

MINUTES

ROCKY POINT SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING December 18, 2006

Ms. Thalen called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

District Clerk took the attendance.

Present: Geraldine Thalen, President
Joseph Sanseverino, Vice-President
Jane Bonner, Trustee
Michael Matera, Trustee
Margaret Smith, Trustee
Carla 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

Ms. Thalen asked if there were any questions or comments from the community.

- Mrs. Therese King congratulated Assistant Middle School Principal, Sandra Wojnowski for her caring and concern for my son Dillon who is in 7th grade. “ She went above and beyond and I am very grateful for all that she has done for him.” Ms. Wojnowski is a wonderful administrator.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Rocky Point High School Principal, William B. Caulfield announced:

- Congratulations to Brooke Bonomi and the 200 Singing Santa’s for a great performance. They also performed for at a home for the aged. Mr. Bonomi’s group donated \$4,000 to help seniors planning to attend college.
- The winter concert will be held on Thursday, 12/21/06 at 7:30 in the High School auditorium.
- New this year at the high school is a Three (3) Tiered Honor Roll: Principal’s List - 95.00 – 100.00, GPA 112; High Honor Roll - 90.00 – 94.99, GPA 239; Honor Roll – 85.00 – 89.99, GPA – 192. I am pleased to announce that in the first quarter 543 students made the honor roll out of 1100 students. Of the two new tiers, the results were:
 - 239 achieved in the high range of 90-95
 - 192 achieved in the mid- high range 85-89

It is very difficult to make the Principal’s honor roll and those who do, have breakfast with Mr. Caulfield as a special reward.

Rocky Point Middle School Principal, Dr. Joseph Tanen Centamore announced:

- Many thanks to the PTA for the Book Fair they sponsored this month in which community members helped out. The selection of books was great.
- The holiday concerts held on December 13th and 14th were a success. A nice new tradition was started in which one of the concerts took place during the day in the classroom. This was an initiative of our Shared Decision Making team who were fantastic.
- Thank you to Mr. Bonomi for the Singing Santa's performances that will take place on Friday at the Middle School. They will be performing two concerts for the Middle School.

Joseph A. Edgar School Principal, Carol Tvelia announced:

- Congratulations to the 3 – 5th grade chorus and recorder ensemble for a job well done at the concert.
- Mr. Kenneth Krapf's Green Team came in first place in the Newsday Stock Market Game for grades 3 thru 6. This was Mr. Krapf's fourth time having a group finish in 1st place.
- Ray Negron, who wrote the book "**Boy of Steel**", visited JAE. He spoke to grades 3 thru 5 about always doing your best and overcoming adversity. The school also received several copies of the book for our school library. Ms. Christina Capaldi, a third grade teacher, arranged the visiting author event.
- The student council, under the direction of Mr. Mark Yashowitz, collected twenty-five boxes of food for the St. Anthony's food bank. Twenty-five boxes of food, along with other goods, were also donated to the Long Island Marine Moms for soldiers overseas.
- Hats, scarves, gloves, and socks were collected on the Giving Tree, which went to the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Frank J. Carasiti School Principal, Scott O'Brien announced:

- First grade students attended a field trip today to Theater Three and second grade students arrived early last Friday to play winter bingo. In addition, students will be learning about the meaning of peace and holiday or winter traditions in our community through the assembly program.
- Our second grade winter concert "Winter Nights and Holiday Lights" was held on December 6th under the direction of Ms. Kyra Kenwood. The almost 200 member chorus did a beautiful job and we look forward to their spring concert.
- Congratulations to Jennifer Meschi, Technology Integration Specialist at FJC, for winning the "Making it Happen" Award. "Making it Happen" is a nationally recognized awards program for educators in the field of educational technology integration in K-12 schools. The program identifies and rewards educational technology leaders around the country for their commitment and innovation.
- Mrs. Meschi will be acknowledged at the Seventh Annual Celebration of Technology in Education for their integration of technology and curriculum on January 5, 2007 at Stony Brook University. We thank Ms. Anja Groth, Director of Instruction for nominating Mrs. Meschi for this award.
- Mesttract Grant Winners:
 - Danielle Youngs
 - Emily Breiner
 - Bettina Tripp
 - Nicole Fernandez
 - Jennifer Meschi

Leonard Kies, Athletic Director, Recognized the Varsity Girls Tennis - League Champs:

- Congratulations to the 2006 Girls Varsity Tennis Team and Coach Steve Lagnena, for being in 2nd place for the 6th season.
- Awards were presented to the following team members:
 - **Chelsea Lambert**
 - **Michelle Side**
 - **Lindsay Cottone**
 - **Kathleen Dallon**
 - **Brielle DeLuca**
 - **Alicia DiStefano**
 - **Renee Ferretti**
 - **Amanda Forte**
 - **Brittany Hernandez**
 - **Christina McDonnell**
 - **Marialle McMahan**
 - **Kaitlin Side**
 - **Diana Squatriglia**
 - **Katie Thalen**
 - **Brian Moran**
- An award was then presented by Mr. Kies to Mr. Lagnena on behalf of the girls to thank him for all of his hard work.
- Mr. Lagnena thanked all the administrators, parents and the Board of Education for all of their help.
- Ms. Thalen congratulated the team for a great job in the Suffolk County Division.

MINUTES

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the following Board of Education Meeting be accepted as presented: **Regular Meeting, November 27, 2006, Special Meeting, November 20, 2006.**

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of **July and August 2006** as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT TREASURER REPORT

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 Extra Classroom Activity Treasurer Reports for the month of **July and August 2006** as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the Financial Reports for the month of **July and August 2006** as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)

- Ms. Thalen inquired about the expected installation date of the new telephone system designed by Verizon.
- Dr. D'Ambrosio explained that the installation process will begin in the Spring of 2007 and the system will be fully operational by September 2007.

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 adopt a resolution to approve the State Environmental Quality Review Acton (SEQRA) regarding the district-wide telephone system.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

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 votes to arrange for appropriate services pursuant to the recommendations of Schedule 12-18-06-A and 12-18-06-B.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

PERSONNEL

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 attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

DONATION – TOURNAMENT FOR VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM AT POUGHKEEPSIE

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 \$1,700.00 from the Rocky Point Athletic Booster Club to assist the Varsity Wrestling team with the cost for the Mid Hudson Wrestling tournament in Poughkeepsie, December 27-28, 2006.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

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

- Mrs. Theresa King wanted to make everyone was aware that Mr. Joseph Sanseverino, Rocky Point School Board - Vice President was recently honored at the annual Civic dinner for all of his efforts and achievements regarding the Downtown Revitalization of Rocky Point. Mrs. King thanked him for making Rocky Point a better place to live in.

There were no further questions or comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:24 PM, a motion was made by Michael Matera and seconded by Margaret Smith for the Board of Education to go into executive session to discuss particular personnel matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise Darnell Boehm
District Clerk

The Board returned to open session at 9:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 PM a motion was made by Margaret Smith and seconded by Jane Bonner for the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla L. D’Ambrosio, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools