

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
May 15, 2007

Meeting called to Order: 7:40 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
Mary Berretta, Acting District Clerk

Absent: Patricia Jones, District Clerk

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

- Ms. Therese King stated that she was not here at the last Board of Education meeting but would like to thank Ms. Jennifer Engellau and Ms. Holly McGibbin for the tremendous effort they put into making the fundraiser for Rita Sanford a success. They did a great job.
- Ms. Thalen asked if there were any more questions at the present time and if not there would be another opportunity for questions or comments from the community at the end of the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Carla L. D'Ambrosio, Ed.D. , Superintendent of Schools reported the following:

- The State Education Department and Board of Regents awarded Rocky Point one of the "High Performance/Gap Closing" districts in ceremonies in Brooklyn today, May 15, 2007. The community earned this recognition for leading New York in its goals of increasing student achievement while closing the gap performance. The Commissioner of Education and the Chancellor of New York were on hand for the ceremonies.

Len Kies – Director of Physical Education, Athletics, Health and Intramurals

- **Cheerleading:** This past competition season saw our Varsity Cheerleading squad once again assert themselves as Long Island's premier team. Among this season's accomplishments were a second consecutive first place finish at the UCA Regionals as well as a second consecutive LICAA title as Long Island Champions.

The team traveled to Orlando, Florida in February and competed at the UCA Nationals. For the first time, our girls advanced to the semi-finals and finished with a final ranking of 13th in the nation. The 2006 Girls Varsity Cheerleaders: Jessie Browning, Brianna Reilly, Deanna Gibaldi, Staci Lyras, Danielle Craig, Kim Farley, Lauren Maniscalco, Kaylin Calace, Jackie Nicolich, Desiree Coleman, Brittany Bonneville, Lauren Young, Alexa Bennet-Rosman, Ashley Harlin, Shayla Mansfield, Lauren Lukasz, Gabrielle Ciurinskaite, Stephanie Osmanski, Kaity Rogers, Shannon Young, Cara Luebbe, Alexis McAllister and their coaches Anna Spallina, Karen Aschettino and Danielle Donadoni. Congratulations to the 2006-2007 Varsity Cheerleaders and their coaches.

- **Bowling:** This past winter, Rocky Point's bowling team completed one of its finest seasons in school history, posting a perfect 12-0 match play record as well as a League V and Division 2 Championship. The Eagles were led by All-County, All-League and Suffolk County All-Star, Darren Andretta. Ed Cheslak, Johnathan Passaro and Kyle Egan were also elected All-League bowlers for this year's squad. The 2006 Varsity Bowling Team : Darren Andretta, Ed Cheslak, Vicky Dalessio, Cindy Egan, Rich Fields, Jonathan Passaro, Joe Ricigliano, Stefanie Stanchio and coach Chet Eichler. Congratulations to the 2006-2007 Varsity Bowling Team and their coach.
- **Wrestling:** Finally, our 2006-2007 Varsity Wrestling Team . Where do I begin with the list of accomplishments? The team won this year's Doc Fallot Tournament, the Garden City Tournamnet, the Ted Peterson Invitational Tournament and one of the premier high school tournaments in New York State, the Mid Hudson Valley Tournament. At that point in the season, the league matches were well underway as were Rocky Point's winning ways. With an undefeated 7-0 league record, the team captured the League VI dual meet championship as well as a League VI Tournament Championship right here in front of our hometown fans. Rocky Point finished with four individual league champions, six all-league wrestlers, four all-county wrestlers (Matt Ross, Brandon Escobar, Dennis Fliller and Larry LoRusso), including county champion, and All-State wrestler, Brandon Escobar. The team also finished the year with a 6th place showing at the Suffolk County Championship. If that wasn't enough, in April, three of Rocky Point's wrestlers were named All-American. The 2006-2007 Varsity Wrestling Team: Chris Demaio, Dennis Fliller, Sean Graf, Matt Heege, Larry LoRusso, Jim Murrin, Ryan Murray, Ed Canepa, Matt Clark, Brandon Escobar, Francis Licciardello, Anthony Pantori, Louis Volpe, Jerry Ceccio, Gregory Koridis, Mike Lopez, Billy Coggins, Peter Vivonetto, Anthony Volpe, Matt Ross and Coaches

Darren Goldstein and Anthony Ciolino. Congratulations to the 2006-2007 Varsity Wrestling team and their coaches.

- Ms. Thalen commented that as proud as we are of the students on these teams we are just as proud of the parents who take the time and effort in getting their kids back and forth to practice and games. Congratulations to the students. We would also like to thank Mr. Kies for helping to produce these results.

MINUTES

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 minutes of the following Board of Education Meetings be accepted as presented: Regular Meeting, April 25, 2007, and Audit Committee Meeting, April 25, 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 accept the Treasurer's Reports for the month of March 2007 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 Report for the month of March 2007 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 accept the Financial Reports for the month of March 2007 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

RESOLUTION FOR HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT

Upon a motion made by Joseph Sanseverino 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 authorizes the Board President to enter into an agreement for health services for the current 2006-07 school year with the following districts:

- Patchogue –Medford Schools
- Middle Country Central School District
- Three Village Central School District

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

DONATION OF TRANSPORTATION AND REGISTRATION COSTS – MUSIC TRIP

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 donation of \$1,170.00 from the Friends of Music and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rocky Point Union Free School District hereby approves, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to increase the general fund budget by \$1,170.00 as a result of the donation from the Friends of Music, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following budget codes be adjusted to reflect said increase:

A2110.406-03-3120	\$900.00
A2120.436-03-3120	\$270.00

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

DONATION – KEYBOARD

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 donation of a portable keyboard and keyboard stand from district resident, Nancy Toepfer.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

LIMITED INCOME DISABILITY EXEMPTION

- Mr. Matera commented that he does not understand the resolution. This corresponding paperwork says that it has to do with the senior citizen exemption but that we accepted that resolution two months ago. Is this one for seniors or everyone with a financial disability? Also, Mr. Ryan, the Assessor, wants us to approve this from 07 – 10. Let future Boards approve future years.
- Ms. Thalen – two things – first we are not clear on this resolution and second do we need further explanation?
- Mr. Ivanoff: I received calls from Mr. Ryan’s office on the status of this resolution. I have asked for further backup on this resolution as late as today and didn’t get a call back.
- Ms. Thalen – This is the same material as the last resolution on the senior citizen exemption.
- Mr. Ivanoff – The people who aren’t exempt are the people whose taxes will go up.
- Mr. Matera – Since we don’t have enough information we need to defeat the action.
- Ms. Thalen – Parliamentary says set it aside and not vote.
- Ms. Bonner – Is it too late?
- Mr. Ivanoff – I did not get enough information and they said they would send more.
- Ms. Thalen – I need a motion to table this resolution.
- Ms. Bonner – I make a motion to table Item IX - Limited Income Disability Exemption.
- Mr. Sanseverino – seconded.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

ABOLISHMENT OF ONE TEACHER POSITION

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, in accordance with Section 3013 of New York State Education Law, hereby abolishes one position in the tenure area of Social Studies, effective June 30, 2007.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the employment of the teacher having the least seniority in the system within the tenure area of the position abolished shall be discontinued effective June 30, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the excessed teacher whose position has been abolished shall be placed on a preferred eligible list in accordance with Section 3013 of the New York State Education Law.

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 5-15-07-A and Schedule 5-17-07- 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 accepts the attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

- Ms. Thalen commented that the Board would like to express its sincere thanks to the retirees for their dedication to the students and to let you know that you will be missed. We hope that you will stop around and see us.
- Ms. Thalen also commented how wonderful it is to see how all the teachers support each other at the meetings for tenure, retirement, etc. Something magical happens here in Rocky Point and you see it during times like this.

Ms. Thalen asked if there were any additional questions or comments from the community before the meeting recessed till after the budget vote/election. If you would like to stay it would be approximately 9:45 before the meeting would resume to accept the results of the vote/election.

RECESS

I move that the Board of Education recess this meeting at 8:10 PM in order to accept the budget vote and election of one (1) Board member.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:11 PM a motion was made by Jane Bonner and seconded by Michael Matera to go into executive session to discuss particular personnel matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

Reconvene meeting at 9:36 PM.

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

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 results of the Budget Vote/Election of Trustees.

Budget Vote:	898	Ayes
	505	Nayes

Bond Proposition:	818	Ayes
	511	Nayes

Election of Trustees:	
Charlene LaCascia	556
Edward Darcey	745

Adjournment

At 9:37 PM a motion was made by Jane Bonner and seconded by Margaret Smith for the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Berretta
Acting District Clerk