

**MINUTES  
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
APRIL 25, 2007**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Geraldine Thalen, President  
Jane Bonner, Trustee  
Michael Matera, 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

Absent: Joseph Sanseverino, Vice-President  
Margaret Smith, Trustee

**Mrs. Thalen opened the meeting to questions and/or comments from the community.**

- Ms. Diane Burke advised that she had recently attended a News12 meeting at which a previous situation addressed by the Board of Education was discussed, i.e., insurance mandates for usage of Rocky Point fields. Ms. Burke stated that it appears that usage of the fields is for children only, not for adults. As a result, Ms. Burke asked that the Board comment on usage of the fields by groups other than children and asked if the group currently using the soccer fields still had active permits for said usage.
- Mrs. Thalen referred Ms. Burke's questions to Mr. Kies. Both Mr. Kies and Mrs. Thalen advised Ms. Burke that they would look into the matter. Mrs. Thalen stated that district administration would consult with the school district attorney in order to ascertain the type of insurance necessary and the particulars thereof for proper usage of school district fields by outside agencies. Mrs. Thalen advised that the Board would have a statement concerning this issue at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- Mr. Don Webster expressed his sincere gratitude and appreciation to the administrators and faculty of the district for the concern they expressed for his daughter, Jamie, currently a third year student at Virginia Tech, in light of the recent tragedy at Virginia Tech. Mr. Webster stated that the employment of such dedicated and caring professionals was a testament to the Board of Education. Mr. Webster hoped that other students attending Virginia Tech were as fortunate as his daughter to receive the many calls and e-mails from former educators/administrators expressing thoughts and concerns for their well-being.

- Mrs. Thalen thanked Mr. Webster for his kind remarks. Mrs. Thalen stated that the administration, faculty, and the staff of Rocky Point Schools were noted for always “being there” for their students, both current and former.
- Dr. D’Ambrosio proudly announced that four Rocky Point students have qualified for the 2008 National Merit Scholarship program as a result of their PSAT scores: James Mayr, Christina McDonnell, Jacob Rusek and Kiernan Williams. These students were in the top 50,000 out of 1.4 million students who took the exam last fall. Updated information will be provided as it is made available.

There were no further questions or comments. Mrs. Thalen announced that there would be another opportunity for questions or comments at the end of the meeting.

### **Superintendent’s Report**

#### **Mr. Scott O’Brien, principal, Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School**

- Mr. O’Brien announced that Corrine Castoldi was the winner in her age group of all Long Island contestants in the LIPA ENERGY STAR competition. Mr. O’Brien presented Corrine with a very special certificate for her achievements in singing and her commitment to saving and protecting the environment. Corrine received a free energy star-rated laptop computer. She will appear in a LIPA “I Am an Energy Star” commercial and have the opportunity to sing the National Anthem at an Islanders game.
- Mr. O’Brien reported that two students from each grade level at FJC will take their winning Science Fair projects to represent Rocky Point at the Brookhaven National Laboratory Science Fair on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Kindergarten winners were Ethan Brown and Caitlin Migliore. First grade winners were Renz Bastianelli and Jacob Holland. Second grade winners were Isabella Rizzo and Deanna Doall. Mr. O’Brien extended his congratulations and best wishes to all of the FJC students for jobs well done!

#### **Dr. Joseph Centamore, principal, Rocky Point Middle School**

- Dr. Centamore recognized, congratulated and presented certificates to three Rocky Point Middle School students whose poems were published in the “Celebration of Young Poets” 2007 edition: Taylor Lynn Campbell, Elizabeth Kidney and Jacqueline Messinetti.

#### **North Shore Youth Council Update**

- Janene Gentile, Executive Director of the NSYC, presented an update on the many services available through the North Shore Youth Council to students of the Rocky Point UFSD and the surrounding areas of Miller Place, Mount Sinai, Shoreham-Wading River, and Sound Beach, including: Youth and Family Counseling, Big Buddy/Little Buddy Program, Before School Recreation, After School Recreation, Teen Concert Series, Job Bank Service, Summer Recreation Program, Parenting Awareness Workshops, Spectrum Magazine, Youth Advisory Committee, SafeHomes Program, and Kids in Need Fund. Mrs. Thalen, on behalf of the Board of Education, expressed her gratitude and appreciation for all the

hard work Ms. Gentile and her staff expended on behalf of the students of Rocky Point and their families. Mrs. Thalen encouraged district residents to utilize any and/or all of the programs provided by the North Shore Youth Council.

### **eSchool Presentation**

- A detailed presentation of a new student management system was presented by Mr. Watson. Following the presentation, Dr. D'Ambrosio announced that similar presentations were recently made to members of the faculty, administration and support staff. Mr. Watson asked if there were any questions concerning the presentation.
- Mrs. Thalen asked if the software associated with eSchool matched the value added assessment system and whether or not it would track that system. Mr. Watson answered in the affirmative and stated that tracking longitudinal progress is possible on every child in the system.
- Mrs. Thalen asked if the parent portal aspect of the system could be demonstrated so that parents could see specifically what records/data they would have access to. Mr. Watson replied that parents would have access to their child's transcripts, schedule, homework assignments, test/quiz grades, progress reports and disciplinary events.
- Carolyn Reynen expressed her concerns regarding proper security measures for the system and asked if the system contained a "security shut down" feature in case the teacher was called away from the classroom while the system was up and running with information appearing on his/her desktop. Mr. Watson replied that the system was programmed to shut down after a brief period of inactivity by the respective user.

### **Minutes**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Minutes of the following Board of Education Meetings be accepted as presented: **Regular Meeting, March 26, 2007, Special Meeting, March 30, 2007, Special Meeting, April 17, 2007.**

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0.

### **Treasurer's 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 Treasurer's Reports for the month of February 2007 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0.

### **Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer Report**

Upon a motion made by Michael Matera 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 month of February 2007 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0.

**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 accepts the Financial Reports for the month of February 2007 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0.

**Resolution for Health Services Contract**

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 at the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to enter into an agreement for health services for the current 2006 – 07 school year with the following district:

Sachem Central School District

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0.

**External Auditor Fiscal Year 2006-2007**

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 of the Rocky Point Schools, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, awards the External Audit contract for the 2006/2007 fiscal year to Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, LLP, at a fee of \$44,000, as per the attached.

Mrs. Thalen noted that the district has used this firm in the past and will continue to do so as the Board of Education has absolute confidence in the firm’s abilities to perform the duties required.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0.

**Resolution to Award a Bid for a Bond Issue Related Capital Improvement Phase V- Renovation at the Rocky Point High School SED No.: 58-02-09-02-0-005-017**

Upon a motion made by Michael Matera and seconded by Jane Bonner, 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, awards the contracts to the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

Contract No.1: General Construction

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

A.C.L. Construction Corp.  
30-A Gleam Street  
West Babylon, NY 11704

in the following amounts:

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| 1. Base Bid:   | \$250,000     |
| 2. Alternate No. 1 – Replace all casework in<br>Room 214 | <u>18,000</u> |
| 3. Total Recommended Award:                              | \$268,000     |

Contract No. 2: Plumbing Reconstruction

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

KEM Construction Corp.  
687 Broadway  
Massapequa, NY 11758

in the following amounts:

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| 1. Base Bid: | \$57,680 |
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Contract No. 3: HVAC Reconstruction

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

KEM Construction Corp.  
687 Broadway  
Massapequa, NY 11758

in the following amounts:

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| 1. Base Bid: | \$33,690 |
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Contract No. 4: Electrical Reconstruction

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

Palace Electrical Contractors  
3558 Park Avenue  
Wantagh, NY 11793

in the following amounts:

1. Base Bid: \$39,000

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0.

**Donation – Target: Take Charge of Education**

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 approves and accepts the donations from Target.

Take Charge of Education – FJC-\$303.42  
Take Care of Education – JAE - \$124.92  
Take Charge of Education – HS - \$494.81

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0.

**Donation – Town of Brookhaven – Community Enhancement Donation for the District Music Program**

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 \$2,000 donation from the Town of Brookhaven.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0.

**Surplus Items**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves for surplus as per the attached schedule.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0.

**Additional Committee Member: Special Education Parent Member**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mary Heely as a Parent Member to the Committee on 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 3-0.

**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 4-24-07-A and Schedule 4-24-07- B.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0.

**Personnel**

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 attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0.

**Vote to Approve/Disapprove the BOCES Administrative Budget for 2007-2008**

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 approves/disapproves the BOCES Administrative Budget for 2007-2008 in the amount of \$29,371,392.

Roll Call

Mrs Thalen	yea
Ms. Bonner	yea
Mr. Matera	yea

All in favor - Motion to approve the BOCES Administrative Budget for 2007-2008 carried 3-0.

**Voting For Trustees to Serve on the Board of Cooperative Education Services of the First Supervisory District of the County of Suffolk**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education elects the following candidate(s) to serve for the term commencing on July 2, 2007 and ending June 30, 2010. (*Choose a maximum not to exceed five:*)

William Hsiang	_____x_____
Lisa Israel	_____x_____
Fred Langstaff	_____x_____
Joel Petersen	_____
Sandra Townsend	_____x_____
John Wyche	_____x_____

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0.

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

- Mrs. Burke asked if the district had plans to post signs on school property indicating a telephone number to call to report questionable behavior/incidents/emergencies.
- Mrs. Thalen responded that the Board would review this matter and report back at a subsequent meeting.
- Mrs. Thalen reminded everyone to come out and vote at the annual School Budget Vote/Election to be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM at the Rocky Point High School.

**There were no further questions or comments.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Thalen called for a motion to go into Executive Session, however, it was determined that there was no need for the Board of Education to go into Executive Session at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:30 p.m., a motion was made by Jane Bonner and seconded by Michael Matera for the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jones  
District Clerk





