

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
March 18, 2013

Mr. Nofi called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. in the Rocky Point High School auditorium.

Present: Michael Nofi, President
 Diane Burke, Vice President
 John Lessler, Trustee
 Kathleen Hegggers, Trustee (arriving at 6:14 p.m.)
 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
 Patricia Jones, District Clerk

Absent: None

Executive Session

At 6:04 p.m. Diane Burke made a motion and John Lessler seconded to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing tenure recommendations, investigative updates and legal matters pertaining to specific personnel.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Nofi welcomed those in attendance to the meeting and invited Dr. Ring to begin with the Superintendent's Report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Ring indicated that he believed he speaks for the Board as well as himself in saying that Board meetings such as this are favorites as these are the meetings where students across all disciplines and co-curricular areas are recognized for their achievements.
- Dr. Ring reminded all that school would be in session for all staff and students on March 27, 2013 due to the days lost in conjunction with storms. Dr. Ring further reminded that March 28th has been designated as a Superintendent's Conference Day for administrators and instructional staff members only.

Mrs. Virginia Kelly-Gibbons, Principal, Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School

- On March 8th, PARP students were rewarded with ice cream supplied by the PTA. Mrs. Kelly-Gibbons thanked the PTA for this treat.
- Kindergarten registration was held from March 4th through March 15th.
- Parent-Teacher conferences were held on March 13th, 14th and 15th.
- The students will walk over to the middle school in order to attend a performance of the “Little Mermaid Jr.” on March 25th. Mrs. Kelly-Gibbons thanked Dr. O’Brien for the invitation.
- On March 16th the PTA hosted the second annual Spring Fling for second graders. The students sang and danced to a 1950s “Rock Around the Clock” themed party.
- During the month of April students will participate in a fundraiser for Stony Brook Hospital Children Center, “Change for Children.”
- During the month of April students will also participate in the Second Grade National Geography Challenge.
- Kindergarten Parent Orientation is scheduled for April 23rd.
- Mrs. Kelly-Gibbons presented students Lucy Clark and Leila Oliver with certificates in recognition of their winning posters. Christopher Hlatky was recognized for his design for the cover of the NEXT Step Plan.

Ms. Linda Towlen, Principal, Joseph A. Edgar School

- Parent-Teacher conferences were held on March 13th, March 14th and March 15th.
- The 5th Grade Student Council and 5th Grade Select High Notes Chorus sponsored the annual Senior Citizens St. Patrick’s Day Breakfast on March 12th.
- The “Dig It!” spring musical, under the direction of Mr. Craig Knapp, is scheduled for March 20th and March 21st at 7 p.m. and on the morning of March 22nd at 9:45 a.m. All 5th grade members of the Intermediate Chorus will perform. The “A Cast” will perform on Wednesday evening and the “B Cast” will perform on Thursday evening.
- March 21st has been designated as Dressed Down for Down Syndrome Day.
- Ms. Towlen, along with Ms. Kyriakakis, Mrs. Ross-Licata, Ms. Behringer and Mrs. Cooper, presented JAE “Dignity for All Students” poster design winners Taliah Fakhro, Michelle Ciullo, Abigail Gunning, Deanna Steinberg and Grace Parisi with recognition certificates.
- Legislator Sarah Anker presented student Ashlyne Xavier with a certificate of recognition in honor of her attainment of a perfect score in the very difficult Blue Division of the Word Masters Challenge.
- Student Kenneth Massa was presented with a certificate in recognition of his achievement as top fundraiser for Jump Rope for Heart. Kenneth raised \$1,360.00 for the American Heart Association. Overall, the event raised \$9,449.01.
- American Cancer Society Staff Partner, Dawn Tropeano, recognized Rocky Point Schools for its continuous support of the annual Relay for Life fundraising program. Ms. Prezzano thanked and commended Maria Amoscato and Michael Friscia, president of the Rocky Point Teachers’ Association, Patricia Scalone,

president of the School Related Professional Association and Caroljean D'Aquila, Booster Club member, for their continuous fundraising efforts and presented each with a commemorative plaque. Ms. Tropeano extended an invitation to all to join the Relay for Life scheduled this June.

Dr. Scott O'Brien, Principal, Rocky Point Middle School

- The sixth and seventh grade student government and Community Service Club members helped organize a school blood drive with New York Blood Services. The students volunteered assisting donors with the completion of paperwork and serving post-donation drinks and snacks. Fifty school and community members donated blood in this inaugural blood drive.
- Some sixth grade GATES students participated in a ten-week Open Space Stewardship Program through Brookhaven National Laboratory and completed a five-week engineering study.
- Parent Orientation for the incoming sixth grade students was held on March 7th. Parent packets with information addressed during the orientation are available for pick-up in the middle school guidance office. Current fifth graders will be visiting the middle school later this year for the student portion of the sixth grade orientations.
- This year's dramatic production will be "The Little Mermaid Jr." Performances are scheduled for March 22nd and March 23rd at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.
- Eighth grade students will have the opportunity to listen to Holocaust survivor, Mr. Werner Reich, on April 23rd. Mr. Reich will share his experiences as a Holocaust survivor while at Auschwitz. Dr. O'Brien thanked Mrs. Alemaghides for her efforts in bringing this guest speaker to the Rocky Point Middle School.
- Dr. O'Brien recognized students Nicholas Rooney, Matthew Goldhammer and Alex Elber for their creative posters. Each of the students was presented with a certificate.
- The "Radical Robotix" team placed second in their first-ever regional competition and was also named winners in the Long Island FIRST Lego League Championship. The team has qualified to spotlight their work on an international stage during the FIRST Lego League World Festival in St. Louis, Missouri this spring. The team will compete against eighty-nine teams from forty-seven countries. Dr. O'Brien proudly recognized team members Jade Pinkenburg, Kyle Markland, Travis Ferrie, Justin Monaghan, Hayden Bernardo, Jennifer Bradley, Alex Zahradka and Paul Leheste, together with Coach Moorman, teacher advisor Ms. Dorothy Burns, and parent volunteer Dr. Christopher Pinkenburg, for their accomplishments.

Mr. John DeBenedetto, Principal, Rocky Point High School

- Third quarter progress reports were posted to the portal on March 15th.
- The guidance department will host a College Information Night on March 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. College of New Jersey, Regional Admissions Liaison for Long Island, Brooklyn and Queens, Mr. John MacPherson, will be in attendance at this meeting.

- This year's musical, *Guys and Dolls*, was a huge success. Mr. DeBenedetto offered special thanks to Ms. Donovan, Ms. Schecher and the cast and crew for putting on a wonderful show.
- Students will have the opportunity to purchase customized Rocky Point class rings. Sophomore class representatives and Mr. Nentwich were instrumental in the design of the rings. A parent meeting was held on March 11th to discuss the process of purchasing class rings.
- The Golden Eagle Marching Band marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 17th. The students represented the Rocky Point High School with maturity, pride and excellence.
- The Rocky Point Friends of Music and the music department hosted the Rocky Point Idol Finals on March 15th. Mr. DeBenedetto offered his congratulations to all of the student performers.
- The guidance counselors have completed classroom visits and meetings with their students to help develop schedules for next year. In an effort to streamline the scheduling process, all schedules will be posted to the parent portal for review. Parents may contact their child's counselor if they have any questions or concerns with the tentative schedules.
- Mr. DeBenedetto awarded certificates of recognition to senior Kelli Grossman and freshman Alexa Titone for their posters. Mr. DeBenedetto thanked art teachers Mr. Armine and Mr. Meier for their contributions to the project.
- On behalf of Councilwoman Jane Bonner, Mr. DeBenedetto presented Sarah Whitworth and Rachel Dwyer with recognition awards for their efforts in the creation of Peace Week in response to the tragic events of Newtown, Connecticut.

Ms. Amy Schecher and Mrs. Sara Ruggiero, Music Chairpersons

- Ms. Schecher announced the intention to recognize and honor the students named Eastern Division All County Musicians and those selected to perform in the 2012-2013 Suffolk County Music Educators Association Ensembles, as well as the students who were selected to perform in the Long Island String Festival and the All County Percussion Ensemble. Each student was called to the stage to receive certificates in honor of their efforts: Noah Grossman, Alexander Samuilov, Allen Liu, Kyle Berkoski, William Gansle, Lisa LaFontaine, Fred Volz, Nicolas Amato, Daniel Infranco, Nicholas Albo, Maya Brennan, Breanna Garske, Brian Greenberg, Thomas Loomis, Nick Lovaglio, Casey Willianson, Julia Kutsch, Samantha Giacoia, Rosa Valente, Alexandra Salamone, Mary Noto, Morganne Nofi, Nicholas LoCastro, Brittany Iamele, Allyson Greenstein, Pooja Deshpande, Samantha Bonello, Julia Brandow, Brianna Lamoureux, Paul Leheste, Hayley Nofi, Joshua Vogel, Eduarda Costa, Daniela Grimard, Molly Infranco, Molly Lambert, Taylor Olszewski, Jennie Vosilla and Samuel Raleigh. Ms. Schecher thanked the students, their teachers and parents on their outstanding achievements.

Ms. Amy Agnesini, Director of Health, PE, Athletics and Intramurals

- Ms. Agnesini recognized the members of the JV Cheerleading team. The team earned the title of LICCA Long Island Champions under the direction of first-year

coach Jackie Nicolich. The student-athletes were called to the stage to accept certificates of recognition on behalf of Councilwoman Jane Bonner: Teresa Barrett, Nicole Berg, Jennifer Bysheim, Brittney Ferrari, Kristin Flatley, Courtney Flood, Gabby Garcia, Taylor Gill, Mollie Gray, Allyson Greenstein, Melanie Guido Treyana Kjeka, Ashley Kuzmech, Sydney LoNigro, Kelly Morgan, Miranda Navas, Morganne Nofi, Athena Papachristos, Emily Sandstrom, Claire Shapiro, Natalie Shapiro and Amelia Stoddard.

- Ms. Agnesini recognized the members of the Varsity Cheerleading squad, all winners of the 2013 UCA National Place, UCA Empire Regional Champions and LICCA Long Island Champions. As each student-athlete was called to the stage she was presented with a certificate of recognition: Shannon Bouker, Giordanna Campa, Melissa Carneiro, Caitlin Craig, Ashley Goldstein, Jordan Gonzalas, Becky Gordon, Claire Johannesen, Courtney Kelly, Jaclyn Lang, Emily Lonigro, Cianna Maffei, Megan McCarthy, Kaitlyn McDonald, Miranda Meola, Nikki Nociforo, Jenna Orlando, Danielle Ortolani, Amy Rausch, Brittany Reh, Dana Sanvitale, Korinne Utting, Ally Wojonowski. Ms. Agnesini also recognized and praised the coaches of the team, Anna Spallina and Lenee Passiglia.
- Ms. Agnesini recognized the members of the Varsity Wrestling team, this year's League VI Tournament Champions: Anthony Cirillo, C.J. Archer, Manny Romero, William Romero, Jack Gold, Joe Genova, Mike Sanchez, Kyle Gardner, Anthony DeVito, Frank Sciulla, Antonio Ortiz, Rob McCann, Shawn Harragan, Matt Amoscoto, Jeff Alvarez, Charlie Canepa, Zekie Yazak, Joe Zabbara, Sean Ferguson, Gene Lyashenko, T.J. Strazzari, Nick Accardi, Connor O'Gallagher, Joseph Russo, Brennan Strovink, Tommy Dutton, James Mattias and Matt Guerrisi. Ms. Agnesini also recognized Coach Darren Goldstein for his dedication to the sport of wrestling and Rocky Point alumnus, Stephen Hromada, who served as a volunteer coach this season.

Mr. Nofi thanked everyone for their reports. Mr. Nofi remarked that it was wonderful to see so many students achieve success across the board and excel in the arts, academics and sports. Mr. Nofi offered his congratulations to all and further commented that this excellence was a reflection of the educators, administration and community of Rocky Point Schools.

Mr. Nofi invited Dr. Ring to the podium in order to present the 2013-2014 budget overview.

Dr. Ring presented an extensive PowerPoint presentation of the 2013-2014 proposed budget. The presentation included budget goals, enrollment statistics, per-pupil expenditures, "tax cap" information (including tax cap calculation formulas), potential impact of a contingency budget, and an explanation of the Capital Reserve Fund Proposition. Dr. Ring announced that presentation would be available for review on the district's website on Tuesday morning.

Dr. Ring opened the floor to questions and/or comments. There were none.

Mr. Nofi thanked Dr. Ring for the presentation and also thanked those members of the community who attended the workshop presentations offered throughout the school year.

Mr. Nofi opened the floor to questions from meeting attendees.

- Mr. Michael Friscia, president of the Rocky Point Teachers' Association, reading from a prepared statement, referenced a letter dated March 14, 2013 sent by the Board of Education to teachers, support professionals and administrators. Mr. Friscia asked if each of the board members was aware of the contents of the letter as it was not signed name-specifically. Mr. Nofi, Mrs. Burke, Mr. Lesser and Mr. Reh confirmed their knowledge of the letter; Mrs. Hegggers stated she was not aware of the letter as she had been ill and did not open the e-mail containing the letter until after it was sent. Mr. Friscia commented that the letter contained inaccuracies and that the teacher association members wished to reply to its contents. Vice President Anthony Nobre presented a copy of the teachers' association response to each of the members of the board.
- Mrs. Intravaia stated that she believed her daughter's rights had been violated with respect to special education services her daughter had not been receiving. As a result, Mrs. Intravaia reported that her daughter experienced severe regression. Mrs. Intravaia spoke in detail about a lawsuit she filed on behalf of her daughter in Federal Court and her need to hire an attorney for this lawsuit. Mrs. Intravaia said she is currently being countersued by the school district and that the district is seeking punitive damages against her. Mr. Nofi responded that the district was obligated to seek counsel in order to defend itself against the lawsuit Mrs. Intravaia filed against the district. Mr. Nofi then clarified that the current lawsuit she was referencing was not filed by the school district but by the district's school attorney on his personal behalf as he was personally named in Mrs. Intravaia's lawsuit.
- Mrs. Loomis stated her opinion that the services mandated by IEPs of special education students are not being met and it was her belief that it was a civil rights issue for children with disabilities. Mrs. Loomis was concerned that not all parents have the resources to advocate for their children.
- Mr. Nofi replied that he supported parents standing up for their children. Mrs. Burke shared that she fully understands and appreciates parents advocating for their children.
- Mrs. Heely referenced animosity between faculty and administration and suggested respectful open communication was necessary in order to ensure the success of every child. Mr. Nofi stated that respectful and open communication is important and must come from both sides.
- Mrs. Andersson invited members of the board to join committees in order to become more involved and gain a better understanding of raising a child with disabilities. Mrs. Andersson offered her gratitude to Mrs. Moscatiello for instituting the roundtable meetings. Mrs. Andersson spoke in detail about the ICT and CTD educational models and asked the board members to consider a policy change.

- Mr. Frank Centrone identified himself as a special education teacher in the middle school and expressed his opinion that the field of education has gone from an industry to a business and that this change has adversely affected students.

There were no further questions or comments.

Mr. Nofi reminded everyone that there would be another opportunity for questions or comments at the end of the meeting.

MINUTES

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the following Board of Education Meeting be accepted as presented: **February 13, 2013.**

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

TREASURER’S REPORTS

Upon a motion made by Kathleen Heggers and 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 February 2013 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

EXTRA-CLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT TREASURER REPORT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Extra Classroom Activity Treasurer Report for the month of February 2013 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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 accepts the Financial Reports for the month of February 2013 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

BUDGET TRANSFER SUMMARY – FEBRUARY 2013

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the February 2013 Budget Transfer Summary Report.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT – FEBRUARY 2013

Upon a 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 the February 2013 Internal Claims Audit Report.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

LIMITED INCOME DISABILITY TAX EXEMPTION-2013 TAX YEAR

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh 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 the change to the Limited Income Disability Tax Exemption according to the attached amended income schedule.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

INACTIVE EXTRA-CLASSROOM CLUBS

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 approves the following attached list of inactive extra-classroom clubs and the funds of those clubs be transferred to the Student Council account.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

2011/2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT – PHASE 3 TOILET RECONSTRUCTION – BID REJECTION

Upon a 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 rejects the bid opened on February 27, 2013 for Toilet Reconstruction (Rocky Point High School) as per the attached bid sheet.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

2013-2014 BOCES COOPERATIVE BIDDING SERVICES PURCHASING CONTRACTS

Upon a 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 Rocky Point Board of Education approves the resolution to participate in the BOCES Cooperative Bidding Services Purchasing Contracts for the 2013-2014 fiscal year on an

“as needed” basis as per the attached Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program Resolution.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

APPLICATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM APPROVAL – COSMETOLOGY

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh 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 the application for Career and Technical Education Program – Cosmetology – and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute same on behalf of the Board of Education.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

ADOPTION OF THE REVISED AND UPDATED NEXT STEP FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

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 adopts the revised and updated Next STEP Five Year Strategic Plan as heretofore submitted.

Motion carried 4-1

Kathleen Hegggers dissented.

ROCKY POINT PTA DONATION – FJC LIBRARY BOOKS

Upon a 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 \$1,488.23 donation from the Rocky Point PTA.

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 \$1,488.23 as a result of the donation from the Rocky Point PTA.

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

GEORGE REH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Upon a 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 approves the establishment of the George Reh Memorial Scholarship as per the criteria defined on the attached and accepts the scholarship donations totaling \$8,554.00, as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Nofi thanked the donors for their generous donations and commented to Mr. Scott Reh that the scholarship was a wonderful way to remember and honor his father.

RESOLUTION TO PRESENT FOR PUBLIC VOTE ON MAY 21, 2013 THE CREATION OF A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND KNOWN AS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND 2013

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that a new Capital Reserve Fund is hereby authorized to be established in accordance with the provisions of Education Law Section 3651, to be designated “Capital Reserve Fund 2013” (the Fund) for the purpose of providing moneys for future capital improvements, including but not limited to: construction, reconstruction, alteration and improvements to District facilities and the sites thereof; and the acquisition of vehicles, and other equipment, furnishings, machinery, apparatus for the District; the probable term of said Fund will not exceed ten (10) years from the date of its establishment; the ultimate principal amount therein to total \$10,000,000, plus interest earnings thereon; with such principal amount to be provided from unassigned fund balances in the District’s General Fund in the current and future fiscal years, sufficient to fund said \$10,000,000 principal amount.

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 3-18-13-A and Schedule 3-18-13 B.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE ROCKY POINT TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION

Upon a 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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association for the purpose of granting sick bank days to a tenured teacher as set forth in Article XVII, Section 2 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association and hereby agrees to waive the application and approval process set forth within, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE BETWEEN THE ROCKY POINT BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TAMARA HICKS-LLEWELLYN

Upon a 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 enters into a Settlement Agreement and Release with Tamara Hicks-Llewellyn

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

APPOINTMENT OF PLANT FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of education of the Rocky Point UFSD approves the employment agreement between the Board of education and Christopher Malone, Plant Facilities Administrator, from March 20, 2013 through June 30, 2013 and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute same on behalf of the Board of Education.

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 congratulated Mr. Peter Costa upon his awarding of tenure as a reading teacher.

Mr. Nofi welcomed Mr. Christopher Malone in his capacity as Plant Facilities Administrator and introduced Mr. Malone to the audience.

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

- Michael Friscia asked Mr. Nofi if the Board of Education would post the response letter from the Rocky Point Teachers' Association to the Board of Education's letter of March 14, 2013. Mr. Nofi said he would consider Mr. Friscia's request.
- Mrs. Hegggers wished to explain her dissension vote on the resolution adopting the revision and updating of the Next STEP Plan. Mrs. Hegggers remarked she originally agreed Next STEP had great merit but that she is no longer in agreement with recent portions of the plan. Mrs. Hegggers stated it was her belief the administration should work more collaboratively with the teachers and that the teachers "need their classrooms back."

There were no further comments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:04 p.m. a motion was made by Diane Burke and seconded by Kathleen Hegggers for the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jones
District Clerk