

**MINUTES**  
**ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**March 20, 2017**

Mrs. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm in the auditorium of Rocky Point High School.

Present: Susan Sullivan, President  
Scott Reh, Vice President  
Melissa Brown, Trustee  
Sean Callahan, Trustee  
Michael F. Ring, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Deborah De Luca, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent  
Gregory Hilton, School Business Official  
Susan Wilson, Executive Director for Educational Services  
Kelly White, District Clerk

Absent: Edward Casswell, Trustee

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6 p.m. a motion was made by Sean Callahan and seconded by Melissa Brown to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss confidential personnel and ongoing legal matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:02 p.m.

Mrs. Sullivan announced that the Board was returning from Executive Session.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Sullivan invited Dr. Ring to begin with the Superintendent's Report.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Ring welcomed the meeting attendees and announced that it was the second of the year's three recognition meetings. He shared that the winter achievements consisted of a large group of athletic, performing arts, and academic honors. Dr. Ring stressed the significance of the high number of achievements for our moderately sized school, which he believes are the envy of other

school districts. He offered his gratitude to students, educators and, most importantly, parents for their roles in these accomplishments.

Dr. Ring advised that he would be announcing the honors in the Athletics category for the Athletic Director, Mr. Delargy, who was unable to attend. He invited Mr. David Falcone and Christopher O'Shea to the podium.

Mr. Falcone described Chris as humble, gracious and dominating. He went on to explain that Chris has shattered every school record and has put Rocky Point School District's name at the top of the list for many different swimming events. Chris was a NYS Champion in the 100 meter fly, achieving All American status, and placed second in the NYS Championships in the 100 meter backstroke. Mr. Falcone noted Chris as the most successful swimmer on Long Island and congratulated him on his outstanding achievements.

Dr. Ring added how Christopher O'Shea accomplished all of these goals without a school swimming pool or team. He attributed this to Chris' extreme dedication and the unwavering support of his parents.

Dr. Ring announced that the Varsity Cheerleaders ranked third in the nation and first in the county. He praised the coaches and team for their successful season. Dr. Ring invited Coach Anna Spallina to the podium.

Mrs. Spallina called her team up to receive their certificates of recognition. The team members included: Ashley Bayard; Julia Buckley; Madison Carbone; Kimberley Casey; Carlie Cirillo; Ashley Drews; Samantha Ferrara; Kristin Flatley; Emilyann Flinter; Brooke Hegggers; Julieanna Joy; Bailey Klein; Calista MacArthur; Sydney McNamee; Jessica Musraca; Hayley Nofi; Morganne Nofi; Elizabeth Palasek; Alexandra Quaglio; Brittany Reh; Gina Tolisano; and Lauren Utting.

Dr. Ring congratulated Coach Goldstein and the Varsity Wrestling team. They are Suffolk County Tournament and Suffolk County Dual Meet Champions. Anthony Cirillo placed second in the 120lb weight class in Suffolk County. Anthony Sciotto won the Suffolk County title at the 113lb weight class and placed third in the NYS tournament. The team members include: Justin Amendola; Salvatore Aprile; Alyis Bugarin; Leo Burke; Ryan Callahan; Matthew Capell; Bobby Casazza; Oscar Castro; Anthony Cirillo; Justin DeMonte; Joey Genova; Mickey Gold; Brett Goldstein; Dan Guerrisi; Donald Hammarth; Michael Laccasaglia; Anthony Lucia; Michael Mach; Evan Matias; Anthony Sciotto; Logan Sciotto; Brian Smith; William Smith; Christian Stremich; Brian Whitman and Dylan Zabbara.

Dr. Ring invited Ms. Schecher, Ms. Ruggiero, Mr. Knapp and Mr. Ventura to the podium for the musical recognitions.

Ms. Schecher greeted the meeting attendees and shared that she would be recognizing (30) students who were chosen to participate in very competitive and prestigious music ensembles. These included the SCMEA Eastern Division All County Band, Chorus and Orchestra, and the LISFA Long Island String Festival Orchestras.

She noted that the students were chosen by the festival committees based on their 2016 NYSSMA solo scores and teacher recommendation. Ms. Schecher expressed how proud they were of the level of musicianship and dedication they have demonstrated. She shared that this year's SCMEA performances were especially impressive given the reduced rehearsal time each ensemble had due to the March snow. Each performance was successful because of the hard work of the students and their teachers in the months leading up to the festivals.

Ms. Schecher offered her congratulations to all the students, their teachers and parents on their outstanding achievements and excellent performances. She invited the following students up to the podium.

#### **LISFA Festival –**

Middle School students: Madelyn Knopfke and Benjamin Gansle

High School students: Allen Liu; Kyle Markland; Noah Grossman and Alexander Samuilov

#### **SCMEA Festival –**

Joseph A. Edgar School students: Division I Chorus: Ava Donofrio; Samantha Manning; Elyse Nadeau and Katelyn Tilmont; Division I Orchestra: Saramichele Isidore.

Middle School students: Division I Orchestra: Analiese Bruno; Madelyn Knopfke and Sara Sorto. Division I Chorus: Jordan Chirivas; Adam Olszewski and Victoria Pelosi. Division II Band: Emelia Schmidt. Division II Chorus: Grace Benedetto; Jillian Carley and Samantha Leversen. Division II Orchestra: Benjamin Gansle.

High School students: Division III Band: Molly Infranco and Bryant Liu. Division III Chorus: Benjamin Giordano; Paul Leheste; Maria Roman; Jared Sayler and Joshua Vogel. Division III Orchestra: Noah Grossman.

## **PRINCIPALS' REPORTS & RECOGNITIONS**

### **MRS. SUSANN CROSSAN, PRINCIPAL, ROCKY POINT HIGH SCHOOL**

Mrs. Crossan welcomed the meeting attendees and reviewed the High School's recent events.

- December – Former graduates returned to share their first year college experiences with senior English classes. In turn, seniors shared their college application process experiences with juniors.
- Seniors participated in “The Bigs” assembly with author Ben Carpenter to provide insight for success after high school. All students received a copy of his book.
- February 8<sup>th</sup> - Approximately 110 students and 25 staff members participated in the Challenge Day Program. Special thanks to The PTA for their generous donation.
- Virtual Enterprise students created a business plan for a video game streaming company they called “OmniStream – All Powerful Gaming.” They presented their completed project during this year's Virtual Enterprises Long Island Trade Show and Business Plan Presentation at Farmingdale College. Out of more than 40 firms represented, Rocky Point won third place for “the most creative firm.” Mrs. Crossan extended her thanks to Mrs. Burns for the time and energy they committed to this program.

- February 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> - Our SADD Club was instrumental in bringing a Teen Driver Safety Program administered through the Town of Brookhaven and the Highway Department to our students. Students engaged in hands-on interactive experiences, driving electric powered cars through a course and simulated driving with distractions.
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> – “The Sound of Music” - Mrs. Crossan extended her gratitude to Ms. Donovan and Ms. Schecher and the entire cast for their dedication to this program and for all the time and energy they spent preparing for this fabulous event.
- March 7<sup>th</sup> - “A Night of Strings” - Orchestra students in grades 6 through 12 performed, including a grand finale, where 192 students performed together.
- March 12<sup>th</sup> - Our high school marching band braved the frigid weather as they marched in the Rocky Point St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Mrs. Crossan asked Jade Pinkenburg to join her at the podium for a special recognition. She shared that Jade earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36. Mrs. Crossan stressed the significance of this great achievement, noting that, on average, less than one-tenth of 1 percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score.

Mrs. Crossan invited Ms. Hunter and Pooja Deshpande to join her and Jade at the podium. She added that Kyle Markland was unable to attend. Mrs. Crossan announced that Pooja, Kyle and Jade recently earned top honors for their original research projects during two prestigious competitions. All three students were selected to present at the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium after submitting papers describing their research and each were named semifinalists. As a result of their presentations, Jade received third place in the biology division and Kyle received first place in the math and computer science division, which advanced him to the next round of the competition. Kyle presented at the regional level, and made it to the final round, which is a first for Rocky Point. In addition to this contest, both Pooja and Kyle presented their research at the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair and Kyle was selected to participate in the next round of that competition as well. Mrs. Crossan congratulated them on their hard work and achievements.

Mrs. Crossan also mentioned some upcoming events:

- April 6<sup>th</sup> – Senior Citizens’ Prom
- April 7<sup>th</sup> – Spring Fever Spirit Day
- April 7<sup>th</sup> – End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period
- April 18<sup>th</sup> – Thespian Dinner Show
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – Jazz Night

## **DR. SCOTT O’BRIEN, PRINCIPAL ROCKY POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Dr. O’Brien welcomed the meeting attendees and offered congratulations to all those honored thus far. He shared recent as well as upcoming events of the Middle School.

- Mid-quarter progress reports have been posted to the portal
- March 9<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation
- March 13<sup>th</sup> - Blood Drive - The Rocky Point Middle School Community Service Club members recently helped support a school blood drive with New York Blood Services, in order to do their part to help combat the shortage of blood donations across Long Island. During the event, the students volunteered as “Little Doctors” assisting donors with filling out their paperwork and serving much-needed post-donation drinks and snacks. Thanks to Ms. Ntiri and all who supported and contributed as a part of this blood drive.
- March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – A dress rehearsal will take place for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and FJC students will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Performances will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the High School Auditorium.
- March 27<sup>th</sup> – Spring Sports begin

Dr. O’Brien invited Mr. Moorman and Mrs. Burns to the podium for recognitions for the Robo Eagles Robotics team. Dr. O’Brien announced that the team competed several weeks ago, at Central Islip High School, in the First Lego League Long Island Qualifier. Of the 29 teams registered for this competition, the Robo Eagles earned the highly respected Inspiration Award. Dr. O’Brien congratulated and invited the team members to the podium. They included: Nick Accetta; Zach Accetta; Thomas McDonald; Thomas Haviland; CJ McMillen; Jacob Bazata; Mede Mike Tako and Felicity Monaghan.

Dr. O’Brien shared that a few weeks ago, forty of the best First Lego League Robotics teams from across Long Island qualified to participate at the Long Island Championships held at Longwood HS. Our Radical Robotix team won the prestigious "Innovative Solution Award" for their project design of a "Pet Rescue Door" that automatically opens when triggered by a smoke detector or CO detector. The team built a working prototype based on their inspiration from the tragic events of recent family fire in Rocky Point. This family not only lost their home, but four of their dogs also perished in the fire. The team's design would prevent a similar tragedy in the future by automatically opening a pet door in the external house door after receiving a signal from the detectors, allowing the pets to escape the emergency.

Dr. O’Brien added that the project was so well received and the presentation so complete that the judges further bestowed the "Global Innovation Award" to this team. This award in essence nominates the team to submit their "project" for National recognition. If selected the team will travel to Washington DC in June for the National competition. Dr. O’Brien congratulated and called the team members to the podium which include: James Carmody; Marco Tanza; Leila Reidl; Nick O’Shea; Misha Zaslavsky; Sasha Zaslavsky; Madelyn Knopfka; Eve Hald and Oskar Chorzepa.

Dr. O’Brien announced that the Middle School hosted a St. Baldrick’s event last week. The event, which is hosted throughout March in locations nationwide, aims to bring awareness to and raise funds for childhood cancer research. There were performances by three Irish step dancers and a professional bagpiper band. Then, with the help of the high school’s cosmetology stylists, close to 30 students and teachers showed their support for those suffering from cancer by bravely shaving their heads. The event raised more than \$14,000 for the cause, well exceeding the

school's goal of \$10,000. The participants were congratulated and called to the podium: Andrew Cooper; Arthur Daly; Bruce Wolper; David Murphy; Dontae Marciano; Dylan McAdam; Grant Connelly; Jackson Courbois; Joe Settepani; Jonathan Tsavos; Jonathan Wolf; Joseph & Joe Zarzycki; Kathryn Bush; Liam and Mr. Abernethy; Michael Maloney; Quentin Palifka; Robert Ciaccio; Robert Hoffman; Thomas Anzalone; Thomas McDonald; Tristan Duenas; Tyler Castoldi; Kevin Smiech; Mark Moorman and Silvina Vega. Dr. O'Brien concluded by congratulating the top three fundraisers for this event: Quentin Palifka - \$4,000; Andrew Cooper - \$1,440; and Kathryn Bush - \$1,101.

## **MS. LINDA TOWLEN, PRINCIPAL JOSEPH A. EDGAR SCHOOL**

Ms. Towlen shared both recent and upcoming events at JAE.

- March 9<sup>th</sup> – Science Fair - Parents were invited to look at the projects with their children from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Two first place winners and an honorable mention were selected from each grade. The first place winners will participate in the Brookhaven Lab Science Fair in May. Thanks to Mr. Friscia for organizing this event.
- March 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> - Parent teacher conferences were scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-3:00, due to the snow day and delay these days have been rescheduled to March 24<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- March 17<sup>th</sup> - The Joseph A. Edgar 5th Grade Student Council, Technology Club and 5th Grade Select Chorus "High Notes" sponsored the annual JAE Senior Citizen St. Patrick's Day Breakfast on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The Student Council, under the guidance of Ms. Boyle, greeted and served breakfast to our senior citizen guests. The 5th Grade Select Chorus "High Notes" students, under the direction of Mr. Knapp, performed many Irish and St. Patrick's Day related songs. Ms. Varriale's Technology Club students took pictures of the event. Thanks to all the students and teachers who supported this great event!
- March 20<sup>th</sup> - The fourth grade students attended a presentation by "Eric the Reptile Man" to culminate their Fourth Grade Read-A-Thon. Students raised money for the Madagascar Ankizy Fund. Thank you to Ms. Licata and Ms. Craig for organizing this event and the PTA for sponsoring the presenter.
- March 21<sup>st</sup> - World Down Syndrome Day will be celebrated by wearing crazy socks.

Ms. Towlen invited Ms. Cook to the podium along with Evan Donovan. Evan won a Top Ten Award from Scholastic Books. Evan was selected as a top ten runner up nationwide in the Big Nate Epic Birthday Mishap graphic arts contest. Ms. Towlen offered her congratulations to Evan.

Ms. Amoscato and Briana Susmin were invited to the podium. Briana was the top fundraiser for the Jump Rope for Heart Event. JAE raised \$12,534 for the American Heart Association. Briana raised \$550.00. Brianna also entered a sweepstakes contest at Cool Smiles and won an additional \$1,000 for a grand total of \$1,550. Ms. Towlen thanked Ms. Amoscato and Briana for their hard work.

Mr. Ventura and Mr. Knapp were invited to the podium. Mr. Ventura, Mr. Knapp and Mr. Ragona won the SCMEA School of Excellence Award for the Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School. Ms. Towlen added that only two elementary schools in New York State were selected for this award. She congratulated them on their great achievement.

**DR. VIRGINIA KELLY-GIBBONS, PRINCIPAL, FRANK J. CARASITI  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Dr. Kelly-Gibbons shared recent and upcoming events at FJC.

- Kids In Need - Thank you to Mrs. Adamski for organizing the Valentine Sticker Grams at FJC. We collected \$400.00 for KIN (Kids in Need).
- February 27<sup>th</sup> – March 10<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Registration - We had many eager incoming kindergarten students.
- March 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Conferences – Make-up conference dates are March 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. It is always a pleasure to see so many parents in our building communicating with the teachers.
- March 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> – Science Fair - Thank you Mrs. Tandy for organizing this special event. The entries this year were very interesting and lots of fun. We celebrated the participants and winners on the evening of March 14<sup>th</sup>. The first and second place winners from each grade level will move on to the Brookhaven Science Fair. Thank you to all who joined in to judge the entries.
- March 18<sup>th</sup> - The PTA hosted the fifth annual second grade Spring Fling to the theme of Dr. Seuss. It was a very enjoyable afternoon of music, dancing, and friends. Thank you to the PTA for all of their hard work.

Dr. Ring commented on what a remarkable winter season we had and added that he was looking forward to our Spring recognitions in May. He shared that this concluded the recognition portion of the meeting and announced there would be a five-minute break.

Dr. Ring presented the final 2017-18 proposed budget and Capital Reserve Referendum, touching upon the following areas:

- Budget Goals
- Enrollment
- Expenditure Summary
- Expenditures
- Major Expense Categories
- Major Revenue Categories
- About the Tax Cap
- Tax Cap 2017-18 School Year
- Potential Impact of Contingency Budget
- The Proposed Budget: Efficient and effective
- The overarching goal: Success for all students
- Budget Summary
- Proposed Capital Reserve Referendum
- Project Benefits
- Proposed Project Costs
- Benefits from Utilization of Capital Reserve
- Timeline
- Dates to Remember

Dr. Ring opened the floor to comments/questions.

- Ms. Barber inquired regarding the sealing of the exterior brick. Mr. Grillo advised that the sealing will only take place at the Middle School and will be required every 7-10 years. He mentioned that the targeted area is around the windows and vents. Mr. Grillo stated that the work will be done by an outside vendor as he would not recommend district staff be removed from their normal tasks for the amount of time it would take to perform this scope of work.
- Ms. Connelly posed the question as to the status of the request for an egress exit installation in the nurse's office. Dr. Ring confirmed that this work was included in the proposed bond and will be completed.
- Mr. Callahan requested the scope of work included in the security enhancements portion of the proposal. Dr. Ring clarified that this work was originally included in the previous bond proposal but was removed from that proposal and moved to the Smart Schools Investment Proposal. Subsequent to that action, the work in question was removed from the Smart Schools Investment Proposal and is now being recommended as part of the Capital Reserve Referendum. He added that this will assist in making the systems uniform across all District buildings.
- Mr. Pinkenburg stated his concerns in that approving the proposed budget will result in higher taxes.

There were no further questions/comments regarding the budget presentation.



Mrs. Sullivan opened the floor to questions/comments.

- Ms. Ward asked for clarification of the 2017-18 school year calendar regarding the number of snow days and staff conference days. Dr. Ring advised that if more than one snow day was used, the make-up day would be dependent on the time that the snow day occurred. He confirmed that there would be one staff conference day for the 2017-18 school year.
- Ms. Connelly thanked several members of Administration for their quick response to emailed requests. She inquired as to the general acceptable time frame that an emailed response should be expected. Dr. Ring offered that if information is being sent as official union matters, they may be required to go through a chain of command which could account for a longer response time. He further added that if the matters are of an unofficial nature, the response should be rapid.

There were no further 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-IX CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh and seconded by Melissa Brown, 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 February 6, 2017;
- IV Budget Transfer Summary** – January and February 2017
- V: Treasurer’s Reports** – January 2017; February 2017
- VI: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer’s Report** – January 2017; February 2017
- VII: Financial Reports** – January 2017; February 2017
- VIII: Internal Claims Audit Report** – January and February 2017
- IX: Committees on Special Education Schedules 3-20-17-A and 3-20-17-B**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**X SURPLUS ITEMS**

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Sean Callahan, 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 list

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XI SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

Upon a resolution made by Sean Callahan and seconded by Scott Reh, the following resolution was offered:

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

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XII TARGET STORE FIELD TRIP GRANT**

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh and seconded by Melissa Brown, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves and accepts the field trip grant from Target in the amount of \$700, as per the attached.

**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 \$700.00 as a result of the field trip grant from Target’s Field Trip Grant program.

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

A 2110500033160     \$700.00

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Ms. Hunter for her efforts in obtaining this grant.

**XIII DONATION FROM OHIOPYLE PRINTS, INC.**

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Sean Callahan, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that 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, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to increase the general fund budget by \$38.17 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:

A2110500030000 (HS)                      \$38.17

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Sullivan offered her thanks to Ohiopyle Prints, Inc.

**XIV DONATION FROM SCHOOLA**

Upon a resolution made by Sean Callahan and seconded by Scott Reh, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves and accepts the donation from Schoola in the amount of \$51.02, as per the attached.

**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 \$51.02 as a result of the donation.

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

A 2110500060000      \$51.02

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XV DONATION FROM GREAT AMERICAN OPPORTUNITIES**

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh and seconded by Melissa Brown, 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 Great American Opportunities in the amount of \$12.80 as per the attached.

**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 \$12.80 as a result of the donation.

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

A2110500020000     \$12.80

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Great American Opportunities for their donation.

**XVI LIVE LIKE SUSIE SCHOLARSHIP DONATION**

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Sean Callahan, 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 on behalf of the Live Like Susie Scholarship, as follows:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lauritsen \$100, Hanukkah Group at Leisure Glenn \$150, and the Mutino Family \$50.00

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked all those who donated.

**XVII SOUTH HUNTINGTON UFSD 2016-17 SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACT**

Upon a resolution made by Sean Callahan and seconded by Scott Reh, 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 enter into a contract with South Huntington Union Free School District for special education students instructional services for the 2016-17 school year as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or District Policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XVIII SACHEM CSD SPECIAL SUMMER 2016 CONTRACT**

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh and seconded by Melissa Brown, 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 enter into a contract with SACHEM Central School District for special education students instructional services for Summer 2016 as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or District Policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XIX BOARD OF ELECTIONS 2017 & 2018 DESIGNATED POLLING PLACE CONTRACT**

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Sean Callahan, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with the Board of Elections-County of Suffolk to designate Joseph A. Edgar School and Rocky Point High School as polling places for primary, general and special elections in 2017 & 2018, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Sullivan asked Dr. Ring to elaborate. Dr. Ring stated that we are mandated to provide our facilities when requested by the Board of Elections. There are petitions to opt out but they have not yet been approved.

**XX                    2016-2017 HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACTS**

Upon a resolution made by Sean Callahan and seconded by Scott Reh, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President and Superintendent to enter into an agreement for health services for the 2016-2017 school year with the following districts:

Sachem Central School District  
Middle Country Central School District  
Smithtown Central School District

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XXI                    RFP #R17-02 AWARD - CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Mr. Reh requested further information regarding this company's role.

Discussion ensued – The original motion was revised as indicated below.

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh and seconded by Melissa Brown, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the firm of The Lee Michaels Group, LLC be appointed to perform Construction Management Services, at an hourly rate, not to exceed 4% of the total budget cost, in accordance with the scope of services submitted in response to the District's request for proposal.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XXII                    APPROVAL OF SECTION 32 WORKER COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT**

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Sean Callahan, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District approve a settlement of a Workers Compensation claim G0814614 in the amount of \$150,000.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XXIII REVIEW AND RE-ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY NUMBERS: 7131, 7410, 8260 (SECOND READING)**

Upon a resolution made by Sean Callahan and seconded by Scott Reh, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education reviews and re-adopts the following polices (second reading):

- 7131 Education of Homeless Children and Youth
- 7410 Extracurricular Activities
- 8260 Title I Parent and Family Engagement

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XXIV APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ROCKY POINT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh and seconded by Melissa Brown, 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 execute an Agreement between the Board of Education and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XXV APPROVAL OF PHASE I OF THE SMART SCHOOLS INVESTMENT PLAN BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Sean Callahan the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves Phase I of the Smart Schools Bond Act Investment Plan as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XXVI APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON; BOARD OF REGISTRATION; CHIEF INSPECTOR; POLL CLERKS; TELLERS; AND SUBSTITUTE TELLERS AND SUBSTITUTE POLL CLERKS FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 16, 2017 AND APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR THE SPECIAL VOTER REGISTRATION TO BE HELD ON MAY 9, 2017**

Upon a resolution made by Sean Callahan and seconded by Scott Reh, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoints the Board of Registration; Chief Inspector; Poll Clerks; Tellers and Substitute Tellers and Poll Clerks at an hourly rate of \$10.00 as per the attached list; and the Chairperson as a volunteer position.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Sullivan announced that she was appointed Chairperson this year and welcomed others who may be interested in the position for upcoming years.

**XXVII ADOPTION OF THE 2017-18 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh and seconded by Melissa Brown, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the 2017-2018 school calendar as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XXVIII SEQRA RESOLUTION – 2017 CAPITAL RESERVE PROJECT**

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Sean Callahan, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education, approves the attached SEQRA Negative Declaration for Type II Action, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0



**XXIX                    PROPOSITION FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS VOTE ON MAY 16, 2017**

Upon a resolution made by Sean Callahan and seconded by Scott Reh, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes and directs the submission of a capital projects proposition at the Annual District Meeting and Election of the qualified voters to be held May 16, 2017, and further directs that the form of capital projects proposition be inserted in the notice of such annual District Meeting and Election, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XXX                    PERSONNEL**

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh and seconded by Melissa Brown, 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, as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XXXI                    NEW BUSINESS**

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

- Mrs. Brown offered the following resolution.

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE ROCKY POINT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Sean Callahan, 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 execute an Agreement between the District and the Rocky Point School Teachers' Association for the purpose of permitting a one-time transfer of up to seventy-one (71) sick and/or personal days between unit member Vanessa Horowitz and specific unit members.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

- Mr. Callahan stated that he observed that the heating/ventilation systems in the JAE bathrooms adjacent to the old gym were not clean and requested that this matter be looked into for maintenance.

- Mr. Callahan commented regarding the length of time contractors are required to be in business before being considered to bid on an RFP. Specifically, Mr. Callahan questioned why the number of years in business for responding architectural firms had been changed from five in the previous RFP to ten in the current RFP. Dr. Ring inquired as to what previous RFP Mr. Callahan was referring since the district had not issued an RFP for architectural services in more than nine years. Mr. Callahan and Mr. Reh indicated that the Board had not received a copy of the RFP for architectural services for review prior to its release. Dr. Ring responded that he did indeed provide each member of the Board of Education with a full copy of the draft RFP and requested comments and recommended changes back in January 2017, as part of his weekly Superintendent's Update to the Board of Education. Dr. Ring indicated that he would resend the Superintendent's Update containing the draft RFP, in its entirety, later in the evening.
- Mr. Callahan inquired regarding the \$38,000 budget for water coolers. Dr. Ring clarified that this referred to water fountain replacement.
- Mr. Callahan stated his opposition for the addition of the Chief Custodian position citing the need for more effective supervision by existing supervisory staff. Mrs. Sullivan added that her position is also to attempt to use the existing resources to make any necessary improvements. Mr. Reh commented that he would like to discuss this in more detail, agreeing that better supervision of the staff by the current supervisors needs to take place before the Board would consider hiring an additional supervisor. Dr. Ring advised that there are other options that can be discussed further and ultimately decided on by the Board of Education.

Mrs. Sullivan offered her congratulations to the following teachers on their upcoming retirement:

Ms. Linda Sperl – LOTE

Ms. Deborah Tonetti – LOTE

Ms. Wendy Guthy – Clerk Typist

Ms. Katherine Torriero – Teacher's Aide

Mrs. Sullivan once again invited the meeting attendees to come forth with any questions/comments.

- Mr. Pinkenburg expressed his concerns regarding the school policy that was preventing his son from taking part in certain science competitions. He also asked the Board of Education reconsider the planned changes to the sequence of chemistry courses for next year. Dr. Ring advised he would discuss this further with the Director of MST.
- Ms. Connelly shared her position regarding the addition of the Chief Custodian position.

- Ms. Anderson inquired when the Wellness Policy that was tabled at the previous Board of Education meeting would be revisited. Mrs. Sullivan informed her that the next meeting date of the Wellness Committee is March 21, 2017.
- Ms. Anderson thanked everyone for participating in World Down Syndrome Day. She commented that Rocky Point School District always raises a large amount of money in contrast to its size.
- Ms. Ward inquired if a day will be required to be made up as a result of the snow day. Dr. Ring advised that the decision would be released via Connect Ed during the week.
- Ms. Ward requested that additional night conferences be offered to accommodate working parents. Mrs. Sullivan, Dr. Ring and Mr. Callahan stated that they would look into the request. Dr. Ring commented that any requested change would be subject to collective bargaining and, as such, he can not promise that additional night conferences will be added.
- Ms. Barber offered her thanks for the addition of the stop signs and crosswalk enhancements at the Middle School. She added that it has made it safer for the students.
- Ms. Connelly expressed her concerns with employees being called in to speak with Administration for taking unpaid time off.

There were no further questions/comments.

## **XXXII          ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:07 pm Scott Reh made a motion and Melissa Brown seconded to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White  
District Clerk