

MINUTES

ROCKY POINT SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

August 28, 2006

Ms. Thalen called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT CLERK

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Elise Darnell Boehm be and is hereby appointed as District clerk during the school year 2006-2007 at a salary of \$9,000 pro-rated.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0

District Clerk took the attendance.

Present:

Jane Bonner
Michael Matera
Joseph Sanseverino
Margaret Smith
Geraldine Thalen
Carla L. D'Ambrosio, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools
Sherry J. Alessandro, Asst. Supt. for Human Resources\Administration
Michael W. Ivanoff, Director of Finance and Operations
Elise Darnell Boehm, District Clerk

Absent: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Wellness Presentation by Elena Lynch Dobert SFNS CDN, Director of Child Nutrition

- In 2004, Federal Law mandated that school districts complete a "Wellness Program" by June 30, 2006 to address the growing obesity problem among school children.
- Elena Lynch-Dobert formed and chaired the committee to develop a policy tailored to the Rocky Point School District.

Highlights of the Wellness Program

- Changes will begin with Elementary Students at the Frank J. Carasiti and Joseph A. Edgar Schools this school year (2006-2007).
- Middle School and High School changes will phase in 2007 and 2008 respectively.
- No soda or candy permitted to be sold or offered to students on school grounds during school hours

- Additionally, although not restricted until phase in schedule, Director of Athletics has requested that no soda or candy be used or sold during games on or off school grounds.
- Personal fitness will be strongly encouraged and highlighted in the classroom.
- Fund Raising – required to use healthier alternatives.
- Physical activity will be integrated into curriculum where possible.
- Recess will occur before lunch where possible.
- Intramural sports will be added.
- No food to be used in classrooms with the following exceptions:
 - Birthday celebrations may occur once per month for groups that fall within that month.
 - Holidays
 - Cultural celebrations featuring ethnic diversity.
- Policy will be available for public viewing along with list of alternate fundraising and snack ideas at the beginning of the schools year.
 - Locations will be: Each school Library and the District Office
- Ms. Lynch-Dobert thanked the committee for the hours they donated to develop this policy and asked if anyone had any questions.

Questions

- There was concern that children would still be allowed to purchase soda in the Middle and High School this year
- Ms. Lynch Dobert explained that soda would only be sold in the Teacher’s lounges and would not be accessible to students during school hours.

Kindergarten Health Curriculum was presented by members of the Frank J. Carasiti Teaching Staff:

- Jessica Gerbino
- Patricia Secko
- Patricia Smith

Highlights of Health curriculum

- Each month specific topics related to health and wellness will be spotlighted:
 - washing hands
 - medication safety
- Safety and Injury Prevention:
 - tobacco and alcohol (why they are used)
- Nutrition and Physical development:
 - Physical Education Kindergarten teachers trained by “Health Smart Program” trainers on professional development day

Questions

- Jane Bonner brought up safety training pertaining to Child Molestation and that a large percentage of occurrences are by people they know.
- Staff explained that safety training for that area is included in their curriculum i.e. Good touch, bad touch and Stranger Danger.

DR. D'AMBROSIO INVITED ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Patricia Noto expressed concern over the number of nurses available per building
 - Two per building at Edgar and Carasiti
 - One and a half per building at Middle and High School(Nurse's lunch periods will be covered at all times in these buildings)

APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITORS

- Geraldine Thalen, President, interviewed several firms to perform an inside audit. Callaghan Nawarocki LLP was chosen at a cost of \$48,000. It was determined that \$350,000 must be spent this year for a new phone system to replace a very old system that has been failing for a while. Parents and community have been complaining.
- Michael Ivanoff explained that the District is eligible for an **EXCEL AID GRANT** and will request 1.3 Million, which will provide reimbursement for the cost of the new phone system and also provide dollars for other necessary repairs per school.
- This plan will be presented to the public for voter approval as acceptance of aid for necessary programs

Questions from the Public

- Mrs. Gilbert inquired about where exactly the dollars would come from
- The District had monies left over from a previously approved bond project.
- Mike Ivanoff explained that the phone system would have had to be replaced anyway with these leftover funds and since it is a capital improvement it falls under **EXCEL (Expanding our Children's Education & Learning Program)** Reimbursement.
- Michael Matera reiterated the financial benefit of this grant project.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that Board of Education appoint the firm of Callaghan Nawarocki LLP as Internal Auditors (Chapter 263 of the Laws of 2005-Five Point Plan) for the 2006-2007 school year at a fee of \$48,000.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0

NECESSARY AND CONTINGENT EXPENSE TO REPLACE PHONE SYSTEM

Upon a motion made by Joseph Sanseverino 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 necessary and contingent request to replace the phone system at a cost not to exceed \$350,000.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0

MINUTES

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the following Board of Education Meetings be accepted as presented: Regular meeting, **June 26, 2006**, Organizational Meeting, **July 6, 2006**, and Special Meeting, **August 15, 2006**.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0

TREASURER’S REPORTS

Upon a motion made by Margaret Smith and seconded by Jane Bonner, the following resolution was offered: **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer’s Reports for the month of **May 2006** as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0

EXTRA-CLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT TREASURER REPORT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer Report for the month of **May 2006** as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the Financial Report for the month of **May 2006** as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0

DONATION – PIANO

Upon a motion made by Margaret Smith 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 the donation of a piano from Ms. Therese King, a Rocky Point Resident, specifically for the Pocket Theatre.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0

ATHLETIC, PE UNIFORMS, SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT 2006-07

Upon a motion made by Michael Matera 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 award Bid# 07-05 Athletic, PE Uniforms, Supplies & Equipment to the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

Athletic Bid Uniform Summary:

Port Jeff Sports	\$15,313.33
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Athletic Supply Bid Summary:

Port Jeff Sports	\$ 7,832.10
Longstreth	293.66
Greg Larson	261.59
Passon's Sports	665.76

Athletic Equipment Bid Summary:

Port Jeff Sports	\$ 3,639.10
Passon's Sports	2,296.92

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT

Upon a motion made by Margaret Smith 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 2005-06 school year with the following district:

❖ **Patchogue – Medford Schools**

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

DONATION – COST OF TRANSPORTATION TO ONEONTA FOR BOYS SOCCER TEAM

Upon a motion made by Jane Bonner 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 donation of \$950.00 from the Rocky Point Athletic Booster Club to cover the cost of transportation to Oneonta, NY for the Boy's Soccer team to participate in the 7th Annual High School Hall of Fame Cup.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

SURPLUS ITEMS

Upon a motion made by Joseph Sanseverino 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 approve for surplus the attached lists.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

SURPLUS TEXTBOOKS

Upon a motion made by Margaret Smith 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 for surplus the attached lists.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ACADEMIC INTERVENTION SERVICES (AIS) PLAN FOR 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR

Upon a motion made by Margaret Smith 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 approve the Academic Intervention Services (AIS) Plan for the 2006-07 School Year.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

PLACEMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the District's entering into an instructional contract with the East Moriches School District to provide educational services, including related services to a special education student for the 2006-07 school year; that the East Moriches School District will pay tuition, estimated to be \$34,500.00 for such services in accordance with the formulas established by the Commissioner of Education; that the East Moriches School District will provide all transportation services for such student; that the student will begin attending the Rocky Point School District with an effective start date of September 1, 2006 pending final approval of the instructional contract in accordance with Section 2042 of the Education Law and that the Board President is authorized to sign such contract.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon a motion made by Joseph Sanseverino 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 8-28-06-A and 8-28-06-B.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

PERSONNEL

Upon a motion made by Michael Matera 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 accept the attached Personnel Changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

❖ **Dr. Courtney Herbert, Ed. D. was introduced as the new Assistant Principal of Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School**

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SALARY AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Upon a motion made by Michael Matera and seconded by, Jane Bonner the following resolution was offered: **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board President has entered into an agreement with the Superintendent of Schools for a 3 ½ percent salary increase for the 2006-07 school year.
All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

Ms. Thalen asked if there were any other questions or comments:

- Mr. Lagnena, Student Council Advisor, questioned the no sale of sugary snacks as directed by the new Wellness program and how it will impact sales
- It was not clear as to whether they were allowed to continue selling candy and soda -Wellness program states that there is to be no sale of soda and candy on school grounds during school hours. Moreover, they must follow the phase out schedule according to school. A list of fundraising alternatives to soda and candy will be offered.
- Mr. Lagnena also questioned whether a copy of Academic Intervention would be available to the public.

Ms. Thalen: No further questions, we will now adjourn to Executive Session

At 8:27 PM a motion to go into Executive Session was made by Jane Bonner, seconded by Michael Matera.
All in favor – Motion 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Elise Darnell Boehm
District Clerk

The board returned to open session at 9:19 PM

VIII ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 PM a motion was made by Michael Matera and Margaret Smith to adjourn the meeting. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Carla D'Ambrosio, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools