placed ninth in the UCA National Championships held in Orlando, Florida earlier this month. Their performance will be aired on ESPN on March 8th and again on March 20th. The team also performed at Stony Brook University this winter to great acclaim.
- The Rocky Point Varsity Wrestling team placed fifth in the Division I Suffolk County competition. Mr. Kies extended his congratulations to head coach Darren Goldstein and outstanding wrestlers Billy Coggins, Steve Dutton, Matt Ross and Anthony Volpe.
- Varsity and Junior Varsity spring sports begin on March 9th.

MINUTES

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the following Board of Education Meeting be accepted as presented: **Regular Meeting, January 26, 2009.**

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Reports for the month of December 2008 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

EXTRA-CLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT TREASURER REPORT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Extra Classroom Activity Treasurer Reports for the month of December 2008 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Financial Reports for the month of December 2008 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

BUDGET TRANSFER SUMMARY – DECEMBER 2008

Upon a motion made by Margaret Smith 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 2008 Budget Transfer Summary.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT

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

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

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

2007-2008 Federal Single Audit Report

Upon a motion made by Michael Nofi 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 the Federal Single Audit Report dated January 9, 2009 for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2008, which has been submitted by our external auditors, Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, LLP.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

RELOCATION OF CENTRAL OFFICE

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to initiate the necessary planning, including the drafting of plans and specifications, required to evaluate the potential for relocating the district's central administrative offices into existing district-owned facilities.

Discussion ensued. Dr. D'Ambrosio advised that the current lease for the district office would expire in June of 2010. In accordance with same, the district was looking to cut costs, and, as a result, would be investigating the possibility of relocating the central office to district-owned grounds. Mr. Sanseverino noted that it was the district's objective to explore any and all options in connection with the relocation of the district office in order to secure a cost-effective solution for the district.

There was no further discussion.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

RESOLUTION TO AWARD A BID FOR A BOND ISSUE RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT - SCIENCE LAB RECONSTRUCTION SED NO.: 58-02-09-02-0-005-021, ROCKY POINT HIGH SCHOOL

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Schools, upon the recommendation of architect John A. Grillo, and the Superintendent of Schools award the contracts for the Bond Issue Related Capital Improvement – Science Lab Reconstruction SED No. 58-02-09-02-0-005-021 totaling \$340,180 to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

Contract No. 1: General Construction	EBC Co.	\$238,000
Contract No. 2: Plumbing Reconstruction	Majestic Plumbing	\$21,485
Contract No. 3: HVAC Reconstruction	KEM Construction	\$57,380
Contract No. 4: Electrical Reconstruction	Telsan Electric, Inc.	\$23,315

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

ATHLETIC UNIFORMS BID #09-08

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards Bid #09-08 Athletic Uniforms to the lowest responsible bidder as per the attached:

Port Jefferson Sporting Goods	\$22,994.68
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Discussion ensued. Mrs. Burke questioned the particulars surrounding this item. Dr. Ring advised that purchases costing above \$10,000 must go out to bid. Port Jefferson Sporting Goods submitted the sole bid for this specific item and was therefore awarded the contract.

There was no further discussion.

All in favor - Motion carried 5-0

SPECIAL EDUCATION RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT CONTRACT – GREENBURGH-NORTH CASTLE

Upon a motion made by Michael Nofi 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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with Greenburgh-North Castle for a special education residential placement required under applicable Individual Education Programs, applicable law and/or district policy.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Sanseverino asked if a specific monetary amount was available for this item. Dr. Ring explained that a specific monetary amount was not available at this time but would be established based upon the individual circumstances/itemized requirements required by the referenced student(s) in this residential placement program. Dr. Ring noted that the state establishes such rates and that it is ultimately the law that mandates the final costs.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Randall Solomon, M.D. for professional services for students and employees of the district at a rate of \$350.00 per hour.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Smith questioned the hourly amount being charged by Dr. Solomon for services rendered. Dr. D’Ambrosio responded that the provider is an outside contractor and thereby sets his hourly fees. Mr. Darcey inquired as to the normal/average rates charged for such services and asked for an accounting as to how the fee/rate process is determined. Dr. Ring noted that Dr. Solomon would be providing complete and comprehensive examinations of both school district employees and students on an as-needed basis. Dr. Ring advised that the district could go outside to price-check the accepted fees for such services and that the services of Dr. Solomon were an interim measure. Mrs. Burke indicated her support of doing so. Dr. D’Ambrosio noted that Dr. Solomon had provided his services to the district in the past.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

DJ AND LIGHTING CONTRACT – IMPACT SOUNDS

Upon a motion made by Margaret Smith 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 purchasing agent to enter into a contract with Impact Sounds for DJ and Lighting services on February 27th, 2009 at a cost of \$495.00

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

DONATION OF SPORTING EQUIPMENT BY RP DIAMOND CLUB

Upon a motion made by Edward Darcey and seconded by Michael Nofi, 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 sporting equipment from the Rocky Point Diamond Club, valued at approximately \$1,642.02.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Sanseverino extended his sincere appreciation to the RP Diamond Club for this donation.

SURPLUS ITEMS

Upon a motion made by Michael Nofi 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 approves for surplus the items as per the attached lists.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

ADOPTION OF THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education adopts the 2009-2010 school calendar as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Sanseverino announced that the calendar would be immediately posted on the district's website for information/review by district residents.

BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election in the Rocky Point School District, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM, and be it further

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT PURSUANT TO Section 2017 of the Education Law, a Public Hearing for the purpose of discussion of the expenditure of funds and the budgeting thereof be held at 7:30 PM on May 12, 2009 at the Rocky Point High School, Rocky Point, New York and be it further

BE IT RESOLVED, that Legal Notice of the Public Hearing, as required by law be published in the *NORTH SHORE SUN* on March 27, April 3, April 17, May 1, and in *THE VILLAGE BEACON RECORD* on March 26, April 2, April 16, April 30 and be it further

BE IT RESOLVED, the Legal Notice of the Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election, as required by law, be published in the *NORTH SHORE SUN* on March 27, April 3, April 17, and May 1, and in *THE VILLAGE BEACON RECORD* on March 26, April 2, April 16, April 30 and be it further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following school is hereby designated as polling place:

Polling and Registration Place: Rocky Point High School Gymnasium

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, in addition to the legal publication in four editions of each of the two above-mentioned newspapers, will send a notice with all information relative to the date and time of election to all residents and taxpayers within the District, and be it further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the residents of the Rocky Point school District may register to vote for School District Elections at the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on any day that the office is open, and in the evening on May 5, 2009 and May 12, 2009 until 9:00 PM. However, such registration will not take place less than five (5) days preceding any School District Election, and be it further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the District Clerk be authorized to appoint the necessary Personnel to function as Election Inspectors, and be it further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the final tally of votes shall be held at the Rocky Point High School, 82 Rocky Point-Yaphank Road, Rocky Point, New York at 9:00 PM on the evening of the election as soon thereafter as the election inspectors can supply the necessary information.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Appointment of Chairperson and Vote Workers for Budget Hearing/Vote/Election (Budget Hearing May 12, 2009/Budget Vote-Election May 19, 2009); Board of Registration; Chief Inspector; Poll Clerks; Tellers; and Substitute Tellers and Poll Clerks.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoints the following persons as Chairperson of the Budget Hearing/Budget Vote/Election; Board of Registration; Chief Inspector; Poll Clerks; Tellers and Substitute Tellers and Poll Clerks. The hourly rate for the Board of Registration and vote workers will be \$10.00.

Douglas Haeffner Chief Inspector

Richard Salerno	Chairperson, Budget Hearing/Budget Vote/Election
Dorothy Tis	Substitute Chief Inspector/Board of Registration/Teller
Debra Spina	Board of Registration/Teller
Lucy Bello	Board of Registration/Teller
Maureen Strauch	Board of Registration/Teller
Debbie O'Neill	Board of Registration/Teller
Rose Sanchez	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #1
Mary Vecchio	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #1
Elizabeth Manger	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #1
Arlene Heck	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #2
Dorothy Wennerod	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #2
Maria Kurz	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #2
Maria Messinetti	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #3
Marjorie Sokolski	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #3
Loretta Reiter	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #3
Mary Caccavale	Teller/Poll Clerk
Virginia Sanseverino	Teller/Poll Clerk
Debra McCarville	Teller/Poll Clerk
Diana Ray	Teller/Poll Clerk
Ann Marie Reynen	Teller/Poll Clerk
Patricia Carr	Teller/Poll Clerk
Joyce Butler	Teller/Poll Clerk
Jean Poveromo	Teller/Poll Clerk

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon a motion made by Michael Nofi 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 votes to arrange for appropriate services pursuant to the recommendations of Schedule 2-23-09-A and 2-23-09-B.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

PERSONNEL

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke and seconded by Margaret Smith, 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

REVISED RESOLUTION FOR AN EXAMINATION OF A DISTRICT EMPLOYEE

Upon a motion made by Margaret Smith 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 approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a certain employee made known to the Board of Education has recently exhibited certain behavior in the discharge of his/her duties as a member of the teaching staff of the Rocky Point Union Free School District;

and

WHEREAS, such behavior has raised issues with respect to this employee's physical capacity to perform this employee's duties and responsibilities,

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 913 of the Education Law,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that this employee is directed to report for an examination to determine his/her physical capacity to perform the duties required of such employee, the same examination to be performed by Dr. Mark Wasserman on or before March 23, 2009 or any adjourned dated.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**DORMITORY AUTHORITY STATE OF NEW YORK GRANT
DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT AND GRANTEE'S CERTIFICATE FOR
EXCEL PROJECT**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the Grant Disbursement Agreement and the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to execute the Grantee's Certificate to be eligible for reimbursement of \$1,158,783 under the EXCEL Project by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York.

Discussion ensued. Dr. Ring reviewed the particulars surrounding this item and summarized the requisites of the resolution as follows: the district had certified that what was required was completed and that everyone was monetarily compensated for services rendered. As such, Rocky Point Schools should be included on the reimbursement list for the amount of \$1,158,783.

There was no further discussion.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

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

- Ms. Anderson asked for a repeat explanation of the athletic uniform bid award. Dr. Ring reiterated the particulars concerning the awarding of the bid to Port Jefferson Sporting Goods as was discussed earlier in the meeting.
- Mr. Lantz inquired about the cost-saving dollar amount for the district office to move from its current location to district-owned property. Dr. Ring responded that the amount would be approximately \$200,000 per annum.
- Mr. Joseph Feldmann asked for an update concerning the progress in obtaining the approximate two million dollar state reimbursement for a 1999 bond that was being sought following an oversight in submission of a required report in a timely manner. Dr. D'Ambrosio stated that the necessary paperwork for reimbursement had been submitted. Mr. Feldmann also requested information pertaining to a possible "doomsday budget" if the annual budget was defeated. Dr. D'Ambrosio responded that recommendations had been made and that this information would be available to the public on March 23rd, 2009.
- Mrs. Burke assured Mr. Feldmann and Dr. D'Ambrosio confirmed that any documents he required pertaining to the district budget workshop sessions he missed would be available to him for pick-up at the district office.

There were no further questions or comments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 PM, a motion was made by Michael Nofi and seconded by Diane Burke for the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jones
District Clerk

