

MINUTES

ROCKY POINT SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING February 26, 2007

Mrs. Thalen called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Geraldine Thalen, President
Joseph Sanseverino, Vice-President
Jane Bonner, Trustee
Michael Matera, Trustee
Margaret Smith, Trustee
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
Patricia Jones, District Clerk

Superintendent's Report

- **AP Honors Program – Presentation by Coordinators and Director of Instruction**

Mrs. Thalen determined and then announced that the AP Honors presentation would be postponed until March 26, 2007 due to the inclement weather conditions and the configuration of the board meeting set-up this particular evening. (The meeting was held in the library of the Rocky Point High School because the auditorium was unavailable due to the theatrical production of *Fiddler on the Roof*.)

Mrs. Thalen opened the meeting to questions or comments from the community:

- Mr. Steven Lagnena proudly announced that several Rocky Point teachers were deemed to be mini-grant winners totaling \$8,400 worth of grants. He congratulated the winners and expressed his appreciation for their achievements. The winners of the mini-grant awards were:
- Patrice Perreca, 8th grade, Rocky Point MS: Passing the Lesson On: Eyewitness to the Holocaust (\$1,500 grant)
- Bettina Tripp and Nicole Fernandez, Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School: You Read to Me, Yo Leera a Usted (\$1,500 grant)
- Susan Wilson, Business Education, Rocky Point HS: School-to-Work Education and Business Alliance Career Brunch (\$1,500 grant)
- Jennifer Meschi, Technology Integration Specialist, Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School: Poetry, It's Not Just for English Class Anymore! Integrating Arts, Math and Technology through Poetry (\$1,500 grant)
- Danielle Youngs and Emily Breiner, Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School: The Building Blocks of Our School: Our Story through Photographs (\$1,400 grant)
- Patrice Perreca, 8th grade, Rocky Point MS: Inclusion: Sharing the Experience (\$1,000 grant)

Mrs. Thalen invited Mrs. Joyce Connolly, Art Department Chairperson, to present Nick Koridis (class of 2006) and James Caschetta (class of 2008) as winners of the Astoria Federal Savings Bank Teen Photo Contest. Among the total of twelve winners of the contest themed, "Children Showing Emotion," Rocky Point was the only school to have two winners. Both Nick and James were each awarded \$100.00 to be used in the Rocky Point classrooms. Mrs. Connolly also announced that James achieved the added distinction of having his photo decorate the contest brochure. Mrs. Connolly announced that this year's contest theme is "Children Having Fun." Mrs. Connolly encouraged all interested students to participate. Mrs. Thalen joined Mrs. Connolly in congratulating James Caschetta and Nick Koridis on their outstanding achievements.

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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, January 22, 2007.

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 accepts the Treasurer’s Reports for the months of November and December 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 accepts the Extra Classroom Activity Treasurer Reports for the months of November and December 2006, as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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 accepts the Financial Reports for the months of November and December 2006, as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION FOR HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT

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 authorize the Board President to enter into an agreement for health services for the current 2006-2007 school year with the following district:

Riverhead Central School District

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION

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 Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election in the Rocky Point School District, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM, and be it further

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT PURSUANT TO Section 2017 of the Education Law, a Public Hearing for the purpose of discussion of the expenditure of funds and the budgeting thereof be held at 7:30 PM on May 8, 2007 at the Rocky Point High School, Rocky Point, New York and be it further

BE IT RESOLVED, that Legal Notice of the Public Hearing, as required by law be published in the *NORTH SHORE SUN* on March 30, April 6, April 20, May 4, and in *THE BEACON* on March 29, April 5, April 19, May 3 and be it further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following school is hereby designated as polling place:

Polling and Registration Place: Rocky Point High School Gymnasium

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, in addition to the legal publication in four editions of each of the two above-mentioned newspapers, will send a notice with all information relative to the date and time of election to all residents and taxpayers within the District, and be it further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the residents of the Rocky Point School District may register to vote for School District Elections at the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on any day that the office is open, and in the evening on May 1, 2007 and May 8, 2007 until 9:00 PM. However, such registration will not take place less than five (5) days preceding any School District Election, and be it further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the District Clerk be authorized to appoint the necessary Personnel to function as Election Inspectors, and be it further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the final tally of votes shall be held at the Rocky Point High School, 82 Rocky Point-Yaphank Road, Rocky Point, New York at 9:00 PM on the evening of the election as soon thereafter as the election inspectors can supply the necessary information.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND VOTE WORKERS FOR BUDGET HEARING/VOTE/ELECTION (BUDGET HEARING MAY 8, 2007/BUDGET VOTE-ELECTION MAY 15, 2007); BOARD OF REGISTRATION; CHIEF INSPECTOR; POLL CLERKS; TELLERS; AND SUBSTITUTE TELLERS AND POLL CLERKS

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 appoints the following persons as Chairperson of the Budget Hearing/Budget Vote/Election; Board of Registration; Chief Inspector; Poll Clerks; Tellers and Substitute Tellers and Poll Clerks. The hourly rate for the Board of Registration and vote workers will be \$9.00.

Douglas Haeffner	Chief Inspector
Richard Salerno	Chairperson, Budget Hearing/Budget Vote/Election
Maureen Strauss	Substitute Chief Inspector/Teller
Dorothy Tis	Board of Registration/Teller
Peggy Staudermann	Board of Registration/Teller
Lucy Bello	Board of Registration/Teller
Maureen Strauch	Board of Registration/Teller
Patricia Carr	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #1
Arlene Heck	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #1
Debra McCarville	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #1
Dorothy Wennerod	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #1
Debbie O'Neill	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #2
Joyce Butler	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #2
Evelyn Gallino	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #2
Jean Poveromo	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #2
Loretta Reiter	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #3
Joanne Osmani	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #3
Patricia Gangi	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #3
Linda Apicella	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #3
Maria Kurz	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #4
Maria Messinetti	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #4
Marjorie Sokolski	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #4
Melissa Mood	Poll Clerk/Teller Machine #4
Betty Voboril	Teller/Poll Clerk
Karen Audette	Teller/Poll Clerk
Rose Sanchez	Teller/Poll Clerk
Elizabeth Manger	Teller/Poll Clerk
Virginia Sanseverino	Teller/Poll Clerk
Susan Mulligan	Teller/Poll Clerk
Lisa Hrysko	Teller/Poll Clerk
Charlene LaCascia	Teller/Poll Clerk
Mariana Freeman	Teller/Poll Clerk
Ann Marie Reynen	Teller/Poll Clerk
Mary Vecchio	Teller/Poll Clerk

All in Favor – Motion carried 5-0.

NORTH SHORE YOUTH COUNCIL 2006/07 AGREEMENT

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 accepts the 2006/07 service agreement with North Shore Youth Council.

Motion carried 4-0 (Michael Matera abstained)

SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTION

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 accept the exemption for 2007 according to the income schedule provided by the Town of Brookhaven.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

PRIZE ACCEPTANCE – 2006 TEEN PHOTO CONTEST

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 accepts the prize of \$200.00 from Astoria Federal Savings.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

DONATION TO DEFRAY COST OF *CHALLENGE DAY* PROGRAM

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves and accepts the donation of \$2,500.00 from the Rocky Point Jewelers, LLC. in order to defray the cost of the *Challenge Day* program taking place on March 8, 2007.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

DONATION – ROCKY POINT HS GIRLS' LACROSSE TEAM

Prior to asking for a motion, Mrs. Thalen announced that she had questions pertaining to the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the donation from the March 17, 2007 girls' lacrosse tournament/competition/fundraiser at the Rocky Point HS for the benefit of the Rocky Point HS girls' lacrosse team.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Thalen questioned the Board's ability to approve a monetary donation for an event which had not yet occurred. Mrs. Thalen asked if the Board was usually asked for its approval to authorize the use of school facilities for events such as the girls' lacrosse tournament/competition/fundraiser. Dr. D'Ambrosio answered in the affirmative. At this time, Mrs. Thalen put to vote only the acceptance of the usage of Rocky Point UFSD fields/facility for the purpose of conducting a fundraiser on March 17, 2007. The resolution to accept any donation from said event for the benefit of the Rocky Point HS girls' lacrosse team was tabled at this time. Mrs. Thalen stated that the Board would address this issue at the next regularly scheduled board meeting (March 26, 2007).

A motion was made by Jane Bonner and seconded by Joseph Sanseverino for the Board of Education to set aside the resolution to accept the donation from the March 17, 2007 girls' lacrosse tournament/competition/fundraiser at the Rocky Point HS for the benefit of the Rocky Point HS girls' lacrosse team.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

SURPLUS ITEMS

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 for surplus an RCA projection television, serial number P52812BL.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Thalen stated that community members are concerned about items designated as surplus and the ultimate disposition of such items. Mrs. Thalen asked, specifically, what the value of the RCA projection television was deemed to be. Dr. D’Ambrosio referred to the paperwork filed in connection with this resolution and advised Mrs. Thalen that the condition of the RCA projection television was listed as “poor” with no specific value listed. Mr. Ivanoff stated that parts for this particular item were no longer available and, as such, the television was no longer a viable resource. There was no further discussion.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PARTICIPATION OF DISTRICT IN THE LONG ISLAND MUNICIPAL BANKING CONSORTIUM ROCKY POINT SCHOOL

Upon a motion made by Michael Matera 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 accepts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller’s Office issued a press release on November 20, 2003, on a report titled “Intermunicipal Consolidation and Cooperation Can Improve Government Efficiency and Effectiveness,” and

WHEREAS, the report describes the benefits and challenges of intermunicipal cooperation and consolidation, assesses the current level of collaborative activity around the state, and offers strategies for approaching cooperative ventures; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Sections 1709(8)(c) and 1723-a of the Education Law and Sections 10 and 11 of the New York General Municipal Law, school districts are permitted to designate a bank for the deposit of public funds and/or are permitted to temporarily invest money not required for immediate expenditures as provided for therein;

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations, defined to include school district, to participate in municipal cooperative activities;

WHEREAS, the school district, villages and libraries have joined together to form a consortium, known as the Long Island Municipal Banking Consortium (L.I.M.B.C.), to bid on banking services with the goal of maximizing interest earnings on their investments; and

WHEREAS, L.I.M.B.C. is comprised of municipalities which may include:

- Cold Spring Harbor Central School District
 - East Rockaway Union Free School District
 - Franklin Square Union Free School District
 - Harborfields Central School District
 - Huntington Union Free School District
 - Incorporated Village of Lake Success
 - Incorporated Village of Valley Stream
 - Island Park Union Free School District
 - Lynbrook Union Free School District
 - Nassau Library System
 - Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District
 - Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District
 - Rocky Point Union Free School District
 - West Hempstead Union Free School District
- and,

WHEREAS, the consortium is recommending the award for banking services on a money market account and general fund checking account to the highest responsible bidder, Commerce Bank, and

WHEREAS, each municipality will maintain its own separate bank accounts with separate bank agreements between each municipality and Commerce Bank, and

WHEREAS, Commerce Bank shall provide banking services in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of the Request for Proposal dated March 15, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the L.I.M.B.C. will meet quarterly with Commerce Bank to discuss member issues, concerns, rates, etc., in order to better meet the banking needs of all of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Rocky Point School District wishes to join the L.I.M.B.C. and may at any time withdraw from the consortium, with no bank or consortium imposed penalty and with no liability.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Education authorizes the participation of the Rocky Point School District in the L.I.M.B.C. and authorizes the Rocky Point School District to participate in all matters pertaining to the consortium to the extent such participation remains in the best interest of the School District.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Thalen asked Mr. Ivanoff to explain the benefits of belonging to L.I.M.B.C. Mr. Ivanoff stated that as a member, the Rocky Point UFSD would have the ability to invest monies from the general fund and receive better interest rates on said investments. Mr. Ivanoff further advised that the district was “granted” membership by the L.I.M.B.C. Mr. Sanseverino asked Mr. Ivanoff how often the consortium puts out to bid the award for banking services. Mr. Ivanoff replied that he believed that time frame to be every two or three years. There was no further discussion.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

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 accepts the External Audit Report Corrective Action Plan, as attached.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Thalen requested that the External Audit Report Correction Action Plan be placed on the district website so that members of the community and all interested parties could view its contents. Mrs. Thalen commented further that the school district had nothing to hide in connection with the findings contained within the External Audit Report Corrective Action Plan. There was no further discussion.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

EXCEL PROPOSITION

Upon a resolution 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 authorizes and directs the submission of an EXCEL Proposition at the Annual District Meeting and Election of the qualified voters to be held May 15, 2007, and further directs that the form of EXCEL proposition be inserted in the notice of such Annual District Meeting and Election, as per the attached.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Thalen explained to the meeting attendees that this Excel Proposition was not the same as the Microsoft software program. Mrs. Thalen asked Mr. Ivanoff to give an explanation of this proposition. Mr. Ivanoff stated that this proposition would be addressed in the bond vote pertaining to improvements to school district properties at the Annual Budget Vote on May 15, 2007. By authorizing this resolution, the district would be able to fund such improvements utilizing 90% to 95% of state funded monies. Mrs. Bonner expressed her concerns that the public is asked to approve such a proposition without having specific information on the particulars of the improvements. Mr. Ivanoff offered to have the specific improvements listed on the school district website for review by interested community residents. Ms. Carolyn Reynen asked Mr. Ivanoff how quickly the proposition could be approved. She also asked if each specific item contained in the

proposition needed to be individually approved. Ms. Bonner stated that the Excel proposition was a “one shot deal.” Mrs. Thalen asked Mr. Ivanoff how much money the district is eligible for under this proposition. Mr. Ivanoff responded the district would be eligible for \$1,158,783 from Excel. Mrs. Thalen asked Mr. Ivanoff if he could break it down further. Mr. Ivanoff replied that the bond amount is \$7,341,000 of which \$1,158,783 was eligible for state aid. Ms. Bonner asked Mr. Ivanoff about plans to obtain the rest of the needed monies. Mr. Ivanoff replied that some of the other bond monies would be “retired” and put towards science room improvements. Ms. Bonner asked Mr. Ivanoff what monies were left from original bond appropriations. Mr. Ivanoff stated he believed the amount to be approximately 1.5 million dollars; however, said monies from prior bond issues must be allocated properly. Mr. Sanseverino expressed that the Excel Proposition insured monies would be obtained from various sources. Mr. Ivanoff replied that the District would borrow monies and be reimbursed by New York State at 70%. Ms. Bonner asked Mr. Ivanoff for a “ballpark” figure of what the district will ultimately owe if the Excel proposition is passed. Mr. Ivanoff stated that the amount would be approximately \$500,000 to \$700,000, to be reimbursed by the taxpayers. Mr. Matera suggested that the district “get in quick” to assure that these monies are obtained. Dr. D’Ambrosio offered to have a representative from JAG attend a future meeting in order to supply more information regarding this resolution. Mrs. Thalen expressed her thoughts on perhaps tabling the issue until March 5, 2007 (budget workshop meeting) in order to have more information to make a more informed decision. Mrs. Thalen recognized Mr. Gregory Hilton, School Business Official, who stated that March 5th would be too late. Mr. Hilton, To Ms. Thalen’s satisfaction, then gave a brief overview of the financial particulars pertaining to this resolution. Ms. Reynen voiced her concerns over closing out the old bond and asked if monies under the old bond could be tapped into now for needed improvements at the Joseph A. Edgar School. Mr. Ivanoff replied that improvements to windows at JAE were not included in the old bond and that these issues must be considered in the new bond. Ms. Bonner asked Mr. Ivanoff why “all” the windows at JAE were not fixed under the old bond. Mr. Ivanoff explained that the window issues/problems that were specifically targeted in the old bond were repaired. He stated that since that bond issue, the additional problems with some windows at JAE must be addressed by the new bond. Ms. Bonner asked Mr. Ivanoff if the district would be receiving aid. Mr. Ivanoff replied the aid would amount to 100% on \$1,158,783 and 70% on the remainder of the bond. Ms. Reynen asked if RPHS windows were replaced with money from the RPMS bond. Ms. Reynen stated that she wanted to see the actual wording of the bond in order to be sure the district was being reimbursed correctly. Mr. Sanseverino replied that the bond attorney said the district can not use old bond money for current problems with the windows at JAE. Mr. Ivanoff assured the attendees at the meeting that the district did its due diligence on this issue. Mr. Ivanoff explained that the bond counsel gave him specifics on what items/improvements could go on each bond. He further stated that a representative from JAG was not available at this meeting to provide specific information. Mrs. Thalen stated that she respected Ms. Reynen’s desire to view the exact language contained in the bond. Dr. D’Ambrosio stated that the original bonds would be “dug out” and made available for the review of anyone interested in doing so. Mrs. Thalen stated that the Board of Education must trust Mr. Ivanoff and the bond counsel. Mrs. Farley asked Mrs. Thalen if there was a list of projects that take priority under the new bond issue. Mrs. Thalen responded by saying that both Mr. Ivanoff and Mr. Dick Mondello are constantly assessing the needs of the buildings. Mrs. Cathy Conner questioned the arithmetic concerning the formula used for aid reimbursement. Mrs. Thalen concurred and said that the formulas appeared to be convoluted and difficult to understand. Mrs. Burke brought up the Capital Expense Budget and asked if this was reviewed every year. Mrs. Thalen replied that it was, however, what was being discussed was an entirely separate issue. Mr. Ivanoff offered that under the five-year plan, projects are to be done throughout the RPUFSD, including the roof and handicapped bathrooms. Mr. Ivanoff stated that the district must follow federal regulations. Mr. Ivanoff stressed that the Excel Proposition was a one-time opportunity for the district. Ms. Burke stated that she was concerned that the taxpayers would be asked two years from now for more money. Dr. D’Ambrosio replied that the district would prepare a visual presentation to help the community better understand the proposal. Ms. Reynen explained that she was acting as an advocate for the JAE building. She mentioned that she was concerned with the state of the windows and the exhaust fans, believing that they posed a threat to health issues, and asked how long it would take for the improvements to be made. Ms. Reynen asked for a commitment as to the time it would take for these issues to be satisfactorily addressed. Mr. Mondello, Plant Facilities Administrator, said he believed that time to be the summer of 2008. Mr. Mondello added that he believed the EXCEL monies would be helpful to the completion of these issues. Mrs. Thalen stated that she believed that the district needed the EXCEL monies to facilitate the urgent repairs required throughout the school district. Ms. Carol Tvelia, principal of the Joseph A. Edgar School, announced that she appreciated the concerns regarding her building being voiced by both Mrs. Burke and Ms. Reynen. Ms. Tvelia stated that many of the concerns had already been addressed, including major asbestos removal, boiler issues, and the replacement of windows. Ms. Tvelia announced that health and safety issues had been addressed in a timely fashion. Mrs. Thalen

thanked Mr. Ivanoff, Mr. Mondello, and Mr. Hilton for their input to the discussion, indicating that said input helped her to better understand the scope of the EXCEL Proposition. There was no further discussion.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

SCOPE 2006/07 AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE PROGRAM AGREEMENT

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 accepts the 2006/07 Licensing and Operating Agreement with SCOPE Education services.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

RESOLUTION FOR JOSEPH A. EDGAR IMPROVEMENTS - STATE ENVIRONMENT QUALITY REVIEW (SEQRA)

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District is considering the implementation of improvements at the Joseph A. Edgar Elementary School, including the replacement of windows, asbestos abatement in the crawl space, repairs to steam traps, replacement of and repairs to exhaust fans and corridor ventilation, replacement of lockers with cubbies, replacement of door hardware with handicap-accessible hardware, reconstruction/resurfacing of basketball courts, and replacement of selected ceilings (hereinafter referred to as the “proposed action”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District has reviewed the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617 and has determined that the proposed action is classified as Type II, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5 (c)(1), (2) and (8);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District, as lead agency, after review of the action proposed at the Joseph A. Edgar Elementary School, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by Freudenthal & Elkowitz Consulting Group, Inc., hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5 (c)(1), (2) and (8) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

DISTRICT-WIDE IMPROVEMENTS – STATE ENVIRONMENT QUALITY REVIEW (SEQRA)

Upon a recommendation 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 adopts a resolution to approve the State Environment Quality Review Action (SEQRA) regarding district-wide improvements.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District is considering the implementation of improvements at the Frank J. Carasiti Elementary, Joseph A. Edgar Elementary, Rocky Point Middle and Rocky Point High Schools, including the installation of new telephone systems, the installation of acoustical treatments at gymnasiums, and the installation of electronic energy management system components to allow for central monitoring (hereinafter referred to as the “proposed action”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District has reviewed the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617 and has determined that the proposed action is classified as Type II, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5 (c)(1), (2) and (8);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District as lead agency, after review of the action proposed at the Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School, Joseph A. Edgar Elementary School, Rocky Point Middle School and Rocky Point High School, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by Freudenthal & Elkowitz Consulting Group, Inc, hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5 (c)(1) and (8) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Thalen announced that it was important to note that these improvements would include the new phone system, an energy management system to control heat, and betterment of the acoustical system. Mrs. Thalen stated that people had remarked how well the buildings looked and how much they had improved. Ms. Reynen responded that she had the utmost respect for Mr. Mondello and appreciated his prompt response to her many calls. Mrs. Burke added her thanks for all the work Mr. Mondello has done and stated that she wished to insure that he had all the necessary monies to continue with his work.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon a recommendation 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 votes to arrange for appropriate services pursuant to the recommendations of Schedule 2-26-07-A.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

PERSONNEL

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 accepts the attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Thalen asked if there were any additional questions or comments before the board moved to Executive Session:

Ms. Dawn Callahan suggested that the bond issue information be presented to the community at large in an informational forum as opposed to only the printed word contained in a pamphlet. Ms. Callahan stressed her belief that the bond issue would be defeated if not “advertised” properly. Dr. D’Ambrosio replied that she would take Ms. Callahan’s suggestion under advisement. Mr. Lagnena asked for the particulars regarding the time schedule for late registration requirements. Mrs. Thalen replied that all the information pertaining to the 2007 budge vote would be posted in a timely fashion. Mr. Lagnena inquired about the deadline for those interested in running for a seat on the board of education. Again, Mrs. Thalen stated that all information and instructions would be posted. At this time, Ms. Bonner announced that she would not seek re-election for her seat on the board and therefore one open seat available will be available for anyone interested.

There were no other questions or comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:56 p.m. a motion was made by Jane Bonner and seconded by Joseph Sanseverino for the Board of Education to go into executive session to discuss particular personnel matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jones
District Clerk

The Board of Education returned to open session at 9:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 p.m., a motion was made by Margaret Smith and seconded by Michael Matera 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