

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
December 14, 2009

Members Present:

Michael Nofi
Diane Burke
Edward Darcey
Michael Ferrara
John Lessler

Also Present:

Carla L. D'Ambrosio, Ed.D.

At 5:40 P.M. a regular public meeting of the Board of Education was called to order in conference room 121-A of the Rocky Point High School by Mr. Nofi.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:45 P.M. Diane Burke made a motion and Edward Darcey seconded to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss particular personnel matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

At 6:28 P.M. John Lessler made a motion and Michael Ferrara seconded to end Executive Session and re-convene to Open Session to conduct a Board of Education Workshop.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

At 7:30 P.M. Michael Ferrara made a motion made and John Lessler seconded to end Workshop Session and re-convene to Open Session in the auditorium of the Rocky Point High School.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Nofi called the meeting to order at 7:38 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Michael Nofi, President
Diane Burke, Vice President
Edward Darcey, Trustee
Michael Ferrara, Trustee
John Lessler, Trustee
Carla L. D'Ambrosio Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Michael F. Ring, Ed.D., Asst. Supt. for Finance/Operations

Anja Groth, Acting Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Patricia Jones, District Clerk

Absent: None

Mr. Nofi welcomed those in attendance and opened the microphone for questions and/or comments.

- Ms. Maria Amoscato, on behalf of the American Cancer Society and the Relay for Life, acknowledged and thanked the following people for their great performances and monetary contributions to this year's Relay for Life event: Mr. Craig Knapp and the High Notes; Ms. Amy Schecher and the Rocky Point Marching Band; Mr. Joseph Spina and his Miles Road Band; and the Rocky Point UFSD for allowing the event to take place on school grounds and voiced her hopes for a continued long-term partnership with the school district. Ms. Amoscato noted that the Relay for Life annual event is scheduled for June 11th and June 12th, 2010 and asked that everyone be on board for a great year.

There were no further questions or comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Carla L. D'Ambrosio, Superintendent of Schools:

- In recognition of the round of concerts performed during this holiday season, Dr. D'Ambrosio stated she was consistently amazed by the level of the accomplishments of our students. Their successes are a credit to the students, their parents and the teachers who keep a focus on developing their talents and have fun going it.
- Student Council members at JAE collected forty boxes of food to be donated to the food banks of St. Anthony's and St. Louis de Montfort. In addition, socks, gloves and hats from the Giving Tree were donated to the Trinity Church.
- The staff at JAE adopted twenty families for which they provided items of food and clothing.
- The Rocky Point High School holiday concert is this Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M.
- Special congratulations are extended this month to music staff members Mrs. Ruggiero, Ms. Schecher, Ms. Donovan, Mr. Ragona, Ms. Gatto, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Ventura, Ms. Kenwood and Mr. Knapp. Thank you for all of your hard work and for bringing the spirit of the holidays to Rocky Point.
- Special thanks to Mr. Bonomi, Mr. Conlon and Ms. DeMarco for facilitating the annual Singing Santas event. More than two hundred students participated.
- Community Astronomy Night is scheduled for Friday, 12/18, from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M.
- The following teachers have been awarded curriculum initiative grants amounting to an impressive \$12,585 dollars in grant monies. Congratulations to Ms. Castro-Crowell, Ms. Sperl, Ms. Youngs, Ms. Ferraro, Ms. O'Connell, Ms. Golding, Ms.

- Ladani, Ms. Schirtzer, Mr. Yanucci, Ms. Meschi, Ms. Fernandez and Ms. Tripp for their initiative and creativity.
- Congratulations to both the Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleading teams for taking first place in the LICCA Competitions hosted at Rocky Point High School on Saturday. The cheerleaders are undefeated in competition this winter.
 - The Varsity Wrestling team won the Colonie Duals Championship this weekend in Colonie, New York. The team won ten matches and lost none. Seventh grader, Tommy Dutton, and seniors Steven Dutton and Anthony Volpe, all captured the Most Outstanding Wrestler award in their respective categories.
 - Congratulations to senior, Kara Mupo, for being named All-State soccer for the third consecutive year, as well as League V player of the year.
 - Congratulations to Catie Swiderski for being named to *Newsday's* All Long Island Girls Volleyball Team.
 - Congratulations to senior football player, Justin Oliver, on capturing All County honors.
 - Congratulations to senior Paul Soranno, for being named Academic All County.
 - The Athletics for the Challenged program continues to be a success as our student-athletes went to Wildwood Lanes in Riverhead last week and enjoyed the bowling event. The next scheduled bowling event will take place in January.
 - Congratulations to the following Rocky Point teams for achieving Section XI Outstanding Sportsmanship Honors: Varsity Girls Cross Country, "B" Level Football, "B" Level Boys Soccer, "B" Level Girls Soccer, and "B" Level Girls Tennis.
 - In follow-up to last month's meeting, the snow protocols are available on the district website. In addition, an e-mail was sent out last Friday. Students in grades K-5 brought home information in their backpacks today. We will follow the same dismissal plan order utilized last year, i.e., Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School, Rocky Point High School, Rocky Point Middle School, Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School.
 - It has been announced that Governor Paterson is planning to withhold state aid payments to school districts. As a district, we are in solid financial condition this year and will be able to withstand the delay in the short term. Please watch the website for further information and/or updates.
 - Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

MINUTES

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

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

Motion carried 4-0. Mrs. Burke, noting her absence at the November 23, 2009 meeting, abstained.

BUDGET TRANSFER SUMMARY – NOVEMBER 2009

Upon a motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by John Lessler, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the November 2009 Budget Transfer Summary.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT – NOVEMBER 2009

Upon a motion made by John Lessler 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 accepts the November 2009 Internal Claims Audit Report.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**BOND ISSUE RELATED CAPITAL PROJECT SCIENCE LAB
RECONSTRUCTION CHANGE NO. 1 (KEM CONSTRUCTION CORP.)**

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke 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 and approves the attached change order reference to bond issue related projects, and authorizes the president of the Board of Education to execute said change order.

Mr. Nofi announced that the change order represented good news as the district was being reimbursed in accordance with an allowance included in contract documents in the amount of \$5,000.00 for unforeseen conditions.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**BOND ISSUE RELATED CAPITAL PROJECT AND EXCEL AID – PHASE 1A
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (AMBROSIO & COMPANY, INC.)**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts and approves the attached change order reference to bond issue related projects, and authorizes the president of the Board of Education to execute said change order.

Mr. Nofi announced that this change order represented a total reimbursement to the district of \$17,000.00 pursuant to contract documents allowing reimbursement for unforeseen conditions.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**BID #10-12 NEC TELEPHONE SYSTEM ADDS, MOVES & CHANGES
DISTRICT- WIDE**

Upon a motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by John Lessler, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards bid #10-12 NEC Telephone System Adds, Moves, & Changes District-Wide to TMT-EXCEL Communications, LLC., the lowest responsible bidder, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

BID #10-11 MINIVAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Upon a motion made by John Lessler 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 awards bid #10-11 Minivan Transportation Services to Developmental Disabilities Institute, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT – CORE BTS, INC.

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke 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 president of the Board of Education to enter into a Letter of Engagement with Core BTS, Inc. for professional IT services on an as-needed basis at a rate of \$125.00 per hour, not to exceed \$5,000.00.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

SURPLUS TEXTBOOKS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves for surplus the following attached list of textbooks.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**MID EAST SUFFOLK TEACHER CENTER MESTRACT GRANT AWARDS
2009-2010**

Upon a motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by John Lessler, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the MESTRACT grants as awarded below, totaling \$10,500.00

<u>Name of Grant</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>
Books Their Way	1,500.00
i-Literacy: Incorporating Technology into Reading Instruction	1,500.00
I See, You See, We Can All See Science in 3-D!	1,500.00
Listening for Language Arts Skills	1,500.00
Look Whose Who in Our Community	1,500.00
Sharing the Write Way	1,500.00
Tikatok Workshop	1,500.00

Mr. Nofi echoed Dr. D'Ambrosio's previous congratulatory sentiments and expressed "well done" accolades to the grant-winning teachers.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon a motion made by John Lessler 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 12-14-09-A and Schedule 12-14-09- B.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

PERSONNEL

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke 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 attached Personnel changes.

On behalf of the district and all school board trustees, Mr. Nofi offered his congratulations to Ms. Valvo and Ms. Sivaslian upon their monumental achievements in being awarded tenure. Mr. Nofi also offered his good wishes for the best of luck and continued success to Ms. Valvo and Ms. Sivaslian as they continue on in their careers.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

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

There were no further questions or comments.

Mr. Nofi extended best wishes for the holiday season.

At 7:56 P.M. Diane Burke made a motion and Edward Darcey seconded 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 returned to Open Session at 9:20 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 P.M. a motion was made by Diane Burke and seconded by Edward Darcey to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Carla L. D' Ambrosio, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

