

**MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
APRIL 21, 2010**

Mr. Nofi called the meeting to order at 7:42 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 and Operations
Anja Groth, Acting Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Patricia Jones, District Clerk

Absent: None

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

- Mr. Thomas Reilly provided an update with reference to his request that the district provide a smaller bus to accommodate the children in the cul de sac in which he and his family reside. Mr. Reilly asked the members of the Board to consider the adoption of a policy permitting the use of smaller-sized buses in areas in which larger busses posed significant safety concerns. Mr. Reilly thanked Dr. Ring for his tireless efforts in working towards an acceptable solution to this ongoing safety concern. Mr. Nofi acknowledged Dr. Ring's efforts and stated it was the intention of the Board to act in the best interests of the families and children of the district. Mr. Nofi advised that there were several challenges to overcome in order to resolve the situation, including the reopening of the contract with the bus company. Mr. Nofi expressed his appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Reilly for their patience and advised that the Board would do everything in its power to rectify the situation safely.

There were no further questions or comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**MR. KENNETH CRAWFORD, ACTING PRINCIPAL, FRANK J. CARASITI
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- Katelyn Goldhammer, a kindergarten student in Mrs. Filippi's class, was honored for donating her hair to *Locks of Love* following the viewing of a television show about children suffering from long term medical hair loss.

- Congratulations to Ms. Jennifer Meschi for being selected as a second prize winner out of nearly seven hundred entrants for the 2010 PBS *Teacher Innovator Award*. Ms. Meschi submitted a 3-D project lesson currently being worked on by second graders.
- This year's New York State Third Grade ELA Assessment was administered to the entire second grade in order to see how the students would fare. Test results will be used to help with instruction. This practice test will also prepare the students for the administration of the real assessment exam next year as third graders.
- New fire drill procedures will continue to be held, weather permitting. The goal is to have the entire school population locate to the back field of the school in case of fire or evacuation and will present a safer alternative to having children and staff stand in the school parking lot.
- Kindergarten will host a bucket-filling assembly on Friday, April 30th, focusing on April's character trait of trustworthiness.
- On April 28th the Shared Decision meeting will be held in the conference room at 8:45 A.M.
- On April 30th, KIN will sponsor the FJC vs. JAE Volleyball game in the RPHS gymnasium at 7:00 P.M.

MS. CAROL TVELIA, PRINCIPAL, JOSEPH A. EDGAR SCHOOL

- The NYS Assessment ELA examination will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. NYS Math Assessment testing will take place the following week.
- Baby chicks are incubating nicely at JAE; the butterflies arrived today.
- The Spring Concert is scheduled for Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 P.M. in the high school auditorium.

DR. SCOTT O'BRIEN, PRINCIPAL, ROCKY POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Career Day was hosted for 8th grade students on April 7th. Approximately thirty guest speakers shared their experiences related to their professions. Students learned critical aspects of three different professions and paths needed to achieve career goals. Thank you to school counselor, Patrick Panella, for his work in organizing the event for the students.
- The drama production, **Annie, Jr.**, was presented on March 26th and March 27th in the high school auditorium. Congratulations to students and staff for a wonderful job.
- Students participated in a presentation about tolerance. Suffolk County Police Officer Fields spoke to our students about the importance of tolerance in our everyday lives.
- The Eastern Suffolk BOCES Model Schools Tenth Annual Celebration of Technology in Education was held on Friday, April 16th at the Stony Brook University Sports Complex. More than one hundred internet-connected PCs and MACs were operated by technologically-inspired teachers and students, including over fifty students and their teachers from the Rocky Point UFSD.
- ELA testing is scheduled for Monday, April 26th through Wednesday, April 28th.

- Third quarter report cards will be distributed on April 30th.

MS. SUSAN SULLIVAN, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, ROCKY POINT HIGH SCHOOL

- The annual Senior Citizen Prom, sponsored by the Student Council and the Be A Nicer Neighbor Club, will be held on Thursday evening.
- The Pocket Theater production of “Hurry Up and Wait” will be performed on April 29th, April 30th and May 1st. Tickets are \$5.00.
- Approximately forty students were inducted into the National Honor Society on April 13th. Congratulations to students and their parents.
- Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring the second drug awareness program on April 19th and enabling us to provide this most important information to students and parents.
- The fourth marking period begins on April 22nd.
- AP exams will be conducted between May 5th and May 13th.

MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke 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 22, 2010.**

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Financial Reports for the month of March 2010 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

BUDGET TRANSFER SUMMARY – MARCH 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 March 2010 Budget Transfer Summary as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT – MARCH 2010

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 March 2010 Internal Claims Audit Report.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke and seconded by Edward Darcey, 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 2010-2011 fiscal year pursuant to Education Law Section 1716 in the amount of \$66,855,418 and the Property Tax Report Card as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

TAN BORROWING FOR THE 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR

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 the following resolution:

Tax Anticipation Note Resolution, dated April 21, 2010, 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, 2010.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

PITNEY BOWES MAILING SYSTEM TERM RENTAL AGREEMENT

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 authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to enter into a fifty-one (51) month State and Local Term Rental Agreement with Pitney Bowes for the mailing system located at Rocky Point High School beginning May 1, 2010.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

RESOLUTION FOR HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS

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 authorizes the Board President and Superintendent to enter into an agreement for health services for the 2009-2010 school year with the following districts:

Middle Country School District
Smithtown Central School District

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

ROCKY POINT PTA BOX TOP FUNDRAISER

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 approves and accepts \$2,051.20 from the Rocky Point PTA Box Top Fund Raiser.

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 \$2,051.20 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 \$2,051.20

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Nofi thanked the PTA and all those who brought in their box tops for this generous donation.

SURPLUS ITEMS

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 items contained on the attached list.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

RITA E. SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP

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 approves and accepts the \$1,200 scholarship from Roger and Susan Sullivan.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Nofi, on behalf of the school board members, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan for their generous donation.

VOTE TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR 2010-2011

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves/disapproves the BOCES Administrative Budget for 2010-2011 in the amount of \$32,265,544.

Roll Call

Mr. Nofi	Aye - Approve
Mrs. Burke	Aye - Approve
Mr. Darcey	Aye - Approve
Mr. Ferrara	Aye - Approve
Mr. Lessler	Aye - Approve

All in favor – 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 Diane Burke and seconded by Edward Darcey, 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 1, 2010 and ending on June 30, 2013. (*Choose up to five*):

William Hsiang	_____
Lisa Israel	_____
Fred Langstaff	_____
Sandra Townsend	_____
John Wyche	_____

Roll Call

Mr. Nofi	Abstain
Mrs. Burke	Abstain
Mr. Darcey	Abstain
Mr. Ferrara	Abstain
Mr. Lessler	Abstain

Motion did not carry – 5 abstentions

Additional Committee Member: Special Education Parent Members

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 the appointments of Jennifer Olszewski, Carol

MacCarthy and Patti Stewart as Parent Members 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 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 votes to arrange for appropriate services pursuant to the recommendations of Schedule 4-21-10-A and Schedule 4-21-10- B.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

PERSONNEL

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 attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

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

There were no questions and/or comments at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:10 P.M. Edward Darcey made a motion and Michael Ferrara 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 9:05 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:10 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
Superintendent of Schools

