

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
June 3, 2003

Meeting called to Order at 7:35 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Geraldine Thalen, President
Francine Boyle, Vice-President
Howard Gimple, Trustee
Howard Kartel, Trustee
Michael Matera, Trustee
James J. Gerardi, Superintendent of Schools
Carla D'Ambrosio, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Stephen Bilyk, Interim Business Official

Absent: Irene Pedota, District Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

High School – Assistant Principal Michael Bowler reported the following:

- The Girl's Varsity Lacrosse Team finished 14-0. There were three All County selections: Leanne Ferretti, Tara Grodotzke and Jamie Webster; three All County honorable mentions; Shannon Fabian, Lindsay Goldman, Grace Monjardo; two All-League; Lauren Tumulty and Janelle Spaterella; two All-tournament; Marisa Sanseverino and Melanie Brasor; and unsung hero – Andrea LaGala. In addition, Leanne Ferretti was selected to Newsday's All-Long Island Team where Newsday selects Long Island's top 12 players. Mr. Spallina and Mr. Reh were Selected Coaches of the Year.
- We have been awarded New York State Public High School Athletic Association's Certificate of Recognition for our commitment to sportsmanship from Section XI's Conference III.
- At the 2003 National Donor Recognition Ceremony and Workshop for Pre-Teen and Teen Grief Program based in Washington D.C., senior Kristen Mullane was chosen as a result of her work with the Rocky Point bereavement group to facilitate a workshop for pre-teens and teens who have experienced the grief of losing a loved one. We are very proud of her.
- We had a successful Senior Picnic at South Haven Park on May 30th. Over 175 seniors and faculty participated. The Senior Prom is Thursday, June 5th from 8:00 PM to 12:00 PM at Giorgio's in Baiting Hollow. The prom will be followed by our Prom breakfast at the Joseph Edgar School.

MIDDLE SCHOOL – Principal Joseph Centamore reported the following:

- The National Junior Honor Society inducted approximately 70 inductees.
- The fifth grade orientation where fifth grade students were shadowed by sixth graders was completed with over 290 students participating.
- Sixth and seventh graders had an end of the year dance with over 500 students in attendance and they had a great time.
- Friday is the semi-formal for the eighth graders at the high school.
- Next week I will be at Frost Valley from Monday through Thursday.
- Athletic awards will be distributed on June 12th. The fifth grade parent orientation will be on June 17th. Final exams begin on June 18th. The sixth grade breakfast will be on June 25th and the eighth grade awards and social will be on June 26, 2003.

JOSEPH A EDGAR SCHOOL – Principal Carol Tvelia reported the following:

- Orientation for second graders will be on June 5, 2003, and the following Wednesday for parents.
- Field day is in two weeks - the format of field day has been changed. Ms. Tvelia and Mr. Crawford will be cooking hot dogs for the students.
- Fifth graders will be having an ice cream social at the end of the month.
- Ken Krapf received the Jenkins Lifetime Membership Award from PTA.
- On Wednesday, May 28th, the JAE fifth grade chorus, under the direction of Craig Knapp, participated in the NYSSMA Major Competition. This was the first time in the history of the Rocky Point School District that an elementary chorus was sent to the NYSSMA Majors. Our fifth grade chorus received a gold rating!!! The chorus was one of only two elementary groups that participated in the festival. Most groups were middle school and high school. Comments included praise such as, “You’ve mastered so many quality musical concepts. Beautiful, nice harmonizing. A pleasant, unified sound. I’m impressed with your use of dynamics.”
- The Student Council participated along with 25 other schools in Brentwood at workshops discussing bias, peer pressure, teen related topics, and fifth graders participated in a “Brainstormers Program” - a drug and alcohol awareness program that is similar to D.A.R.E.

FRANK J CARASITI SCHOOL – Acting Principal Paul Read reported:

- A volley ball game was held last Friday, May 30th between FJC and JAE, and the FJC finally won a game. He now has to dye his hair blonde.
- On a more serious note, they raised \$2000 for KIN.
- Tomorrow is a luncheon for the parent volunteer program.
- June 6th is Earth Day and he extended an invitation to all board members and administrators to attend the festivities.
- Field day is June 10th and a kindergarten workshop for parents of children entering kindergarten in September will be held on June 17, 2003.
- Two of our second grade students participated in the National Geography Challenge. They both got scores of 100. The students are Connor Voss in Ms. Vuolo’s class and Zachary Schindler in Ms. Shirtzer’s class. Our congratulations to both of these students.
- Mr. Read offered congratulations to all the teachers who have been recommended for tenure effective September 1, 2003.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SCHOOL TIMES

- Ms. O’Neill said that she likes things the way they are.
- Ms. Noto strongly conveyed that she does not want high school and middle school students together on the same bus because of an alleged drug problem on the high school buses.
- Ms. Bonner said that she would like the high school time changed because children should not be walking the North Shore Hills either in the morning or the afternoon in the dark.
- Ms. Wilson said that middle school drivers are sitting at McCarrick’s twenty minutes before the run starts and asked why can’t the run be adjusted.
- Ms. Johannasen said that she does not like any of the options. Sending the smallest kids when they are tired is not good, nor is sending them in the dark in the morning or afternoon. She feels FJC time needs to be changed.

Mrs. Thalen asked if there were any other questions or comments from the audience:

- Ms. Sparks expressed her congratulations and appreciation to Connie DiMaria, Tom Staats, Paul Killian and Don Hegreness on their upcoming retirement for their dedicated service to the district.
- Mr. Kartel, as a board member, but not on behalf of the board, took the opportunity to let the community know that the board has spent a great deal of time discussing school starting times and bus schedules with administration, building principals, and the bus company. He assured the community that they would continue to work on this until they arrive at a solution, and he thanked everyone for their patience and cooperation.

At this time, Mrs. Thalen returned to the regular meeting.

MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Francine Boyle and seconded by Michael Matera, 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 29, 2003, Special Meeting, May 20, 2003.**
All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

TREASURER’S REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer’s Reports for the month of **March and April 2003** as presented. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

EXTRA-CLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT TREASURER REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the Extra Classroom Activity Treasurer Report for the month of **March and April 2003** as presented. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Upon a motion made by Howard Kartel and seconded by Francine Boyle, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the Financial Reports for the month of **March and April 2003** as presented. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

NEW POLICY – FINGERPRINTING OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES

Upon a motion made by Francine Boyle and seconded by Michael Matera, the following policy was presented for a first reading:

New York State Law requires that a policy be adopted to Fingerprint Prospective Employees This policy needs to be moved and voted on affirmatively at two successive meetings of the Board of Education. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

AMENDING POLICY – PRINCIPLES OF PURCHASING # 5410

Upon a motion made by Michael Matera and seconded by Howard Gimple the following amendment was presented:

Inasmuch as this is an amendment, it is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to waive a second reading. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

AMENDING POLICY – STUDENT INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM #7640

Upon a motion made by Howard Gimple and seconded by Howard Kartel, the following amendment was presented:

Inasmuch as this is an amendment, it is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to waive a second reading. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

VOTING FOR A TRUSTEE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATION SERVICES OF THE FIRST SUPERVISORY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

No action was taken on the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education elect the following candidate to serve an unexpired term on the Board of Cooperative Services of the First Supervisory District of the County of Suffolk.

Joseph P. Loschiavo
John J. Ramacciato

RESOLUTION FOR HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT

Upon a motion made by Howard Kartel and seconded by Francine Boyle, 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 2002-03 school year with the following districts:

- Middle Country Central Schools
- Port Jefferson U.F.S.D.
- Riverhead Central Schools
- Seaford U.F.S.D.
- Smithtown Central Schools
- South Huntington U.F.S.D
- Three Village Central Schools
- West Islip Public Schools

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

BID-AWARD #03-04 PRINTING

Upon a motion made by Francine Boyle 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 renew the agreement with Sav-On Printing, Inc., for the 2003-04 fiscal year at no additional cost. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

BID-AWARD #03-05 GARBAGE REMOVAL

Upon a motion made by Michael Matera 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 renew the agreement with Maggio Sanitation Services, Inc., for the 2003-04 fiscal year at no additional cost. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION TO AWARD BIDS FOR BOND ISSUE RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Upon a motion made by Howard Gimple and seconded by Howard Kartel, 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 contracts to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

Contract No. 1A: Site Work Reconstruction

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

L & M Specialty Co., Inc.
10-2 Drew Court
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

In the following amounts:

1. Work Location No 1 – Joseph Edgar School Irrigation
Base Bid: \$ 55,420

Contract No. 1B: Site Work Reconstruction

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

R.E.H. Construction, Inc.
P.O. Box 1540
Stony Brook, NY 11790

In the following amounts:

1. Work Location No.2 – Rocky Point High School Irrigation
Base Bid: \$ 75,250

Contract No. 1C: Site Work Reconstruction

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

Laser Industries, Inc.
1760 Route 25 - P.O. Box 315
Ridge, NY 11961

In the following amounts:

1. Work location No.4 – Joseph Edgar School Tennis Courts:
a. Base Bid “B” – Four (4) Courts: \$ 344,000

We recommend all bids received for Work Location No. 3 – Joseph Edgar ball field be rejected.

Contract No. 2A: General Construction

We recommend award of Contract No. 2A to the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

Valco, Inc.
29 Orchard Meadow Road
East Williston, NY 11596

In the following amounts:

1. Work location No.5 – Rocky Point Middle/High School –
Shop Reconstruction - Base Bid: \$105,300
a. Alternate No.5 - New Vision Panel: 1,300
b. Alternate No.6 – Epoxy Flooring: 16,700
c. Alternate No.7 – Doors D3 – D6: 5,600
2. Total Work at Location No. 5 including Alternates: \$128,900

Contract No. 2B - General Construction

We recommend award of Contract No. 2B to the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

Stalco Construction, Inc.
44 Jefryn Boulevard W.
Unit N
Deer Park, NY 11729

In the following amounts:

1.	Work location No.6 – Joseph Edgar School - Ceilings	
	a. Work Location No.6A – Base Bid:	\$ 132,620
	b. Work Location No. 6 – Base Bid:	68,620
2.	Total at Work Locations Nos. 6A & 6B:	<u>\$198,620</u>

***The Total at Work Locations Nos. 6A and 6B reflect a voluntary discount offered by the contractor for the award of both locations.**

Contract No. 3: Plumbing Reconstruction

We recommend award of Contract No. 3 to the lowest responsible bidder as follows

Excel Mechanical Corp.
457 Secatogue Avenue
Farmingdale, NY 11735

In the following amounts:

1.	Work location No.1 – Joseph Edgar School Irrigation & RPZ - Base Bid:	\$ 77,000
2.	Work location No.2 – Rocky Point High School Irrigation – Base Bid:	34,500
3.	Work location No.7 – Frank Carasiti School RPZ – Base Bid:	41,500
4.	Work location No. 5 – Rocky Point Middle/High School Shop Reconstruction – Base Bid:	10,000
5.	Total at All Work Locations Not including Alternates:	<u>\$160,000</u>

***The Total at All Work Locations shown reflects a voluntary discount offered by the contractor.**

Contract No. 4: Mechanical Reconstruction

We recommend award of Contract No. 4 to the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

Smith Haven Mechanical, Inc.
100A Knickerbocker Avenue
Bohemia, NY 11716

In the following amounts:

1.	Base Bid:	\$ 23,600
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Contract No. 5A: Electrical Reconstruction

We recommend award of Contract No. 5A to the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

JP Daly & Sons, Inc.
88A Brook Avenue
Deer Park, NY 11729

In the following amounts:

1. Work Location No. 1- Joseph Edgar School
Irrigation & RPZ – Base Bid: \$ 33,000

Contract No. 5B: Electrical Reconstruction

We recommend award of Contract No. 5B to the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

Eldor Contracting Corp.
1703 Church Street
Holbrook, NY 11741

In the following amounts:

1. Work Location No. 2 – Rocky Point High School
Irrigation – Base Bid: \$ 18,800
2. Work Location No. 7 – Frank J. Carasiti School
RPZ – Base Bid: \$ 23,200

Contract No. 5C: Electrical Reconstruction

We recommend award of Contract No. 5C to the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

Palace Electrical Contractors
3558 Park Avenue
Wantagh, NY 11793

In the following amounts:

1. Work Location No. 5 – Rocky Point Middle/High School
Shop Reconstruction – Base Bid: \$ 27,300

Contract No. 5D: Electrical Reconstruction

We recommend award of Contract No. 5D to the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

SJ Electric, Inc.
228 Merrick Road
Lynbrook, NY 11563

In the following amounts:

1. Work Location No. 6A – Joseph Edgar School
Ceilings – Base Bid 6A: \$ 39,000
2. Work Location No. 6B – Joseph Edgar School
Ceilings – Base Bid 6B: \$ 37,000

Contract No. 5E: Electrical Reconstruction

We recommend award of Contract No. 5E to the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

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

In the following amount:

1. Work Location No. 8 – Joseph Edgar School
Fire Alarms, P/A Intercom, Clocks – Base Bid: \$ 225,000

Contract No. 6A: General Construction

We recommend award of Contract No. 6A to the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

Stalco Construction, Inc.
44 Jefryn Boulevard W.
Unit N
Deer Park, NY 11729

In the following amounts:

- 1. Work Location "A" Music Room: \$ 92,620

Contract No. 6B: General Construction

We recommend all bids received for Work Location " B" – Fascia Replacement be rejected.

Contract No. 7: HVAC Reconstruction

We recommend award of Contract No. 7 to the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

Smith Haven Mechanical, Inc.
100A Knickerbocker Avenue
Bohemia, NY 11716

In the following amounts:

- 1. Base Bid: \$ 139,000

Contract No. 8: Electrical Reconstruction

We recommend award of Contract No. 8 to the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

Eldor Contracting Corp.
1703 Church Street
Holbrook, NY 11741

In the following amounts:

- 1. Base Bid: \$ 53,800

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: SPECIAL EDUCATION/PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT MEMBER

Upon a motion made by Howard Kartel and seconded by Francine Boyle, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Diane LaLima and Debra Bishop as Parent Members to the Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education. (In accordance with the Commissioner’s Regulations, Part 200 and the provisions of the Education Law, Section 4402.) All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon a motion made by Francine Boyle 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 6-03-03-A and 6-03-03-B. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT PLAN 2003-2005

Upon a motion made by Michael Matera 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 the Special Education District Plan 2003-2005. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

PERSONNEL

Upon a motion made by Howard Gimple and seconded by Howard Kartel, 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.

Mrs. Thalen asked if there were any additional comments or questions before the meeting was recessed.

- Mr. Kartel said that he would like Ms. Manitta, Director of Special Education to inform the board and the community about what is going on in the Special Education Department.
- Ms. Manitta said that she would be happy to.
- Ms. Johannasen said that although somewhat pleased with the 4th & 8th grade test scores, she is concerned how well these children can perform on these tests when they are coming in to school half asleep. If the hours were different, scores would be better. Mrs. Thalen asked approximately what time the tests were given. Ms. Tvelia responded that at JAE they were given between 9:15 – 9:30 AM, and Dr. Centamore responded that at the Middle School they were administered between 8:45 – 9:15.
- Ms. Gianotti asked if the overhead information on the busing options could be put on the website and if residents could e-mail comments to the board? She also asked when the issue would be resolved by.
- Ms. Thalen replied that the board would have Ms. Wilson put the information on the website, and she explained that there is a link where you can e-mail directly to the board. Only the board members will get the e-mail and would know where it comes from. She added that the board hopes to have the issue resolved by the next meeting on June 23rd.
- Ms. Gianotti asked if a notice could be sent home about it being on the website.
- Ms. Thalen replied that principals could send it home through their weekly letter to the parents.
- Ms. Gianotti asked where the money for other options would come from.
- Ms. Thalen replied that it was not budgeted.
- Mr. Gerardi added that he doesn't know where we will get it.
- Ms. Thalen added that it was our hope in 2003 that both elementary schools would go together.

There were no further questions or comments.

RECESS

At 8:45 PM a motion was made by Michael Matera and seconded by Howard Gimple for the Board of Education to recess the meeting to accept the budget vote and election of Board members. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:46 PM

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

Upon a motion made by Francine Boyle 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 accept the results of the Budget Vote/Election of Trustees:

Votes/Budget	YES	1151	NO	818
Votes/Board Members -	Joseph Sanseverino	972		
	Howard Gimple	866		
	Jane Bonner	790		
	Howard Kartel	723		
	Kevin Ward	628		
	Danielle Baker	483		
	Jerome Vessichio	319		

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:48 PM a motion was made by Michael Matera and seconded by Howard Gimple 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 10:44 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:45 PM a motion was made by Howard Gimple and seconded by Howard Kartel for the Board of Education adjourn the meeting. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Gerardi
Superintendent