

**MINUTES  
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
APRIL 22, 2009**

**Mr. Sanseverino called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Joseph Sanseverino, President  
Margaret Smith, Vice President  
Edward Darcey, Trustee  
Diane Burke, Trustee  
Michael Nofi, Trustee  
Carla L. D'Ambrosio, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Sherry J. Alessandro, Ed.D., Asst. Supt. for HR/Administration  
Michael F. Ring, Ed.D., Asst. Supt. for Finance and Operations  
Patricia Jones, District Clerk

Absent: None

**Mr. Sanseverino opened the meeting to questions and/or comments from meeting attendees.**

- Ms. Rhonda Cunha, reading from a prepared statement, explained that she was speaking on behalf of concerned students and parents regarding the cancellation of the fall semester of the AP chemistry class. Ms. Cunha explained that there was confusion regarding the sign-up for participation in this class and requested that the members of the board of education please support the more than twenty-one students interested in enrolling in AP chemistry.
- Ms. Marianne Barber, reading from a prepared statement, expressed her concerns regarding purported 2009-2010 middle school administration personnel changes. Ms. Barber praised assistant principals Joseph Tapler and James Moeller and requested that the board members reconsider implementing personnel changes for the negative impact said changes would present at the middle school.
- Raniah El-Gendi, high school student, speaking on behalf of her fellow students, noted that admission to college was extremely competitive. Ms. El-Gendi expressed her opinion that student enrollment in AP courses helped students to advance at the college level and that by limiting the selection of AP courses students could take hindered the students' ability to accomplish. Ms. El-Gendi questioned the wisdom of cutting the number of AP-offered classes in direct correlation to maintaining the current number of sport teams.
- Mr. Chris Pinkenburg expressed concerns regarding the inadequacy of the current limited hours of operation of the GATES program. Mr. Pinkenburg offered that the GATES program should be available on a more frequent schedule.

- Ms. Nancy Hawthorne-Cincotta expressed her concerns regarding the impact of planned cutting of front-line staff, school teachers and teacher aide positions. Ms. Hawthorne-Cincotta asked that the board members utilize “due diligence” in finding areas other than front-line positions to make any necessary cuts.
- Ms. Melanie Plunkett Connelly thanked Ms. Barber for her comments and seconded the sentiments expressed by Ms. Barber. Ms. Connelly asked that the board members affirm, by poll, that they, too, were supportive of the continuation of the well-received results being maintained by the current middle school administrative staff. Mr. Sanseverino responded that staffing and personnel decisions were the responsibility of the superintendent and her central administration staff. Following Mrs. Burke’s continued efforts to understand the specific question(s) Ms. Connelly was putting before the board members, Mrs. Burke responded to Ms. Connelly’s remarks by saying that she and her colleagues were approachable and supportive of maintaining a positive educational environment at each school building throughout the district.

There were no further questions/comments. Mr. Sanseverino reminded those in attendance that there would be another opportunity to pose questions and/or comments at the end of the meeting.

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. William B. Caulfield, principal, Rocky Point Middle School:

- Congratulations to Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Donadoni and the actors associated with the middle school production of “Willy Wonka Jr.”
- Congratulations to Mrs. Alemaghides and the students of Mock Trial for winning two of four cases during recent Mock Trial competitions.
- Coffee House Poetry Readings will take place on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.
- Career Café is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Mr. Panella for organizing this annual event.
- The third quarter marking period ends today.
- On May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> the spring concert will be held in the high school auditorium.

Mr. William B. Caulfield, principal, Rocky Point High School:

- The Senior Citizen Prom will take place on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Thank you to Mr. Brook Bonomi for his dedicated service to this annual event.
- On Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM the Rocky Point Annual Variety Show will be presented in the high school auditorium.
- The Pocket Theatre production of “A Bad Year for Tomatoes” will open on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The National Honor Society induction ceremony will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the high school auditorium.
- Advanced Placement Examinations will begin on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Carol Tvelia, principal, Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School:

- The Art & Technology Show will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8 PM.
- Middle School Orientation is scheduled for fifth grade students on May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The fourth grade New York State science assessment examination is next week.
- The third graders' chicken eggs and butterflies have arrived.
- Members of the Student Council and the High Notes were recently recognized in *Newsday*. Congratulations to Mr. Yashowitz and Mr. Knapp and all of the participating students.
- Mr. Yashowitz and sixty three members of the Student Council assisted in the cleaning of Cedar Beach.
- Mrs. Craig and Mrs. McCabe shared information they learned after attending a summer class at the Brookhaven National Lab regarding the detrimental effects to the environment of storm water run-off with the fourth grade students. As a result of their teachings, students have become more aware and more involved in environmental issues.

Mrs. Tvelia invited Mrs. Patricia Alberti to the podium for the purpose of recognizing both Mrs. Alberti and her students for their participation in a community outreach program at Woodhaven Nursing Home. Mrs. Alberti's class collected donations for the senior citizens that included many items, including lotions and costume jewelry. The students visited with the seniors on Saturday morning, January 10<sup>th</sup>, in order to present them with the donations. The students spent enjoyable time playing cards, chatting and visiting with the senior citizens. Three of Mrs. Alberti's students, Juliana Hellem, John Coon and Leo Burke, were invited to read aloud from their prepared statements and share their thoughts and feelings concerning their experiences on the day.

Dr. Scott O'Brien, principal, Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School:

- Second grade students participated in the National Geography Challenge this week.
- Kindergarten screening will take place from May 4<sup>th</sup> through May 16<sup>th</sup>. Prior registration for kindergarten must have taken place at the district office.
- On Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, the PTA will sponsor an evening concert in the park. Mr. Rick Charette will once again be performing. More detailed information will follow in the monthly newsletter and on the district website.

Dr. O'Brien invited Rocky Point High School junior Krista Mauro to join him at the podium. Ms. Mauro wrote an article about her first grade teacher, Mrs. Cecelia Doolittle, and the impact Mrs. Doolittle had on her love of writing. Ms. Mauro's article was published in the *National Council of Teachers of English Journal*. After Krista shared her published piece, Dr. O'Brien invited Mrs. Doolittle to the podium. Dr. O'Brien, on behalf of Krista and the many students who have been and will continue to be instilled with a love of writing, presented Mrs. Doolittle with a special basket inscribed with "Mrs. Doolittle's Diamonds – A Collection of Published Books."

Dr. D'Ambrosio invited Mr. Caulfield to return to the podium in order to recognize the varsity cheerleaders and cheerleading coaches for their recent accomplishments. Mr. Caulfield invited the Varsity Cheerleading Team and cheerleading coaches Anna Spallina, Danielle Donadoni, and Donna Collier, to join him at the podium. Mr. Caulfield listed the many accomplishments of the twenty-three talented student-athletes including first place in the Northeast Regional Competition, winners of the 2009 Long Island New York Grand Championship Award, and the 2009 UCA-UBA American Spirit Award. Mr. Caulfield noted that the team placed ninth in the nation at the February 2009 Orlando, Florida competition in which more than four hundred of the best teams in the nation competed. Each member of the squad was presented with a plaque in recognition of these accomplishments. Mr. Caulfield thanked the coaches and the parents of the team members for their hard work and dedication and he expressed his pride for the manner in which the team consistently positively represents the Rocky Point School District.

Mr. Caulfield noted that Mr. Len Kies was unable to attend the evening's meeting as he was attending a dinner along with Coach Darren Goldstein and Stephen Dutton, in honor and recognition of Stephen's being named New York State Wrestling Champion. Mr. Caulfield noted that this year, for the first time in the wrestling program's history, three county champions were crowned at the Section XI tournament: Billy Coggins, Anthony Volpe and Stephen Dutton. On behalf of the entire school, Mr. Caulfield extended his congratulations to Coach Goldstein, Stephen Dutton, and the members of the Varsity Wrestling Team.

On behalf of the Board of Education and the Rocky Point School District, Mr. Sanseverino extended his congratulations to those honored and thanked them for making Rocky Point proud.

#### **MINUTES**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Minutes of the following Board of Education Meeting be accepted as presented: **Regular Meeting, March 23, 2009.**

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

#### **TREASURER'S REPORTS**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Reports for the month of February 2009 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

#### **EXTRA-CLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT TREASURER REPORT**

Upon a motion made by Michael Nofi and seconded by Diane Burke, 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 2009 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the Financial Reports for the month of February 2009 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

#### **BUDGET TRANSFER SUMMARY – FEBRUARY 2009**

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 accepts the February 2009 Budget Transfer Summary as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

#### **INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT – MARCH 2009**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the March 2009 Internal Claims Audit Report.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

#### **Resolution to Adopt the 2009-2010 School District Budget and Property Tax Report Card**

Upon a motion made by Michael Nofi and seconded by Diane Burke, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, adopts the Rocky Point Union Free School District Budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year pursuant to Education Law Section 1716 in the amount of \$66,764,945 and the Property Tax Report Card as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

#### **Resolution to Present for Public Vote on May 19, 2009 the Creation of a Capital Reserve Fund known as Building Improvements and Repair Fund**

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

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund, known as the Building Improvement and Repair Reserve Fund, in accordance with the provisions of Education Law Section 3651 for the purpose of necessary construction and reconstruction, renovations and improvements to District facilities as required by law or building condition including related site work and equipment related thereto. Such Capital Reserve Fund shall be for a term of ten years and will commence on July 1, 2009 and expire on June 30, 2019. The Capital Reserve Fund will be capitalized in an amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) plus interest during the term of the fund. The source of the funding of the Capital Reserve Fund will be the District's General Fund unappropriated fund balance and from any other sources permitted by law. Any expenditure from this reserve fund shall be approved by the voters of the District.

Mr. Sanseverino asked Dr. Ring to provide a more detailed explanation of this resolution. Following same, Dr. Ring summarized the resolution as a vehicle to establish the right of the board, at a future date, to appropriate money for needed/required repairs to district facilities and to be able to put away money, over time, with both board and voter approval, to finance any such necessary expenditures, without the need to present a bond issue to the voters.

There was no further discussion.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

At this point in the meeting, a meeting attendee inquired about the cost of running one AP course. Dr. Ring responded that in general, the cost would be approximately \$20,000 per year. Mr. Sanseverino explained that the elimination of the AP chemistry class was not cost-related but predicated upon the fact that there were not enough students who expressed interest to enroll in the class. Dr. D'Ambrosio stated that the registration of twenty students was required in order for the course to run. Both Mr. Sanseverino and Dr. D'Ambrosio announced that they would review the AP chemistry situation in order to determine whether or not there would be enough students who met all necessary criteria to run the class in the fall. Board trustee, Margaret Smith, stated that the board of education would not and did not cut the AP chemistry class due to monetary constraints and that the class was eliminated due to low enrollment numbers. Mrs. Smith advised that to proceed with an AP class with only eight enrolled students was not fiscally responsible. Mr. Anthony Nobre, AP chemistry teacher, joined this open discussion stating that past history indicated that every student who registered for the AP course did, in fact, sit for the final exam. Dr. D'Ambrosio assured the meeting attendee that she would review the particulars surrounding this issue and respond accordingly.

There was no further discussion.

#### **TAN BORROWING FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR**

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

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following resolution:

**Tax Anticipation Note Resolution, dated April 22, 2009, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$10,000,000 Tax Anticipation Notes of the Rocky Point Union Free School District, in the Town of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk, State of New York, in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied in and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.**

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTION**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Senior Citizens Tax Exemption for 2009 in accordance with the attached income schedule provided by the Town of Brookhaven.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**Resolution to Award a Bid for a Bond Issue Related Capital Improvement – New Construction of Maintenance Building SED No. 58-02-09-02-3-011-001**

Upon a motion made by Michael Nofi and seconded by Diane Burke, 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 for the Bond Issue Related Capital Improvement – New Construction of Maintenance Building SED No. 58-02-09-02-3-011-001 totaling \$607,570 to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

Contract No. 1:	General Construction	Carter-Melence, Inc.	\$483,000
Contract No. 2:	Plumbing Reconstruction	Amrosio & Company, Inc.	\$ 53,550
Contract No. 3:	HVAC Reconstruction	KEM Construction Corp.	\$ 22,420
Contract No. 4:	Electrical Reconstruction	Telsan Electric, Inc.	\$ 48,600

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Meeting attendee, Marianne Barber, was recognized by Mr. Sanseverino. Ms. Barber presented Mr. Sanseverino with questions regarding the bid process. Noting that her husband had participated in this particular bid process, Ms. Barber inquired as to how those bidding on such projects could be so far apart monetarily and still provide the same quality of work. Dr. Ring responded to Ms. Barber's concerns by stating that the bids submitted were public documents available to be viewed by the public at any time and that each bid was opened publicly. Dr. Ring further explained that the bids were awarded

to the lowest qualified responsible bidders. Those awarded the bids were held to strict specifications outlined by the district architect and that their work must be performed in compliance with bid specifications.

There was no further discussion.

**Bid #09-10 Academic Attire and Related Items**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards bid #09-10 to Herff Jones, the lowest responsible bidder, totaling \$14,420.50, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

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

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 authorizes the Purchasing Agent to enter into an agreement with Educational Data, Inc. for participation in cooperative bids for the purchase of supplies, materials and equipment for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**RESOLUTION FOR HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to enter into an agreement for health services for the 2008-2009 school year with the following districts:

Comsewogue School District  
South Huntington Union Free School District

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**SOUND BEACH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP**

Upon a motion made by Michael Nofi and seconded by Diane Burke, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves and accepts the \$500.00 scholarship from Sound Beach Music.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0



**ROCKY POINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the \$250.00 scholarship from the Rocky Point Historical Society.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**DONATION OF A SOUNDDOCK DIGITAL MUSIC SYSTEM**

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 accepts the donation of the SoundDock digital music system as a result of our entry in the Bose SoundDock Giveaway sponsored by the School Administrators Association of New York State.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**\$100.00 DONATION TO THE DISTRICT**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$100.00 from Ms. Christine Friello-Ryan, a relative of a Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School student.

**BE IT 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 \$100.00 as a result of the donation.

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

A 2110 500 02 0000                      \$100.00

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**TARGET DONATION TO DISTRICT**

Upon a motion made by Michael Nofi and seconded by Diane Burke, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves and accepts the donation from Target.

**BE IT 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 \$259.16 as a result of the donations from Target.

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

A 2110 500 01 0000                      \$259.16

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**VOTE TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR 2009-2010**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves/disapproves the BOCES Administrative Budget for 2009-2010 in the amount of \$32,265,544.

Roll Call

Mr. Sanseverino	<u>  x  </u>
Mrs. Smith	<u>  x  </u>
Mr. Darcey	<u>  x  </u>
Mrs. Burke	<u>  x  </u>
Mr. Nofi	<u>  x  </u>

All in favor of approval of the BOCES Administrative Budget – Motion carried 5-0

**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 Margaret Smith and seconded by Edward Darcey, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education elect the following candidate(s) to serve for the term commencing on July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2012. (***Choose a maximum not to exceed five***):

Pamela Bethel	<u>      x      </u>
Stephen Dewey	<u>                  </u>
Chris Garvey	<u>                  </u>
Joseph LoSchiavo	<u>                  </u>
Joel Petersen	<u>                  </u>
Jeffrey Smith	<u>                  </u>

4 ayes - 1 nay for approval of the election of candidate Pamela Bethel

Motion carried 4-1

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

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Geneva Laccasaglia as Parent Member to the Committee on Special Education/Committee on Preschool 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 5-0

#### **COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Upon a motion made by Michael Nofi and seconded by Diane Burke, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education votes to arrange for appropriate services pursuant to the recommendations of Schedule 4-22-09-A and Schedule 4-22-09- B.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

#### **PERSONNEL**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

#### **ABOLISHMENT OF TEACHER POSITIONS**

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, in accordance with Section 3013 of New York State Education Law, hereby abolishes the following positions in their respective tenure areas: 6.5 elementary education positions; .6 Social Studies position; 1.0 Physical Education positions; .4 Business position; 1.0 English position; .5 Science position; .6 LOTE (Spanish/French) position; 1.4 Mathematics position.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the employment of the teachers having the least seniority in the system within the tenure areas of the positions abolished shall be discontinued effective June 30, 2009.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the teachers whose positions have been abolished shall be placed on a preferred eligible list in their respective tenure areas in accordance with Section 3013 of the New York State Education Law.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Sanseverino recognized meeting attendee, Mr. Ardashev. Mr. Ardashev asked why teachers were being “fired” and expressed his concerns that Rocky Point students were not being accepted into Ivy League colleges. Mr. Ardashev suggested if more AP courses were offered, more students might gain entrance to Ivy League colleges. Dr. D’Ambrosio reviewed the factors in relation to the abolishment of teacher positions. Dr. D’Ambrosio again stated that the AP chemistry class had been eliminated due to low student enrollment and not due to the abolishment of positions. Mr. Sanseverino advised that the meeting needed to continue and invited Mr. Ardashev to speak again at the open forum at the end of the meeting.

**ABOLISHMENT OF SCHOOL-RELATED PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education, in accordance with Sections 80, 85 and 86 of Civil Service Law and Rule 20 of Suffolk County Civil Service Rules, hereby abolishes the following positions in their respective classification areas: 1 competitive title clerk typist; 13 non-competitive title school teacher aides/monitors; 3 non-competitive title custodial workers I.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**RESOLUTION FOR AN EXAMINATION OF A DISTRICT EMPLOYEE**

Upon a motion made by Michael Nofi and seconded by Diane Burke, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, a certain employee made known to the Board of Education has recently been diagnosed with a certain mental condition

and

**WHEREAS**, such diagnosis has raised issues with respect to this employee’s mental capacity to perform his/her duties and responsibilities,

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to Section 913 of the Education Law,

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that this employee is directed to report for a psychiatric examination to determine his/her mental capacity to perform the duties required of such employee, the same examination to be performed by Dr. Michael Schwartz on or before May 22, 2009 or any adjourned date.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Sanseverino opened the floor to questions and/or comments.

- Kathi Heggens of the Long Island Sound Sharks advised that the organization wished to donate chin straps to the district and inquired about the necessary procedures to do same. Dr. D'Ambrosio and Mr. Sanseverino thanked Ms. Heggens for the generosity of the donation and provided the information Ms. Heggens requested.
- Patrick DiBernardi presented several questions and comments concerning purported negotiations between the school district and Fairfield Properties. Mr. Sanseverino advised that the current school board was not in talks with Fairfield Properties and that Fairfield Properties had not made any presentations to the school board and/or the school district. Mr. DiBernardi asked if the current school board was willing to negotiate with Fairfield Properties in the future. Mr. Sanseverino remarked that he was unable to respond to this question at this time as it was based on supposition.
- In response to a meeting attendee's request for an explanation regarding background information on Fairfield Properties, Mr. Sanseverino provided a detailed synopsis.
- Mr. Lantz commented upon the large monetary numbers associated with the proposed budget and property tax report card and noted that he would like more detailed information regarding same. Mrs. Burke commented that she had personally invited Mr. Lantz to attend the budget workshops and that budget packets were given to meeting attendees which contained line-by-line information. Mrs. Burke advised that the budget packet is currently available for viewing on line and has been available on line for the past month. Dr. Ring advised that the full, detailed budget is available in each school building, as well as the district office, for public viewing and consideration.
- Mrs. Hrysko inquired about the possibility of combining the middle school and high school buses. Dr. D'Ambrosio advised that the district was still in talks with Laidlaw/First Student Bus Company but for the foreseeable future buses would not be combined. Mrs. Burke noted and Dr. Ring agreed that the combining of buses and bus routes was not advantageous. Dr. Ring disclosed that he was currently in the process of on-going discussions/negotiations with the bus company and advised that bus transportation would go out to bid next year.
- Mrs. Hrysko asked about the ALC/BOCES program. Dr. D'Ambrosio advised that the ALC/BOCES affiliated program is state aidable and thus cost-effective and that Rocky Point Schools will host the fully staffed program to be held in the evenings.
- Mr. Sean Callahan inquired as to why the abolishment of administrative positions was not on the agenda. Mr. Callahan expressed his opinion that all abolished positions should be specified at once. Dr. D'Ambrosio noted that the administrative positions were abolished through attrition. Mr. Callahan stated that if the positions were not abolished they remain open and could be filled. Dr. Alessandro revealed that the final administrative personnel decisions had yet to be made for next year.

- Mr. Callahan inquired about the correlation between the number of layoffs and the stimulus money slated to be received by the district. Mr. Callahan asked for the specific amount of the anticipated surplus fund balance of the school district. Dr. Ring responded that the exact figure was not known at this time and that he did not presently have useable estimates.
- Mr. Callahan asked that the budget be posted on the district website, line-by-line, so that the community could be better informed.
- A member of the audience asked what items were being increased despite cuts. Dr. Ring provided a list of items/factors including: services provided through collective bargaining agreements, teacher steps, employee salary increases, 0 % increase in state aid, and increases in state-mandated special education costs.

There was no further discussion.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:30 PM, a motion was made by Margaret Smith and seconded by Edward Darcey for the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jones  
District Clerk



