

**MINUTES**  
**ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**May 20, 2008**

**Meeting called to Order: 7:40 PM**

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Geraldine Thalen, President  
Joseph Sanseverino, Vice-President  
Edward Darcey, Trustee  
Michael Matera, Trustee  
Margaret Smith, Trustee  
Carla L. D'Ambrosio Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools  
Sherry J. Alessandro, Ed.D. 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 opened the meeting by asking the audience if there were any questions or comments. She asked if anyone would like to speak please, raise their hand and I will start at the right of the auditorium and move to the left.

Ms. Thalen: Ms. Sparks

Ms. Sparks read from a prepared statement thanking the teachers that were retiring for their years of dedicated service. She also thanked Arlene Heck and Patricia Gangi two previous non-instructional retirees for their hard work and dedicated service. She congratulated Ms. Patricia Carr, a non-instructional professional, on her upcoming retirement from Joseph A. Edgar. Her final thank you was to retiring Board trustee Mike Matera for his years of dedicated service to the Rocky Point community

Ms. Noto: Teachers in the elementary school are out of the classroom often. I understand that they have to complete 175 hours of professional development. How long does this need to take?

Ms. Thalen: I have no specific information on that.

Dr. D'Ambrosio: Teachers need to attend CSE's, conferences; any number of reasons could be why the teachers could be out.

Ms. Noto: My child tells me that the teacher is out for training. Does this training take place during the day?

Dr. D'Ambrosio: Let me know the specifics and I will track it for you.

Ms. Noto: Thank you for looking into it for me.

Ms. Thalen: Are there any further questions? If not, we will continue.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **William B. Caulfield, Principal, Rocky Point High School**

- May 9<sup>th</sup> - Brook Bonomi, and the Be a Nicer Neighbor club hosted the first annual Rick Smith Faculty Basketball Tournament for the Wounded Warriors Project. The event raised \$8,750. The tournament consisted of four faculty teams from Rocky Point High School, Rocky Point District, Shoreham Wading River, and Miller Place High School.
- Junior Prom was held on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – 190 students attended – Ms. Jennifer Engellau the class advisor did a wonderful job.
- Senior Prom will be held on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – this year the prom will take place aboard a ship that will cruise around Manhattan – we will be busing the students to and from NYC - it will run from 3:30 PM to midnight.

### **Dr. Joseph Tanen Centamore, Principal, Rocky Point Middle School**

- Thank you Mr. Caulfield for sharing that with us.
- Kudos to the Guidance Department and our Shared Decision Making Team for making Career Day successful. Thirty community members participated along with the superintendent to help make this day a worthwhile experience for the students.
- PTA sponsored a book fair and plant sale
- MS concert was outstanding. Thank you to the Friends of Music for their support.
- Art show is still in progress
- May 28<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent orientation
- June 4<sup>th</sup> - Lois Lowry awards celebration
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade assessments will be given starting in June

### **Carol Tvelia, Principal, Principal, Joseph A. Edgar School**

- May 14<sup>th</sup> – Art & Technology fair in the library
- Chick and duck eggs will arrive after Memorial Day
- We have reprised the 5<sup>th</sup> grade moving up ceremony which will take place on June 25<sup>th</sup> – time to be determined
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade will take a trip to Sunken Forest

- LILAC – Emily Sandstrom was the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner in writing for all 4<sup>th</sup> graders on Long Island
- FASYN – we had a first time winner – Nikki Garguilo, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, who was one of over 800,000 students who won the fireman safety comic book contest. Her drawing will appear in their upcoming publication.
- Mr. Wendt’s fourth grade class – wrote and produced episode seven of Star Wars – “The Apprentice”. It will be performed in June.

**Dr. Scott O’Brien, Principal, Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School**

- This year at FJC, Assistant Principal, Dr. Courtney Herbert, and student assistant counselor, Jamie Adamski, started a mentoring program. This program, entitled FJC M& M’s or Mentors and Mentees, matched students with staff members who then met once a week during lunch. Staff had opportunities to offer individual guidance, support and encouragement for our students. Pairs enjoyed lunch together, played games, created projects and shared stories. Dr. Herbert and Ms. Adamski recently wrote a grant to receive funds that could support and enhance this program. I am proud to announce that the FJC M&M’s program and grant were selected as a CITI Success Fund grant recipient for the 2008-2009 school year. This grant in the amount of \$1200 will allow this program to expand next year through in-school presentations and shared experiences for both mentors and mentees at FJC. Congratulations Dr. Herbert and Ms. Adamski for their efforts in creating this grant for FJC.
- Science fair was hosted in April for grades kindergarten, first and second. In case you were unable to attend the science fair, you may be interested to know that some of these projects provided some important and useful information such as: which laundry detergent cleans; the best diaper; does chewing gum improve your memory and does your dog have a secret language?

Two students from each grade level were selected to represent FJC at the BNL Science Fair on May 3, 2008.

For the first time, we had a winner. Special congratulations to kindergarten student, Gianna Rizzo who was recognized with an honorable mention medal and award for her project: Which food does a bird prefer in a Long Island backyard?

## **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 16, 2008, and Special Meeting, May13, 2008.

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 2008 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 Edward Darcey, 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 2008 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Upon a motion made by Edward Darcey 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 2008 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

## **BUDGET TRANSFER SUMMARY – MARCH 2008**

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 March 2008 Budget Transfer Summary for March 2008, as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

## **PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD**

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 attached Property Tax Report Card associated with the adopted 2008-2009 fiscal year budget.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

## **AWARD A BID FOR A BOND ISSUE RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND EXCEL AID PROJECTS JOSEPH A. EDGAR SCHOOL SED NO.: 58-02-09-02-0-001-010, ROCKY POINT HIGH SCHOOL SED NO.: 58-02-09-02-0-005-020, FRANK J. CARASITI SCHOOL SED NO.: 58-02-09-02-0-006-012**

Upon a motion made by Margaret Smith and seconded by Edward Darcey, 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, award contract to the lowest responsible bidder as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

## **2008-09 BOCES COOPERATIVE BIDDING SERVICES PURCHASING CONTRACTS**

Upon a motion made by Edward Darcey 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 participates in various “BOCES Cooperative Bidding Services Contracts” for the 2008-2009 fiscal year budget on an “as needed” basis.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

## **EDUCATIONAL DATA NY/LONG ISLAND COOPERATIVE BID SERVICES**

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 agrees to enter into an agreement with Education Data, Inc. for participation in cooperative bids for the purchase of supplies, materials and equipment for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

## **EXTERNAL AUDITOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009**

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 awards the External Audit contract for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, LLP, at a fee of \$45,600 as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

## **SURPLUS ITEMS**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves for surplus the items as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

Ms. Thalen: What happens to these items?

Mr. Ivanoff: We will attempt to sell them.

## **COSMETOLOGY STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

Upon a motion made by Edward Darcey 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 approves the contract between the Rocky Point Schools and graduated student, Alicia Ferrara, to attend the Rocky Point High School cosmetology program for ten days of instruction needed to complete the program at a cost of \$200.00 to be paid to Rocky Point Schools by the student.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

## **DONATION OF TRANSPORTATION COSTS – ATLANTIS MARINE WORLD**

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 approves and accepts the donation of \$486.00 as a result of a donation from the Rocky Point PTA and,

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

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All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

Ms. Thalen: Thank you PTA.

## **DONATION OF KEYSpan COMPUTER**

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 approves and accepts the donation of a laptop computer from the KeySpan Foundation.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

## **ALLSTATE SAFE TEEN DRIVE GRANT**

Upon a motion made by Margaret Smith and seconded by Edward Darcey, 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 donation the \$1000.00 Safe Teen Drive grant from Allstate Insurance.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

Ms. Thalen: What is this money earmarked to do?

Dr. D'Ambrosio: An assembly with speakers sponsored by SADD held on April 28, 2008.

## **ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER: SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT MEMBER**

Upon a motion made by Edward Darcey 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 approves the appointment of Corrine Barone as a Parent Member to the Committee on Special Education. (In accordance with the Commissioner's Regulations, Part 200 and the provision of the Education Law, Section 4402.)

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 5-20-08-A and Schedule 5-20-08- 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 accepts the attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

- Ms. Thalen stated that she would like to make a comment about those teachers who will be receiving tenure and who have gone through a grueling process to reach this point of your career. You have all done a wonderful job with the support of your colleagues and you deserve to make tenure. Now go home and pat yourselves on the back.

### **APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT OF A PENDING ARBITRATION**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Settlement of Arbitration between the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the School-Related Professional Association in the amount of \$3500.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

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

Ms. King: I would like to know if it is true that the varsity boys lacrosse team is undefeated?

Mr. Kies: Yes, it is true.

Ms. King: Congratulations to the boys and to Mike Bowler for his thirty-one years as the coach of the team.

Mr. Sanseverino: Congratulations to the students in the Pocket Theater for their recent presentation.

Ms. Thalen: Anything else from the floor? We will recess and return after the budget 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 two (2) Board members.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

**RECESS**

At 8:15 PM a motion was made by Edward Darcey and seconded by Joseph Sanseverino in order to accept the budget/vote and election of two (2) Board members.

All in favor – Motion carried 5 – 0.

Reconvene meeting at 9:30 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:	941 Ayes
	727 Nays

Election of Trustees:	
Geraldine Thalen	550
Irene Mazzeo	467
Diane Burke	926
Michael Nofi	815

**Adjournment**

At 9:31 PM a motion was made by Michael Matera 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