

**MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
May 18, 2004**

Meeting called to Order at 7:35 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Geraldine Thalen, President
Michael Matera, Vice-President
Jane Bonner, Trustee
Howard Gimple, Trustee
Joseph Sanseverino, Trustee
James J. Gerardi, Superintendent of Schools
Carla D'Ambrosio, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Steven Bilyk, Interim School Business Official
Mary Berretta, Acting District Clerk

Absent: Irene Pedota, District Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Principal's Reports:

Michael Bowler – Rocky Point High School Assistant Principal announced:

- All seniors attended a workshop on "Making College Count" which provided a practical approach to succeeding after high school.
- Over 100 of our juniors attended the Spring College Fair at the Smithtown Sheraton.
- Employment day will be May 26th, at Suffolk Community College. Ms. McKibbin is running workshops for students dealing with resume writing, interviewing skills, and how to dress for an interview.
- The Guidance Summer Box is full of information on programs that are available to high school students this summer.
- The High School Spring Concert is May 20th at 7:30PM in the Auditorium.
- 310 students from Rocky Point will be performing at a NYSSMA solo competition on June 4th & 5th at Longwood HS. This is the largest group from Rocky Point to attend this competition.
- The Jazz Ensemble concert is June 8th at 7:30 PM.
- This year's Junior Prom will be held on Saturday, May 22nd in the High School. The theme is "A Night of Fantaseas." The room will be decorated in an under the sea motif. We are expecting 200 guests.
- The Senior Prom will be held on June 3rd at Giorgio's in Baiting Hollow from 8PM till 12 midnight. All students that are academically eligible will be able to attend this function. The cost is \$45 per person or \$90 per couple.
- Graduation will be on Friday, June 25th at 6PM on the High School track. The guest speaker will be our own highly decorated West Point graduate and veteran of the Iraq conflict Capt. John Fernandez.
- The regular spring season completed its league schedule on Friday, May 14th. The awards programs for the spring are: Girls' Banquet, Monday, June 7th, and Boys' Banquet, Wednesday, June 9th, both at Majestic Gardens.
- We are fortunate to have three teams in the county playoffs. Each team has home site advantage. Girls Lacrosse is seeded No.1 in the B Class and their game is Thursday, May 20th. We will play the winner of the Comsewogue/Haborfields game.
Boys Lacrosse is seeded No.3 in the B Class and their game is Thursday, May 20th. We will play Deer Park at 4PM. The baseball team has completed their best league season in my history. They are seeded No. 4 in the A Class and their game is Wednesday, May 19th. We will play Kings Park at 4PM.

Leonard Kies – Rocky Point Middle School Assistant Principal announced:

- 8th grade Math Assessments were given on May 4 and 5, 2004.
- 5th graders have been visiting in preparation of becoming 6th graders.
- In the beginning of June, we will be administering the 8th grade Social Studies Assessment.
- June 9th we will have new 6th grade parent orientation.
- Spring Concerts I & II were a great success.
- Sixth and seventh grade end of the year dance will be held in the middle school cafeteria from 6:00 to 8:30 PM on May 21, 2004, and the eighth grade dance will be held at the end of June.
- The Lois Lowery Art/Literary Ice Cream Social is scheduled for May 25, 2004 at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria.
- Parent Orientation for new sixth grade students will be on June 9, 2004 at 7:00 PM in the high school auditorium.

Carol Tvelia – Joseph A. Edgar Principal announced:

- She is pleased with the 5th graders visiting the Middle School. PTA gave the students locks for their lockers to practice. Seems they have the hardest time with this in the transition to middle school. Students were also shown a video on what it is like to be a middle-schooler.
- JAE just had a cultural arts show. Besides the usual drawings, students made handmade instruments. This year for the first time, we had "Parents as Artists" paint a mural in the foyer and the theme was "Under the Sea." We hope to continue this next year.
- 4th grade Science Assessment was just given.
- 4th grade Math Assessment was given early in the month.
- 4th & 5th grade chorus & band concert was on 5/13.

- 3rd grade chorus & orchestra concert was on 5/3.
- Grade Field days will be on 6/16, 17, 18
- During June we will also be having a barbeque, talent show and a yearbook signing.

Paul Read – Frank J. Carasiti Principal announced:

- On Friday, May 21st we will be celebrating Earth Day (a month late) throughout the morning. We will have adult participation early in the morning in the Marianne Bagnoli Memorial Garden. Marianne Bagnoli is a colleague of ours who passed away last year. The students in each grade level have work hard to make this a successful event.
- I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the teachers from FJC in the audience who are about to be awarded tenure. Tenure is not a rite of passage but it is something that is earned. They have all worked hard to make this possible.
- Congratulations to all the retirees, but especially to one in particular, Val Liebling who has been with us as FJC for 32 years. Throughout her entire career she has remained a kindergarten teacher. Good luck in all your endeavors.

MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Michael Matera and seconded by Joseph Sanseverino, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the following Board of Education Meetings be accepted as presented: **Regular Meeting, April 27, 2004.** All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

POLICY REVISION #7130 – ENTITLEMENT TO ATTEND – AGE AND RESIDENCY – SECOND READING

As a result of recently enacted laws and decisions by the Commissioner, we have determined Policy #7130 Entitlement to Attend – Age and Residency to be wholly inadequate and to this end, recommend the Board of Education to approve its revision which has been drafted by counsel. This policy needs to be moved and voted on affirmatively at two successive meetings of the Board of Education.

Upon a motion made by Joseph Sanseverino and seconded by Howard Gimple, the following Policy Revision # 7130 – Entitlement to Attend – Age and Residency, a copy of which will be included in the Minutes Book and on file in the District Office, and will be available as well on the district’s website and at the North Shore Library, was presented for a second reading. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION FOR HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT

Upon a motion made by Howard Gimple and seconded by Jane Bonner, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorize the Board President to enter into an agreement for health services for the current 2003-04 school year with the following districts:

- Center Moriches U.F.S.D.
- Commack U. F. S. D.
- Middle Country Central School District
- Patchogue – Medford Schools
- Port Jefferson U.F.S.D.
- Riverhead Central School District
- Sachem Central School District
- Smithtown Central School District
- South Huntington U.F.S.D
- Three Village Central School District

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

SURPLUS ITEMS

Upon a motion made by Jane Bonner and seconded by Michael Matera, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the attached the following schedule for surplus equipment: All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION: CAFETERIA COOPERATIVE BIDDING

Upon a motion made by Michael Matera and seconded by Joseph Sanseverino, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education favorably passes the following motion:

WHEREAS, It is the plan of a number of public school districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties, New York, to bid jointly on Food Products and Supplies for the 2004-05 school year;

WHEREAS, The Rocky Point UFSD is desirous of participating with other districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 and,

WHEREAS, The Rocky Point UFSD wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising the bids, accepting and opening bids, reporting the results to the boards of education and making recommendations thereon; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District hereby appoints the Long Island School Food Service Directors Association Cooperative Bid Committee to represent it in all matters related above, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rocky Point Union Free School District Board of Education authorize the above-mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above-mentioned commodities, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rocky Point Union Free School District Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rocky Point Union Free School District Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (3) that after award of contract(s) it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s). All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID TV SECURITY AND OBSERVATION SYSTEM INSTALLATION

Upon a motion made by Joseph Sanseverino and seconded by Howard Gimple, 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 following contract to the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

Contract No. 1: TV Security and Observation System

We recommend award of Contract No. 1 to the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

Gordon L. Seaman, Inc.
630 Johnson Avenue
Bohemia, NY 11716

In the following amounts:

1. SED No. 58-02-08-02-0-005-014 MS/HS
Base Bid: \$ 135,300

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

BOND ISSUE PROJECT CHANGE ORDERS

Upon a motion made by Howard Gimple and seconded by Jane Bonner, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept and approve the attached change orders with reference to bond issue related projects.

All in favor - Motion carried 5-0.

COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon a motion made by Jane Bonner and seconded by Michael Matera, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education votes to arrange for appropriate services pursuant to the recommendations of Schedule 5-18-04-A and 5-18-04-B. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

PERSONNEL

Upon a motion made by Michael Matera and seconded by Joseph Sanseverino, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the attached Personnel changes. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)

Upon a motion made by Joseph Sanseverino and seconded by Howard Gimple, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education adopt a resolution to approve the State Environmental Quality Review Action (SEQRA). All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Thalen asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience before the Board moved to Executive Session:

- Mrs. Johansson asked where and what the TV monitor system was all about.
- Mr. Gerardi responded that it would be outside and in the hallways of the Middle School and the High School.
- Mrs. Johansson asked who would monitor the system.
- Mr. Gerardi responded that it was digitally monitored.

- Mrs. Johansson also wanted to thank Mr. Knapp for the fabulous concert that he put on at JAE. Also all the field trips, and she has gone on all of them this year, from both FJC & JAE, have been great. The science museum, the aquarium...
She would also like to mention that she went through this school system many years ago and would like to especially thank Mr. Bowler who she had as a teacher and always remember what a wonderful teacher and person he was. Good luck in your retirement. You will be missed at Rocky Point.
- Mrs. Murray asked what was going on with the buses especially the doubling up on Bus A. It seems over the past two weeks or so the buses have been overcrowded. The regular driver was sick, the sub told a sick child to put his head out the window and he was sick all the way to school. She didn't put the air conditioning on one day when the weather was very hot and her daughter became ill.
- Ms. Thalen asked if she called the District Office. Mrs. Murray said she did and spoke to Jennifer who then in turn contacted Laidlaw.
- Ms. Bonner asked how long has this been happening.
- Mrs. Murray said the past two weeks.
- Mr. Bilyk responded that Laidlaw told us the overcrowding was a result of all the rain and game postponements, class trips, absent drivers etc. Unfortunately, this was after overcrowded already occurred. The district was just as upset. We have been in contact with Laidlaw so that this problem will not happen again.
- Mrs. Murray was concerned this was a safety issue.
- Mr. Read responded that he was not aware of this going on the FJC buses but he reported it to the District Office when he was made aware of it.
- Ms. Thalen responded that if you run into this problem again please call Mr. Read immediately.
- Mrs. Murray said that she went to the District Office and she called Laidlaw and they told her to call the school.
- Ms. Thalen thanked her for letting us know.
- Mrs. Sparks congratulated all the newly tenured teachers. She apologized to Mr. Texeira, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Lentini for not reserving her previously stated remarks of appreciation for this particular BOE meeting. She hoped the Beacon would accommodate her by publishing them. She read from a prepared statement in which she thanked Diane Armet for her valuable contributions to this district as both a teacher and administrator. How her youngest son was fortunate enough to have been taught by Brian Pope's unique style, which motivated his students to learn. She expressed her sincere thanks and appreciation to Mike Bowler for the many valuable contributions he made to Rocky Point as an educator, administrator, coach, and most importantly, as a kind and caring human being.
She also acknowledged Ms. Liebling and Ms. Finn for their outstanding work with children in the district.

There were no further questions or comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:15 PM a motion was made by Joseph Sanseverino and seconded by Howard Gimple for the Board of Education to go into Executive Session to discuss certain personnel matters. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:47 PM.

RECESS

At 8:48 PM a motion was made by Jane Bonner and seconded by Joseph Sanseverino that the Board of Education recess the meeting to accept the results of the budget vote and election of Board members. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:29 PM.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE RESULTS OF THE BUDGET VOTE/ELECTION OF TRUSTEE

Upon a motion made by Jane Bonner and seconded by Howard Gimple, the following resolution was offered: **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the results of the Budget Vote/Election of Trustee.

Votes/Budget	YES	912	NO	539
Votes/Board Members	Jane Bonner	694	Irene Mazzeo	635

Jane Bonner was elected to a three-year term commencing July 1, 2004.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:30 PM a motion was made by Joseph Sanseverino and seconded by Jane Bonner for the Board of Education to go into executive session to discuss particular personnel matters. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Berretta
Acting District Clerk

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:32 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:34 PM a motion was made by Michael Matera and seconded by Joseph Sanseverino for the Board of Education adjourn the meeting. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Gerardi
Superintendent of Schools