

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 25, 2013

Mrs. Burke called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the auditorium of the Rocky Point High School.

Present: Diane Burke, Vice President
John Lessler, Trustee (arriving at 7:09 p.m.)
Scott Reh, Trustee
Susan Sullivan, 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: Michael Nofi, President

Executive Session

At 6:01 p.m. Scott Reh made a motion and Susan Sullivan seconded to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss confidential school security matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

Mrs. Burke welcomed those in attendance to the meeting and asked all to rise for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Burke invited Dr. Ring to begin the public session of the meeting with the Superintendent's Report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Ring invited Ms. Janene Gentile, Executive Director of the North Shore Youth Council, to the podium for the purpose of presenting students with Certificates of Recognition for their contributions to the NSYC Mentoring Program.

Ms. Gentile invited Gail Vagle and Legislator Anker to join her in the presentation of the awards.

The following students were acknowledged for their service: Nicholas Albo, Matthew Brewer, Sophia Cianciulli, Emma Costa, Jack Costa, Vanessa Costa, Alexis Duffy, Lily Ferguson, Ashley Firgurski, Gabriella Hansen, Meagan Haviland, Regan Hubner, Nick Mitchko, Meghan O'Connor, Megan O'Neil, Christopher O'Shea, Vinny Petrozza, Jade Pinkenburg, Janelle Puccio, Scott Puric, Joseph Roeckel, Alexandra Salamone, Matthew Santiago, Matt Setaro, Cole Sugrue, Toni Timmerman, Nicole Washington, Jennifer Wheeler, Joseph Wilson and Justin Zorcik.

Mr. John DeBenedetto, Principal, Rocky Point High School

- The first marking quarter ended on November 20th. Grades will be posted to the parent portal on November 27th.
- Juniors and seniors attended an assembly on distracted driving on November 19th.
- The Be a Nicer Neighbor (BANN) Club has begun fundraising to go towards the relief efforts following the typhoon disaster in the Philippines.
- The twelfth annual Veterans Day program was held on November 13th. The program featured the Suffolk County Police Bagpipe Band, the RPHS band, Tommy Sullivan of Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge, and the colors from the Rocky Point Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. DeBenedetto thanked Mr. Acritelli for designing the program and for arranging for a special guest speak, Mr. Murphy.
- The Pocket Theatre performed its fall production, *Harvey*. Mr. DeBenedetto congratulated the cast and crew for an amazing job. He thanked Mrs. Wade and Mrs. Ely for their dedication and devotion to the traditions of the Pocket Theatre.
- Mr. DeBenedetto invited high school band director, Ms. Amy Schecher, to the podium in order to honor and recognize the 11th and 12th grade All County Musicians. Ms. Schecher provided an overview of the selection process for this prestigious honor. The following students were acknowledged: Performing with the All County Mixed Choir: Eric Schell and Casey Williamson; Performing with the All County Orchestra: Kyle Blessing.
- Mr. DeBenedetto recognized the following students as AP Scholars earning a score of 3 or higher on three or more Advanced Placement exams and presented them with certificates: Megan Armstrong, Jokubas Balciunas, Olivia Elber, Michael Franks, Thomas Gohn, Taylor Heinz, Maria Kruzic, Erin McQuade, Tiana Rooney, Andrew Salamone, Eric Scholl and Darren Urcuilio.
- Mr. DeBenedetto recognized the following students as AP Scholars with Honor earning an average score of at least 3.25 on the Advanced Placement exams and presented them with certificates: Shannon Abernethy, Ashley Anthony, Kyle Blessing, Kevin Brown, Philip Buzzanca, Abigail Frosina, Anmol Ghavri, Elizabeth Healy, Kieran Maroney, Julianne Martin, Max Myslinski, Troy Richards and Alexis Scida.
- Mr. DeBenedetto presented certificates of recognition to Evan Komorowski and Connor Sick as AP Scholars of Distinction for receiving an average score of at

least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

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

- The Student Council, under the direction of Mr. Connelly, sponsored a fall dance that was held on November 8th from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. for sixth graders only and from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for seventh and eighth grade students.
- Author's Day is scheduled for December 5, 2013. Author, Tim Green, will provide staff and students with in-school presentations. Dr. O'Brien extended his gratitude to middle school librarian, Ms. O'Connell, and the PTA for their generous support of the MS Author's Day program.
- Students and staff have been collecting items of food as part of the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Dr. O'Brien thanked the guidance department for overseeing the project and helping to distribute boxes of food and turkeys to those in need in our community.
- Dr. O'Brien presented 8th grader, Kyle Markland, a member of the Middle School Radical Robotics Team, with a Certificate of Acknowledgement for Kyle's personal first-place win at the world-wide robotics competition, "Out of the Box" challenge. Kyle created a pet shark robot, the "Timmyton 5," and took first place in the vehicles category.

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

- The Veterans Assembly program was held on November 8th involving fifth grade students and veteran guests. Ms. Towlen thanked Mr. Yashowitz, Ms. Varriale and Mr. Knapp for their work and support of the students for this event. Ms. Towlen also thanked 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. Ms. Towlen also thanked the parent volunteers and the JAE staff members for providing the refreshments. Ms. Towlen invited Mr. Yashowitz to the podium for the purpose of presenting Emma Cook, Kayla MacKay and Elana Gold with awards of recognition for their hard work and dedication to make the Veterans Celebration so special.
- The fourth grade Baby Scarecrow project, in support of UNICEF, was a very successful event. The students raised \$1,400 for UNICEF. Ms. Towlen thanked the fourth grade teachers, students and parents for their support. Ms. Towlen expressed her gratitude to Mrs. Ross-Licata for her support and leadership in this worthwhile project.
- Parent-Teacher conferences were held today and will continue tomorrow afternoon and evening.
- On December 3rd, the New York Islanders Arena hostess, Dina, and the team mascot, Sparky, will visit JAE for a presentation on the importance of teamwork, character building and the benefits of a strong education.
- The winter concert is scheduled for December 9th at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Dr. Ring, on behalf of Mrs. Virginia Kelly-Gibbons, Principal, Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School

Due to a scheduling conflict (evening parent-teacher conferences at FJC) Dr. Ring announced that he would present Mrs. Kelly-Gibbons' Principal Report.

- Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring the annual book fair.
- Thank you to Mrs. Cheryl Fusco for organizing the UNICEF trick-or-treat donations. The students collected \$975.09. This amount will be matched through a special limited time only program. In total, the students of FJC were able to generate \$1950.18 for children in need around the world.
- On November 8th Commander Joe Cognitore and invited veterans of family and friends joined the students in the gym to speak about their service to our country. Thank you to Mrs. Iberger for coordinating the Veterans Day assembly and the second grade teachers for participating, providing stars, and writing to honor our service men and women. Ms. Kenwood began and ended the program by leading the students in a song honoring our veterans. Please look for their names by the banner filled with service stars in the lobby of FJC.
- On November 19th the second grade classes participated in a Native American Pow-Wow. Thank you to Ms. Kenwood, Mrs. Buonconsiglio, Mr. Gennari, Ms. Russell and Mr. Camarda for creating this interdisciplinary unit of study.
- Thank you to Mrs. Adamski for organizing the collection of food and sundries for the annual Food Drive; the Second Grade Service Squad for sorting and filling the baskets, and Mrs. Adamski and Dr. Herbert for delivering the Thanksgiving baskets.
- The Winter Concert is scheduled for December 4th in the high school auditorium. The second grade chorus will perform to this year's theme: Winter Penguin Fun.
- On December 19th the students will participate in the Winter Wonderland Sing-A-Long. Ms. Kenwood and Mr. Ventura are teaching the students their songs and Mrs. Buonconsiglio and her students are creating decorations for the festivities.
- The *Polar Express* tradition will continue at FJC. Students are invited to wear their pajamas as Dr. Herbert and Mrs. Gibbons once again read the classic story.

Dr. Ring reminded those in attendance that on tomorrow evening, Tuesday, November 26, 2013, Dr. John King, Commissioner of Education, would be holding a public forum at Eastport-South Manor Junior/Senior High School at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Ring encouraged all to attend the forum to hear from speakers selected from the thirty school districts within Senator Kenneth LaValle's senatorial district. Issues to be discussed will include the Common Core Standards, APPR, and New York State Assessments.

Mrs. Burke thanked everyone for their reports and invited meeting attendees to approach the microphone with questions and/or comments pertaining to agenda items.

- Referencing the upcoming community forum with State Education Commissioner John B. King at Eastport-South Manor High School, Mr. Shackelford asked if the district was sending a representative to speak on the district's behalf. Dr. Ring

provided Mr. Shackelford with the protocols established by Senator LaValle for the conduction of this forum.

- Mr. St. Pierre encouraged meeting attendees to attend the forum. Mr. St. Pierre thanked the Board of Education for the resolution to endorse the letters from Western Suffolk BOCES and the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association and asked if the district would submit a letter of its own. Dr. Ring responded that the resolution on the agenda, if adopted by the board, authorized President Nofi, on behalf of the board, to execute a letter to Commissioner King with copies to be forwarded to Governor Cuomo and members of the New York State Legislature. Dr. Ring encouraged everyone to attend the forum. Dr. Ring noted Governor Cuomo has begun to indicate the possibility for flexibility concerning the Common Core implementation and that school superintendents will continue the process to affect change.
- Mr. St. Pierre inquired about the protocols to be followed on testing days for those students who “opt out” of the exams. Dr. Ring advised that “opting out” was not a recognized option. Dr. Ring explained the district was waiting for specificity from SED on the protocols to be followed by those students refusing to take the exams and advised that Dr. DeLuca will clarify those protocols as soon as they are determined by SED. Mrs. Sullivan shared she was in attendance at a forum in Comsewogue wherein meeting attendees were provided with a copy of a sample refusal letter. Mrs. Sullivan indicated that she had not yet had the opportunity to share information she learned at the Comsewogue meeting with the other board trustees or district administration.

There were no other questions or comments.

MINUTES

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the following Board of Education meeting be accepted as presented: **Regular Meeting, October 28, 2013.**

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

TREASURER’S REPORTS

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 Treasurer’s Report for the month of October 2013 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

EXTRA-CLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT TREASURER REPORT

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

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

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Financial Reports for the month of October 2013 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

BUDGET TRANSFER SUMMARY – OCTOBER 2013

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 accepts the October 2013 Budget Transfer Summary.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT – OCTOBER 2013

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the October 2013 Internal Claims Audit Report.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

BID AWARD #14-14 ATHLETIC UNIFORMS

Upon a motion made by Susan Sullivan 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 awards Bid #14-14 Athletic Uniforms to the lowest responsible bidders as follows, as per the attached.

Port Jefferson Sports \$4,671.38

Mr. Reh asked if this was the only bid received by the district. Mr. Hilton clarified that this bid was for specific athletic uniform items that had not been included on a bid for uniforms approved by the board at a previous meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION SERVICES AGREEMENT 2013-2014 COMPLETE REHAB

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 authorizes the Rocky Point Union Fee School District to enter into a Service Agreement with Complete Rehab for assistive technology services for special education students for the 2013-2014 school year, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

SCO FAMILY OF SERVICES/WESTBROOK PREPARATORY SCHOOL – RESIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONAL AGREEMENT

Upon a motion made by John Lessler and seconded by Susan Sullivan, 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 contract with SCO Family of Services/Westbrook Preparatory School for special education students who will attend Westbrook Preparatory School in the 2013-2014 school year, under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or district policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

2012/2013 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – RPHS - SED NO.: 58-02-09-02-0-005-029 AND SED NO.: 58-02-09-02-0-005-028 PLUMBING - RECONSTRUCTION – ROCON PLUMBING – CHANGE ORDERS NOS. 1 AND 2

Upon a motion made by Susan Sullivan 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 2012/2013 Capital Improvement Program at Rocky Point High School and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said change orders.

Mr. Reh asked for confirmation that these change orders represented monies being returned to the district. Dr. Ring confirmed that the change orders did represent an allowance in the amount of \$4,000 to be returned to the district due to no unforeseen conditions arising during construction.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

SUPER STORM SANDY ASSESSMENT RELIEF ACT

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 opts into legislation (A8075/S5849) Super Storm Sandy Assessment Relief Act.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

DONATION FROM ROCKY POINT PTA – AUTHOR VISIT (JAE)

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the \$643.50 donation from the Rocky Point PTA for author Steve “The Dirtmeister” Tomecek’s program “Lift Off with Reading” at the Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School.

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 \$643.50 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:

A 2110 490 04 0000	\$643.50
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All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Burke extended her gratitude to the PTA for this donation.

DONATION OF SIGNS FROM ROCKY POINT ROTARY

Upon a motion made by Susan Sullivan 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 donation of five (5) “Drive Carefully – Protect Our Children” signs from the Rocky Point Rotary, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Burked thanked the Rocky Point Rotary for this donation.

TARGET DONATION TO DISTRICT

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 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 \$47.00 as a result of the donation from Target.

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

A 2110 500 01 0000 (FJC) \$47.00

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Burke thanked Target for the donation.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby moves the re-adoption (*Second Reading*) of Board of Education Policy Numbers: 3110, 3140, 3150, 3160, 3210, 3230, 3240, 3250, 3260, 5661, 5672, 5684, 6130, 6220, 6510, 7210, 7222, 7241, 7520, 7521, 7530, 7540 and 8280.

Discussion ensued. Following both Mr. Reh's and Mrs. Sullivan's requests for additional information and clarification concerning certain policies, Mrs. Sullivan stated she took issue specifically with the wording of the Wellness Policy. Dr. Ring responded he would review the policies in question and get back to Mrs. Sullivan with a clarification of the language.

There was no further discussion.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

ADOPTION OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL

Upon a motion made by Susan Sullivan 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 hereby adopts the Rocky Point Union Free School District Administrative Manual.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Sullivan and Mr. Reh engaged Dr. Ring in conversation concerning certain elements of the manual and requested additional information and clarification of said elements. Dr. Ring provided the information and clarification requested.

There was no further discussion.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

APPOINTMENT OF FEDERAL CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM HEARING OFFICIAL, FEDERAL CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM REVIEWING

OFFICIAL AND FEDERAL CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM VERIFICATION OFFICIAL

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Maureen Branagan be appointed to serve as the Federal Child Nutrition Program Hearing Official, the Federal Child Nutrition Program Reviewing Official and the Federal Child Nutrition Program Verification Official during the 2013-2014 school year.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

REPORTING OF WORK DAYS AND HOURS FOR ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the timekeeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body, as per the attached chart.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE NOVEMBER 5TH, 2013 AND NOVEMBER 8TH, 2013 LETTERS FROM WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES AND THE SUFFOLK COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District, endorse the November 5, 2013 and November 8, 2013 letters from Western Suffolk BOCES and the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association, respectively, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District authorizes the president of the Board of Education to execute, on behalf of the Board, a letter to State Education Department Commissioner John B. King, Jr., with copies thereof to be forwarded to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and members of the New York State Legislature, indicating the aforementioned support and urging action in accordance with the suggestions put forth in both letters.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

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 votes to arrange for appropriate services pursuant to the recommendations of Schedule 11-25-13-A and Schedule 11-25-13- B.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

PERSONNEL

Upon a motion made by John Lessler and seconded by Susan Sullivan, 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

Mrs. Burke opened the floor to questions and/or comments from meeting attendees.

- Mrs. McCauley, reading from a prepared statement, shared that she has a rare genetic skin disease known as Epidermolysis Bullosa or EB and provided meeting attendees with information concerning the disease. In honor of the annual National EB Awareness Week, Mrs. McCauley and her family donated two copies of a children's book that explains the disease and how to be friends with a child who may have the disease or a similar disability. Mrs. McCauley said it was her hope that children of the community will read the book and feel more comfortable around another child with any disability.

Mrs. Burke thanked Mrs. McCauley for her candor and the donation of the books to the district.

- Mrs. McCauley requested information concerning the ICARE and Credit Recovery programs including the start dates of the programs and the manner in which students are chosen to participate. Mrs. McCauley expressed her opinion that the programs should be carefully monitored in order to prevent any abuse of these programs. Following an at-length discussion wherein Dr. Ring responded to Mrs. McCauley's request for detailed information about the programs, Dr. DeLuca invited Mrs. McCauley to telephone her office in order to obtain specifics relating to the anticipated start dates of the programs or any other questions Mrs. McCauley may have.
- Mr. Reh shared that he will look into the programs as he has heard from other members of the community that the Credit Recovery program is being viewed as a "get out of jail free" card.
- Following Mrs. Sullivan's comment that it has been brought to her attention that some students have several study halls each day, Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. Reh and Dr. Ring participated in a discussion concerning the possibility of the addition of more elective courses being offered to students during the regular school day. Mrs. Burke advised that the scheduling data would be reviewed and analyzed. Mr.

Reh voiced his agreement with Mrs. Sullivan asserting that the addition of basic elective classes, i.e., technology and business department classes, is a viable option to students sitting in study halls. Dr. Ring advised that more than half of the existing AP classes presently offered had been added in the past three years and that a number of electives with additional sections were added in the last two years. Additionally, the business department has been expanded from one full-time teacher to two full-time teachers – a restoration of a reduction that took place in 2009. Both Dr. Ring and Mrs. Burke indicated that the board would look into the impact of additional elective classes.

- Mrs. Sullivan commented about the number of days teachers were out of the classroom in order to attend conferences and inquired as to the impact such absences have on students. Dr. Ring, referencing Mrs. Sullivan's concerns, advised that the implementation of the Common Core Standards and the ICT model required teachers to participate in on-going professional development and that during the 2013-2014 school year this is likely to be higher than in the previous year due to the need for professional development to support these programs.
- Mrs. Sullivan asked for an update on a request made by a meeting attendee at the October meeting for the district to provide after-school bus transportation to the North Shore Public Library for students wishing to avail themselves of an extra-help session being offered there. Dr. Ring responded that Mr. Hilton researched the matter and had already contacted the parent who presented the question. Dr. Ring advised it was determined that the district cannot provide a bus to the library under existing regulations as it is both outside of the boundaries of the school district and is not a qualified aftercare program.
- Mrs. Sullivan inquired as to the status of the matter of having a student liaison on the board. Mrs. Burke responded that the possible addition of a student liaison was a board matter to be considered and discussed by the board.

There were no further questions and or comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:30 p.m. Susan Sullivan made a motion and John Lessler seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss particular and confidential personnel matters related to select employees.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jones
District Clerk

Mr. Lessler left Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. in order to attend to personal business.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:51 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:55 p.m. a motion was made by Scott Reh and seconded by Susan Sullivan to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0

Respectfully submitted,

Michael F. Ring, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools