

**MINUTES  
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
November 19, 2012**

**I Meeting called to Order: 7:10 PM**

Present: Michael Nofi, President  
Diane Burke, Vice President  
Kathleen Hegggers, Trustee  
Scott Reh, Trustee  
Michael F. Ring, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Deborah De Luca, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent  
Gregory Hilton, School Business Official  
Susan Wilson, Executive Director for Educational Services  
Mary Berretta, Assistant District Clerk

Absent: John Lessler, Trustee  
Patricia Jones, District Clerk

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Ring thanked all for coming to the meeting and mentioned the polls were open till 8 PM. He also spoke briefly about the hurricane and its impact on both the schools and community. He commented about the lost five days of instruction and the possible impact on the vacation schedules.

Dr. Ring spoke briefly and presented Mary Berretta with a certificate honoring her retirement.

**VIRGINIA KELLY-GIBBONS, PRINCIPAL, FRANK J. CARASITI  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Ms. Gibbons spoke briefly and presented Gail Vagle with a certificate honoring her retirement.

- **Book Fair**  
Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring our annual book fair. The students were very excited to browse the titles and select their purchases.

- **Veterans Day Assembly for Second Grade**

Our second grade students welcomed family veterans, as well as Commander Joe Cognitore, to speak at an assembly about their service to our country. In addition the students wrote letters and poems to honor and thank our veteran servicemen and women. Ms. Kenwood led the students in a touching song honoring our veterans. Look for their names by the banner filled with service stars in the FJC lobby.

- **Parent Teacher Conferences**

We anticipate a very successful turnout. Our parents continue to demonstrate their commitment to the education of our students. This is an important opportunity to converse with your child's teachers regarding their progress to date.

- **Thanksgiving**

First Grade will again celebrate Thanksgiving with their classes dining on a turkey lunch.

Second grade classes will participate tomorrow in a Native American Pow-Wow. This is an interdisciplinary unit; our art, music, library and PE teachers have worked together to prepare the students for this very traditional community celebration.

- **FJC Annual Food Drive**

Thank you to Mrs. Adamski, who has once again organized the collection of food and sundries. The Second Grade Service Squad is sorting and filling the baskets. Mrs. Adamski and Dr. Herbert will deliver the Thanksgiving baskets.

### **Upcoming in December**

- **Winter Concert**

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> HS Auditorium

Second Grade Chorus will perform to this year's theme: *The FJC Jingle Bell Hop*

- **Winter Wonderland Sing-a-Long**

On Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, FJC students will participate in our Winter Wonderland Sing-a-Long. Mrs. Kenwood is busy teaching students their songs and Mrs. Buonconsiglio and her students are creating decorations for the festivities.

- On behalf of the FJC staff, I'd like to wish all of our families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

**LINDA TOWLEN, PRINCIPAL, JOSEPH A. EDGAR SCHOOL**

- We would like to send out our good thoughts and wishes to all of the victims of Hurricane Sandy. The student council and the PTA are collecting non-perishable items for the people who have been affected by Hurricane Sandy. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed either supplies or their time for this great cause. We hope that our efforts help ease the burden the storm has caused.
- We have been very busy at JAE the past two months. We celebrated our veterans with a wonderful assembly program on November 9, which involved the fifth grade students and our veteran guests. I would like to thank Mr. Yashowitz, Ms. Varriale and Mr. Knapp for their work and support of the students for this event. I would also like to thank the members of the Fifth Grade High Notes for their performance, the technology club for their video and the student council for all of their work. Patriotic songs were performed, essays were read and each service member was given a personal letter of thank you. The assembly was followed with refreshments that were served in the cafeteria. I would like to thank the parent volunteers and the staff members of JAE for providing the refreshments. It was a great event. A heartfelt thank you to our veterans for attending and for their service.
- Another successful event was our fourth grade baby scarecrow project, which is in support of UNICEF. Each fourth grader created a baby scarecrow. The scarecrows were on display in the fourth grade hallways in support of children's health and education around the world. All students voted for their favorites by dropping spare change in front of each of their selected scarecrows. This year we broke a record and raised \$870.05. We have now raised a grand total of \$25,870.05. and have officially been named an Ambassador School by UNICEF. Thank you to the fourth grade teachers, students and parents and especially to Ms. Licata and Mr. Krapf for their support and leadership in this worthwhile project.
- Parent teacher conferences will be held at the end of the month on November 28, 29 and 30. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's academic performance with their teacher.
- The New York Islanders Arena Hostess, Dina and the team mascot, Sparky will be visiting JAE on December 4 for a presentation on the importance of teamwork, character-building and the benefits of a strong education.

- Our winter concert will be held on December 5 at 7 PM in the high school auditorium.
- Finally, I wish everyone a wonderful, safe, Thanksgiving Holiday!

**JAMES MOELLER, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, ROCKY POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- **Spirit Week**  
Students showed their Rocky Point Middle School spirit as we celebrated “Spirit Week” in October. Students participated in Twin Day, Music Day, Fictional Character Day and Point School colors pride day. This all lead up to the Middle School participating in homecoming and the High School Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 13th. Go Eagles!
- **October PTA Book Fair/ Eagle Cards:**  
The PTA hosted the first Middle School Book fair of the year in October for all Middle School students. The PTA also hosted an assembly during lunch periods to introduce Middle School students to the Eagle card fundraiser last week. Special thanks to the PTA and all parent volunteers for their support of both events.
- **Fall MS Dance:**  
The first middle school dance took place last week. The Student Council, under the direction of Mr. Connelly, sponsored a fall dance that was held on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 4:30 for 6<sup>th</sup> graders only and from 5-7 for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We had a tremendous turn out for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance and look forward to future events this year.
- **Giving Back**  
The students and staff at the Rocky Point Middle School continued to support our local community throughout the month of November. Students and staff have been collecting items of food as part of the Thanksgiving Food Drive. I would like to thank our guidance department for overseeing this project and helping to distribute boxes of food and turkeys to those in need in our community.

**JOHN DEBENEDETTO, PRINCIPAL, ROCKY POINT HIGH SCHOOL**

- The volleyball program hosted the “Dig Pink” event on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Our volleyball program raised over \$5,000. Over the last several years, they raised the most money in Suffolk County through ribbon sales and donations.
- The fall sports season is winding down. The field hockey team, Girls and Boys Cross Country Team, and the Girls Volleyball team will be in the playoffs. The Volleyball team won their 1<sup>st</sup> game against Miller Place and face Kings Park in the second round. Field hockey played their first playoff game on Saturday,

November 10<sup>th</sup>. The boys and girls Cross Country team competed in the Divisional meet on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Due to the recent weather events, their post season was cancelled.

- The SADD club sponsored a celebration of National Red Ribbon Week from November 5<sup>th</sup> to November 9<sup>th</sup>. Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign designed to bring awareness to the dangers of drug use. The SADD club decorated the halls with red ribbons, and posters. Daily announcements were made informing the building about the meaning of Red Ribbon Week. Everyone was encouraged to wear red on Thursday, November 8th in support of the campaign.
- Due to hurricane Sandy, Rocky Point Idol Semi Finals which were scheduled for Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup> was postponed till January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Veterans Day program was postponed to November 15<sup>th</sup> due to the inclement weather. The agenda includes the Suffolk County Police Bagpipe Band, the school band, Mike Conlon and the Sound Choice, Tommy Sullivan from Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge, and the colors from the Rocky Point Veterans of Foreign Wars. The program was designed by Mr. Acritelli, a high school social studies teacher. Mr. Acritelli also arranged for a special guest speaker, Mr. Murphy, father of Michael Murphy, Navy Seal who lost his life saving members from his squad. Michael's parents received a Medal of Honor for the actions of their son. The Navy recently named a destroyer in his honor.
- Our Pocket Theatre players were proud to present the fall production of; *You Can't Take it With You*. Performances ran from November 15 to November 17.

Amy Schecher recognized three students who were named All County Musicians and presented them with certificates provided by Councilwoman Jane Bonner. The students are Zachary Riley and Daniel Wood, All County Mixed Choir and Zachary Riley, All county Band.

Amy Agnesini along with Coach Katie Bittner presented certificates to the 2012 Suffolk County Class "B" finalist Varsity Field Hockey team. The players were Courtney Coleman, Deidre Curry, Kristine Loscalzo, Jenna Sanossian, Taylor Brodsky, Ashley Faulhaber, Stephanie Hunsucker, Alyssa Milano, Jenna Stevenson, Amanda Sanchez, Gabby Kistner, Megan Palasek, Maggie DeFrank, Brianna Mattiucci, Taylor Heize, Jen Wandle, Kelly Florio, Regan Lynch and JV coach Seth Meier and MS coach Don Pranzo.

Mr. Nofi opened up the microphone for questions/comments. There were no comments. He said there would be another opportunity later in the meeting.

#### **ADOPTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF HOLDOVER RESOLUTIONS FROM THE OCTOBER 29, 2012 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Upon the motion made by Diane Burke and seconded by Kathleen Hegggers, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby moves to adopt and accept the holdover resolutions, as well as the entire agenda, from the scheduled October 29, 2012 Board of Education meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

#### **TREASURER’S REPORTS**

Upon the motion made by Kathleen Hegggers seconded by Scott Reh, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer’s Reports for the month of October 2012 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

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

Upon the motion made by Scott Reh 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 October 2012 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Upon the motion made by Diane Burke and seconded by Kathleen Hegggers, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the Financial Reports for the month of April 2012 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

#### **BUDGET TRANSFER SUMMARY – OCTBER 2012**

Upon the motion made by Kathleen Hegggers and seconded by Scott Reh, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the October 2012 Budget Transfer Summary.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT - OCTOBER 2012**

Upon the motion made by Scott Reh 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 October 2012 Internal Claims Audit Report.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**SURPLUS TEXTBOOKS**

Upon the motion made by Diane Burke and seconded by Kathleen Heggens, 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 4-0

**2011/2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, PHASE 2, JAE SED NO. 58-02-09-02-0-001-012 ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND CEILING – COUNTRY CARPET DISTRIBUTERS, INC., CHANGE ORDER NO. 1**

Upon the motion made by Kathleen Heggens and seconded by Scott Reh, 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 in reference to the Capital Improvement Program, Phase 2, Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said change order.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**REVIEW, REVISION AND RE-ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES (SECOND READING)**

Upon the motion made by Scott Reh 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 hereby moves the review, revision and re-adoption (Second Reading) of Board of Education Policy Numbers 5610, 5620, 5621, 5650, 6510, 6520, 6530, 6540, 7240, 7242, 1310, 1320, 1520, 1530, 1540, 2110, 7620, 7621, 7632, 7640, and 7641.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mr. Nofi stated that we are constantly reviewing our Board policies to keep them up to date. Board policies can be found on the District website.

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

Upon the motion made by Diane Burke and seconded by Kathleen Hegggers, 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 11-19-12-A and Schedule 11-19-12- B.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**PERSONNEL**

Upon the motion made by Kathleen Hegggers and seconded by Scott Reh, 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 4-0

Mr. Nofi opened up the microphone for questions/comments. There were no comments. At this time the meeting will recess until the voting is completed.

**RECESS**

Upon the motion made by Scott Reh and seconded by Diane Burke, the following resolution was offered:

I move that the Board of Education recess this meeting at 7:42 PM in order to await the results of the Capital Projects Referendum Vote.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Meeting reconvened at 8:15 PM

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE RESULTS OF THE CAPTIAL PROJECTS REFERENDUM VOTE**

Upon the motion made by Diane Burke and seconded by Kathleen Hegggers, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the results of the Capital Projects Referendum Vote.

**Yes 305**  
**No 199**

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:17 PM a motion was made by Kathleen Heggens and seconded by Scott Reh that the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 9:35M

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted

Mary Berretta  
Assistant District Clerk

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