

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
March 23, 2015

Mrs. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the auditorium of the Rocky Point High School.

Present: Susan Sullivan, President
Scott Reh, Vice President
John Lessler, Trustee
Sean Callahan, Trustee
Melissa Brown, 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Ring announced that this evening's meeting was a Recognition Meeting wherein the academic, athletic and fine and performing arts accomplishments of our students would be acknowledged and celebrated throughout the evening.

Dr. Ring invited Mrs. Virginia Kelly-Gibbons to the podium to present her building report.

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

- Mrs. Kelly-Gibbons extended her congratulations to all the students being recognized this evening.
- Thank you to Mrs. Adamski for organizing the Valentine Stick Grams at FJC. A total of \$525.00 was collected for KIN, Kids In Need.
- Kindergarten registration was held from March 2nd to March 13th.
- On March 14th the PTA hosted the third annual Second Grade Spring Fling. Mrs. Kelly-Gibbons thanked the PTA for its hard work.
- Parent Teacher conferences were held on March 16th and March 17th.
- The Science Fair was held on March 16th and March 17th. Winners from each grade level will move on to the Brookhaven Science Fair. Mrs. Kelly-Gibbons thanked Mrs. Renna for her contributions to the program and those who joined her in judging the entries.
- Congratulations to Dr. Herbert and Mrs. Adamski for being chosen to present at the Mentoring Matters Conference sponsored by the Mentoring Partnership of Long Island.

- Second graders will participate in the Second Grade National Geography Challenge this April.
- Preparations are in the works for the evening Kindergarten Parent Orientation to be held on April 23rd.

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

- The Read-A-Thon to close the fourth grade project to raise donations for the Madagascar-Ankizy fund raised \$2,044. High fundraisers will be recognized later this evening. Special thanks to Mrs. Ross-Licata and Mrs. Craig along with all the fourth grade teachers, students and parents for a great job.
- Parent-Teacher conferences were held on March 16th and March 17th.
- The JAE 5th Grade Student Council and 5th Grade Select Chorus “High Notes” sponsored the annual JAE Senior Citizen St. Patrick’s Day Breakfast on March 14th. Members of the Student Council greeted and served breakfast to the senior citizen guests. The 5th Grade Select Chorus students performed many Irish and St. Patrick’s Day related songs. Mrs. Towlen thanked Mr. Yashowitz, Ms. Maggio, Ms. Varriale and Mr. Knapp and all of the teachers and parent volunteers for this great event.
- The JAE spring musical, “Joust,” under the direction of Mr. Knapp, will take place on Wednesday evening, March 25th and Thursday evening, March 26th at 7 p.m. The musical will be performed by all 5th grade members of the JAE Intermediate Chorus.
- During February and March two very successful fundraising events took place. Ms. Towlen invited Ms. Amoscato to join her at the podium to assist in recognizing the students involved. Ms. Towlen thanked Ms. Amoscato, Ms. Famighetti and Mr. Camarda for organizing and working on the event for the American Heart Association. Student Justin LaRosa raised \$800.00 and student Jared Massa was the high fundraiser with \$1,200 for Jump Rope for Heart. Both students joined Ms. Towlen and Ms. Amoscato at the podium to receive certificates of recognition for their efforts. A total of \$13,179.22 has been raised.
- Ms. Towlen invited Mrs. Ross-Licata and Mrs. Craig to the podium. Ms. Towlen thanked all of the fourth grade teachers and particularly, Mrs. Ross-Licata and Mrs. Craig, for their work in supporting the fourth graders with their reading. The read-a-thon raises funds for the Madagascar-Ankizy Fund, a fund started by Dr. Krause from Stony Brook University. The fund helps the health and educational needs of the people of Madagascar. The high fundraisers for this event were Vivian Door who raised \$110.00, Luke Condos who raised \$149.38 and Billy Subject who raised \$205.50. Overall, the project raised \$2,044. The students were invited to the podium to receive their certificates of recognition.
- Ms. Towlen invited Ms. Varriale to the podium to assist her in congratulating Giovanna Improta for her winning entry in New York State’s “Kids Safe Online” poster contest. The contest is sponsored by the New York State Technology Services Enterprise Information Security Office. Giovanna’s poster was selected from 1,202 entries received from 141 different schools. The poster will be posted on the New York State Keeping Safe Online webpage and it will help educate other students and adults about being safe online.

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

- Dr. O'Brien extended his congratulations to all those students being recognized this evening.
- Progress Reports have been posted to the parent portal.
- Spring sports will begin on March 30th.
- The Middle School Robotics teams competed in the Long Island Qualifying Tournament for the Long Island Championships at the end of January. Both teams qualified for the Championship held earlier this month at Longwood High School. The Radical Robotix team took home the first place trophy for Gracious Professionalism for the second straight year.
- Congratulations to the Rocky Point Robo Eagles: James Carmody, Lizzy Carrera, Thomas Haviland, Matt Koproski, Kayla MacKay, Tabitha McMillen, Jared Saylor, Nash Thixton, Breenan Vlacich, Alexander Zaslavsky, Robey Bolen and Thomas McDonald and congratulations to the Rocky Point Radical Robotix: Nicholas Accetta, James Alexander, Benjamin Bogart, Julius Condemi, Tristan Duenas, Jack Grossman, Eric Janus, Clayton MacKay, Cole Markland, Shane Monaghan, Samuel Moscoso, Ethan Nichols and Matthew Quinn.
- The Rocky Point Middle School Community Service Club members recently helped organize a school blood drive with New York Blood Services. During the event, students volunteered as "Little Doctors" assisting donors with filling out their paperwork and serving much-needed post-donation drinks and snacks. In the third annual blood drive, despite the snow that day, the MS received 31 donors. Dr. O'Brien thanked all who supported and contributed to the blood drive.
- The parent orientation for incoming 6th grade students was held on March 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Parent packets with information covered at this event are available for pick-up in the Middle School Guidance Office. Current 5th grade students will be visiting the Middle School later this school year for the student portion of the 6th grade orientation.
- On April 1st the RPMS will welcome back singer/songwriter Jared Campbell's "The Blue Project." The Blue Project is an interactive live concert that teaches students practical life lessons through song.
- The Middle School drama production this year will be *Peter Pan, Jr.* There will be two performances: Friday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The students will be performing a dress rehearsal for 6th graders and the students from FJC on Thursday, March 26th at 10:00 a.m.
- Dr. O'Brien reported that the middle school students performed outstandingly at the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair on Thursday, March 12th. Dr. O'Brien recognized the following students for their accomplishments: Honorable mention- Briana O'Conner, Grace Fade, Charlotte Courbois; 2nd place- Hunter Hess, Joshua Vogel, Amber Carangelo; and 1st place- Bryant Liu and Paul Leheste. Dr. O'Brien invited the students to join him at the podium to receive their certificates in honor of their accomplishments.

Mr. John DeBenedetto, Principal, Rocky Point High School

- Third quarter progress reports were posted to the parent portal on March 13th.

- Performances of this year's musical, *Carousel*, were held during the first week in March, including a special dress rehearsal for the senior citizens of our community. Mr. DeBenedetto thanked Ms. Donovan, Ms. Schecher and the cast and crew for presenting a wonderful show.
- The Golden Eagle Marching Band marched in the 65th annual Rocky Point St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15th.
- Members of the Interact Club extended their gratitude to students and staff for their support of the annual "Teens for Jeans" campaign. More than 150 pairs of jeans were collected for teens and their families living in homeless shelters.
- Mr. DeBenedetto invited students Pooja Deshpande, Mary Noto and Kyle Markland to join him at the podium in recognition of their achievements at the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair. Mr. DeBenedetto offered a special thank you to Mrs. Hunter for working with the students in order to prepare them for the competition.
- Mr. DeBenedetto recognized members of the first-place winning robotics team, Quantum Chaos, as he called each of the team members to the podium to receive certificates: Barbara Feng, Travis Ferrie, Nick Hackett, Ian Holland, Kyle Markland, Preston Nichols, Jade Pinkenburg, Nick Roalef, and Breanna Schneider. Mr. DeBenedetto also recognized the contributions of new team advisor, Ms. Jacqueline Hawson, co-advisor, Mr. Driscoll, and parent volunteer, Dr. Pinkenburg. The team captured first place during January's FTC Qualifying Competition. Team Quantum Chaos also competed on March 1st in a tournament held at NYS Polytechnic School of Engineering and placed fourth out of forty-two teams.
- Rocky Point High School volleyball player, Rachel Magnuson, has been selected as an Ambassador for the Side-Out Foundation, an organization established to unite volleyball players and coaches as they work toward the common goal of furthering breast cancer awareness, education and patient services. Noting that Rachel is one of only eighteen people in the country selected to receive this honor. Mr. DeBenedetto invited her to join him at the podium to receive a certificate in honor of her achievement.
- Mr. DeBenedetto invited Ms. Schecher and Mrs. Ruggiero to join him at the podium. Ms. Schecher announced the music department would be recognizing and honoring those students named Eastern Division All County Musicians and those selected to perform in the 2014-2015 Suffolk County Music Educators Association Ensembles, as well as those students who were selected to perform in the Long Island String Festival. Ms. Schecher noted 39 students from Rocky Point were chosen to participate in these very competitive and prestigious ensembles. Ms. Schecher invited the student musicians to come forward as their names were called to receive their certificates:

From Joseph A. Edgar School Performing with the Division I Chorus:

I – East Chorus Ella Botticelli, Brianna Coppolone, Alexandra Kelly,
 Brenna Kiernan, Ava Lulenski

Performing with the Division I Band:

I – East Band Max Jalajas, Julia Wheeler

Performing with the Division I Chorus:

I – East Chorus Brianna Bonello, Hannah Cabrera, Jillian Carley, Victoria Fischer, Kaleigh Wilgeroth

Performing with the Division I Orchestra:

I – East Orchestra: Benjamin Gansle, Lea Henke

From the Middle School Performing with the Division II Band:

II – East Band Kevin Best

Performing with the Division II Chorus:

I – East Chorus Julia Brandow, Joseph Concessi, Molly Infranco, Paul Leheste, Maria Roman, Jared Sayler

Performing with the Division II Orchestra:

I – East Orchestra Noah Grossman, Alexander Samuilov

From the High School Performing with the Division III Band:

I – East Band Samantha Giacoia, Michael Sirico

Performing with the Division III Chorus:

III – East Chorus Christian Cabrera, Pooja Deshpande, Nick LoCastro, Prima Mandolfo, Kathryn Sayler, Rosa Valente

Performing with the Division III Orchestra:

III – East Orchestra William Gansle, James Schell

Performing with the LISFA Orchestras:

Middle School: Noah Grossman, Alexander Samuilov

High School: William Gansle, Allen Liu

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

- Ms. Agnesini thanked the Board of Education and the district administration for the opportunity to recognize the athletic accomplishments of the student-athletes.
- Ms. Agnesini invited Devin Abernethy to the podium to receive a certificate in honor of her achievement as an All-County runner in the 300 meter dash. Devin was selected to the Intersectional Relay Team representing Suffolk at the NYS meet. Devin ran the second leg for the relay team and placed fourth, receiving a state medal.
- Ms. Agnesini invited independent swimmer, Christopher O’Shea, to join her at the podium. Chris was named the Suffolk County Champion for the 200 yard freestyle and placed first in the 100 yard back stroke. Chris placed fifth in the 100 yard backstroke at the New York State meet. Ms. Agnesini congratulated Chris for his achievements and recognized Mr. Dave Falcone for acting as Chris’ independent coach during each of his meets.
- Ms. Agnesini invited the members of the JV Cheerleading Squad to join her at the podium. The JV Cheerleaders, under the direction of first year coach and cheer alum, Shayla Mansfield, placed first in every one of their competitions and were named the

2015 LICCA JV Champions. Ms. Agnesini invited Coach Mansfield to join her in awarding the team members with certificates in honor of their achievement: Amanda Balbi, Camaryn Banfi, Ashley Bayard, Amanda Bivona, Kate Buchler, Madison Carbone, Carlie Cirillo, Marisa Domingues, Ashley Drews, Ashley Figorsky, Paige Fishon, Emilyann Flinter, Ally Greenstein, Brooke Hegggers, Bailey Klein, Calista MacArthur, Sydney McNamee, Ashley Mooring, Hailey Nofi, Liz Palasek, Gabby Pendergast, Ally Quaglio, Jenna Salzan, Alyssa Sussman, Alexa Tenerio, Kaitlyn Walsh, Emily Wojnowski, and Theresa Zecca.

- Ms. Agnesini invited the members of the Varsity Cheerleading Squad to join her at the podium together with Varsity Head Coach Anna Spallina and Varsity Assistant Coach and Rocky Point cheerleading alum, Amanda Lang, for the awarding of certificates in honor of their achievements as 2015 UCA Empire Regional Champions, 2015 LICCA Long Island Champions and National Cheerleading Place winners: Julia Buckley, Giordanna Campo, Kim Casey, Caitlin Craig, Samantha Ferrara, Brittany Ferrari, Kristen Flatley, Courtney Flood, Mollie Gray, Jordyn Gonzalez, Claire Johannesen, Jules Joy, Courtney Kelly, Emily LoNigro, Cianna Maffei, Megan McCarthy, Kelly Morgan, Nikki Nociforo, Morganne Nofi, Emily O'Connor, Athena Papachristos, Brittany Reh, Natalie Shapiro, Jeanine Spage, Gina Tolisan, Korinne Utting and Lauren Utting.
- Ms. Agnesini invited the members of the Varsity Wrestling Team to the podium for the awarding of certificates in honor of their achievements as League V Tournament Champions and League V Dual Meet Champions: Anthony Sciotto, Alyis Bugarin, Nick Pagnotta, Rob Pliska, Anthony Cirillo, Ryan Callahan, William Romero, Jack Gold, Joe Genova, CJ Archer, Bobby Casazza, Anthony Lucia, Mike Brewer, James Matias, Mike Laccasaglia, Antonio Ortiz, Thomas Dutton, Anthony DeVito, Dan Guerrisi, Dylan Zabbara, John Drews, Renz Conlin, Sal Aprile, Matt Capell, Jake Pohl, Angelo Mazzarone, Nick Rando and Leo Burke. Ms. Agnesini made special mention of the achievements of the following All League wrestlers: Individual League champions Nick Pagnotta, Jack Gold, CJ Archer and Tommy Dutton; second place finishers: Anthony Sciotto, Anthony Cirillo, James Matias and Anthony DeVito; third place finishers: Bobby Casazza and Manny Romero; fourth place finisher: Dylan Zabbara. Special mention was given to Tommy Dutton for achieving his goal of New York State Champion. Noting that great teams are developed by a great coaching staff, Ms. Agnesini applauded and congratulated JV Coach Ciolino, Rocky Point wrestling alum and Coach Volpe, and Volunteer Coach Matias for their efforts. Varsity Coach Darren Goldstein, once again receiving Coach of the Year honors, was recognized for his dedication to and passion for the sport and his contributions to his team and community.

Dr. Ring extended his congratulations to each and every student being recognized this evening.

Following a brief recess to allow students and their families to exit the auditorium, Dr. Ring invited Mrs. Jenny Andersson, chairperson, and Mrs. Donna McCauley, member, of the Next S.T.E.P. DAC subcommittee, to the podium to present a comprehensive overview of the Next S.T.E.P. program. Mrs. Andersson said it was the committee's goal that the trustees adopt the plan, as presented, at the April 22, 2015 board meeting.

Following the PowerPoint presentation, Mrs. Andersson advised that the presentation, in its entirety, would be available for viewing on the district's website.

Mrs. Andersson opened the floor to questions or comments.

- Dr. Pinkenburg suggested scientists from the Brookhaven National Laboratory be invited to the schools for the purpose of engaging students with presentations. Mrs. Renna responded that the district was looking into this possibility as well as having the students travel to the lab. In addition to scientists from BNL, Mrs. Renna indicated the district was also looking into inviting speakers/presenters from Stony Brook University as well as other colleges.
- Dr. Pinkenburg referenced the K-5 Sharp Program no longer being offered during the school year and only during the summer months.

There were no further questions or comments.

Dr. Ring welcomed Mr. Chris Malone, Director of Facilities, to the podium in order to present an updated overview of the Facilities Sub-Committee Capital Projects Program. Mr. Malone explained that the presentation would include the updates and additions following the original presentation at the January 12, 2015 meeting. Mr. John Grillo of JAG, the architectural firm involved in the renovations, and Mr. Larry Galante, one of the committee members, were also in attendance at the meeting to take any questions.

Both during and following the PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Malone entertained questions from meeting attendees and board trustees. Extensive discussion ensued pertaining to several specific areas of the presentation.

- Melissa Dunstatter, a food service worker at JAE, expressed concerns about the need to lengthen the time students have to eat lunch. Ms. Dunstatter suggested kitchen staff workers have the opportunity for input in the planned kitchen changes in each of the four school buildings.
- Mrs. Heggars shared that as a member of the Wellness Committee, the issue of increasing lunch times had been discussed, as well as the need for a third serving line.
- Mrs. Brown asked for more detailed information pertaining to the Building Management System. Both Mr. Malone and Mr. Galante addressed Mrs. Brown's concerns.
- Mrs. Sullivan inquired about the placement of outside bathroom facilities.
- Mr. Reh asked for additional information concerning the intricacies and placement of district-wide cameras.
- A meeting attendee inquired about the costs related to maintaining synthetic fields vs. natural turf.
- Another meeting attendee inquired about the possibility of qualifying for and securing energy efficient rebates or grants.
- Ms. Mary Carman voiced concerns about the ventilation system in the middle school cafeterias as she noticed evidence of condensation. Mr. Grillo responded that the systems had tested well but that he would certainly take another look at the situation.
- Referencing the funds expended in conjunction with the Special Capital Reserve Proposition Vote of November 2012, Mrs. Intravaia inquired as to the possibility of budgeting-out priority capital projects from those projects that could wait. Dr. Ring responded that Mrs. Intravaia made a good point and that the board trustees would review all of the recommended projects in order to prioritize those projects that needed to be done. Dr. Ring noted that the reimbursable percentage rate by the state for Priority

I items is 70.2% with the same being true for Priority II items if approved along with Priority I items.

- Mrs. Sullivan indicated that the board is not quite ready to go ahead with the Capital Projects endeavor and that the referendum would most likely not be on the ballot during the May 19, 2015 Annual School Budget Vote and Election.

Mrs. Sullivan thanked everyone for their presentations and comments. Mrs. Sullivan opened the floor to questions and/or comments from meeting attendees.

- Rocky Point High School junior, Robert Thomas, reading from a prepared statement, asked the trustees to review his request to not be charged with two unexcused absences during the spring recess while he is in attendance as a volunteer on an international service project sponsored by Global Leadership Adventures (GLA). Robert advised that he is a student currently in good standing for perfect attendance. Robert further explained that his trip was scheduled for spring recess when school was scheduled to be closed but because of the necessity to give back two snow days, he will be unable to be in class on April 9th and April 10th. Robert asked that the board grant him an excused absence for these days as he believes the trip should be considered an excused absence because of its goals and the educational values it represents.
- Mrs. Sullivan thanked Robert for his eloquence. Mrs. Sullivan responded that the board would discuss the situation and respond, however, Mrs. Sullivan indicated that this would not take place prior to the start date of the excursion. Mrs. Sullivan asked Robert if he could supply substantiating documentation and additional information from GLA, pamphlets, etc., to assist the trustees in their review of his request.
- Ms. Rivera spoke in support of Robert and the reasoning behind his request.
- Mrs. Intravaia stated that it appeared the online version of the school calendar had not been updated to reflect school being in session for students and staff both on April 9th and April 10th, 2015. Dr. Ring apologized for the oversight and advised the revised calendar would be posted immediately.

There were no further questions and/or comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed below are presented as part of the Consent Agenda which can be adopted by the Board of Education under a single motion followed by a second and then a formal vote. On the following page the Consent Agenda items are listed in their regular order within a group. Before an actual vote is taken, any Consent Agenda item may be removed by a Board member without a formal motion or second. If this occurs, the indicated resolution will be discussed during its regular order on the agenda and voted on individually.

II-VIII Consent Agenda Items

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the following agenda items as one item.

- II: Minutes** – Regular Meeting January 12, 2015; Special Meeting, March 10, 2015; Special Meeting, March 16, 2015
- III Budget Transfer Summary** – January and February 2015
- IV: Treasurer’s Reports** – December 2014; January 2015; February 2015
- V: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer’s Report** – December 2014; January 2015
- VI: Financial Reports** – December 2014; January 2015
- VII: Internal Claims Audit Report** – December 2014; January and February 2015
- VIII: Committees on Special Education Schedules 2-2-15-A and 2-2-15-B; 3-23-15-A and 3-23-15-B**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

IX RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PROPERTY TAX CAP FORM

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Sean Callahan, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Rocky Point Union Free School District Property Tax Cap Form, as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

X ADOPTION OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan 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 adopts the 2015-2016 school calendar as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XI SURPLUS ITEMS

Upon a motion made by John Lessler 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 for surplus the following attached list.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XII TARGET STORE FIELD TRIP GRANT

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh and seconded by Melissa Brown, 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 field trip grant from Target in the amount of \$700.00, as per the attached.

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 \$700.00 as a result of the field trip grant from Target's Field Trip Grant program.

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

A 2110 500 06 3160 \$700.00

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan extended her gratitude to Target for this donation.

XIII TARGET DONATIONS TO DISTRICT

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Sean Callahan, 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 donations 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 \$97.13 as a result of the donations from Target.

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

A 2110 500 02 0000 (JAE) \$57.81

A 2110 500 06 0000 (MS) \$39.32

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan extended her gratitude to Target for the donations.

XIV DONATION FROM GREAT AMERICAN OPPORTUNITIES

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan 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 Great American Opportunities in the amount of \$14.00, as per the attached.

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 \$14.00 as a result of the donation.

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

A 2110 500 02 0000 (JAE) \$14.00

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Great American Opportunities for the donation.

XV LIVE LIKE SUSIE SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Upon a motion made by John Lessler 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 and accepts various donations on behalf of the Live Like Susie Scholarship in the amount of \$516.00.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked the donors contributing to the Live Like Susie Scholarship for their generous donations.

XVI DOMINO’S SMART SLICE REWARDS DONATION

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh and seconded by Melissa Brown, 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 donations of a Cuisinart Griddler Grill & Panini Press from Domino’s as a result of their Smart Slice Rewards Program.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Domino’s for its donations.

XVII DONATION OF BABY GRAND PIANO

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Sean Callahan, 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 a Boardman & Gray baby grand piano from Mark and Judith Henning, Wading River residents, valued at approximately \$3,000.00

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan asked in which school the piano would be housed. Dr. Ring responded that the piano has been placed in the Joseph A. Edgar School.

Mrs. Sullivan extended her gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Henning for their generous donation.

XVIII COOL SCHOOL CAFÉ REWARDS PROGRAM DONATION

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan 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 attached list of items received as a result of the Cool School Café Rewards Program.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIX HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CHECK DONATION

Upon a motion made by John Lessler 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 check for \$200.00 from Hofstra University.

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 \$200.00 as a result of the check from Hofstra University.

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

A 2850 406 03 0000	\$200.00
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All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan extended her congratulations to students Kyle Markland and Randah El-Gendi for their respective essay contest entries.

XX LONG ISLAND DUCKS TICKET PURCHASE CONTRACT AND BOOSTER CLUB DONATION

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 an agreement with the Long Island Ducks Professional Baseball Club, LLC, for the purchase of 150 tickets for the

May 14, 2015 Ducks game at a cost of \$1,350.00 and that the Board of Education accepts the \$1,350.00 donation from the Rocky Point Athletic Booster Club to purchase said tickets.

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 \$1,350.00 as a result of the donation from the Rocky Point Athletic Booster Club.

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

A 2110 400 04 0000 \$1,350.00

Mrs. Sullivan announced that the above agenda item was being stricken from the agenda at the request of the donor.

XXI RIVERHEAD CSD SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACT 2014-2015

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Sean Callahan, 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 Riverhead Central School District for non-public or parochial school special education students services for the 2014-2015 school year as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or district policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXII TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY SERVICES (TAS) CONTRACT

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the School Business Official to enter into an agreement with Transportation Advisory Services for District Transportation Bid/RFP Process Management services at a cost of \$16,850, in accordance with the attached proposal.

Prior to making a motion for agenda item XXII, Transportation Advisory Services (TAS) Contract, Mr. Callahan requested additional information and further explanation of the proposal submitted. Dr. Ring responded the district's purchasing agent requested the submission of proposals for providing assistance in the bid/RFP process for possible future transportation contracts and deemed TAS to be the most suitable responder. Dr. Ring noted that the current contract with First Student provides for two additional option years at an increase in rate of 1.5% for each of the two years and that the administration has been very satisfied with the service provided by First Student. Dr. Ring went on to state that although administration would be pleased to exercise the option with First Student, requests by members of the Board of Education to review the option of soliciting competitive bids or RFPs is the reason for this resolution being brought before the Board of Education. Following further discussion, Mr. Callahan recommended the agenda item be tabled.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education tables agenda item XXII, Transportation Advisory Services (TAS) Contract.

All in favor - Motion carried 5-0

XXIII CONTRACT FOR RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT – OUR LADY OF PEACE ACADEMY AT MONTFORT THERAPEUTIC RESIDENCE

Upon a motion made by John Lessler 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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with Our Lady of Peace Academy at Montfort Therapeutic Residence for educational services for a student, as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or district policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXIV SEQRA RESOLUTION – 2015/2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education, acting as lead agency, approves the attached SEQRA Negative Declaration for the unlisted actions/projects and the Type II designations for the remaining project, as per the attached.

Prior to making a motion for agenda item XXIV, SEQRA Resolution – 2015/2016 Capital Improvement Program, Mr. Reh advised that he was of the opinion that due to the legal time frame requirements for public notification of the particulars of the Capital Improvement Program voting referendum, the trustees required more time to review and assess the proposals contained in the SEQRA resolution. Following further discussion, Mr. Reh recommended the agenda item be tabled.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education tables agenda item XXIV, SEQRA Resolution – 2015/2016 Capital Improvement Program.

All in favor - Motion carried 5-0

XXV BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Sean Callahan, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election in the Rocky Point School District, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 2017 of the Education Law, a Public Hearing for the purpose of discussion of the expenditure of funds and the budgeting thereof be held at 7:00 PM on May 5, 2015 at the Rocky Point High School, Rocky Point, New York and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that Legal Notice of the Public Hearing, as required by law, be published in the *LONG ISLAND BUSINESS NEWS*, on April 3, April 17, April 24, and May 8, and in *THE VILLAGE BEACON RECORD* on April 2, April 16, April 23, and May 7 and further

BE IT RESOLVED, the Legal Notice of the Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election, as required by law, be published in the *LONG ISLAND BUSINESS NEWS* on April 2, April 16, April 25, and May 2 and in *THE VILLAGE BEACON RECORD* on April 3, April 17, April 23, and May 7 and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following school is hereby designated as polling place:

Polling and Registration Place: Rocky Point High School Gymnasium

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, in addition to the legal publication in four editions of each of the two above-mentioned newspapers, will send a notice with all information relative to the date and time of election to all residents and taxpayers within the District, and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the residents of the Rocky Point School District may register to vote for School District Elections at the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on any day that the office is open, and in the evening on May 12, 2015 until 9:00 PM. However, such registration will not take place less than five (5) days preceding any School District Election, and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the District Clerk be authorized to assign the necessary personnel to function as Election Inspectors, and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the final tally of votes shall be held at the Rocky Point High School, 82 Rocky Point-Yaphank Road, Rocky Point, New York at 9:00 PM on the evening of the election as soon thereafter as the election inspectors can supply the necessary information.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XXVI APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON; BOARD OF REGISTRATION;
CHIEF INSPECTOR; POLL CLERKS; TELLERS; SUBSTITUTE
TELLERS AND SUBSTITUTE POLL CLERKS FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL**

**BUDGET VOTE/ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 19, 2015 AND
APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR SPECIAL
VOTER REGISTRATION TO BE HELD ON MAY 12, 2015**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoints the Chairperson; Board of Registration; Chief Inspector; Poll Clerks; Tellers and Substitute Poll Clerks and Tellers at an hourly rate of \$10.00, as per the attached list.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXVII RFP AWARD #R15-02 –LEGAL SERVICES

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the law firm of Kevin A. Seaman be appointed to serve as General and Labor Counsel for the period of 7/1/15 – 6/30/16 at a yearly retainer fee of \$25,000 and a per hour fee of \$195.00 for litigation services, in accordance with the scope of services submitted in response to the District's Request for Proposal #R15-02.

Motion carried 4-1; Mr. Lessler dissented

**XXVIII MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ROCKY POINT
TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
THE ROCKY POINT UFSD**

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh and seconded by Melissa Brown, 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 Rocky Point Teachers' Association and the Board of Education for the purpose of amending Article XI, Section 3, Observations/Evaluations.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XXIX APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE
SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ROCKY POINT TEACHERS'
ASSOCIATION**

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh and seconded by Melissa Brown, 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 Board of Education and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association for the

purpose of a one-time exception allowing use of a personal day contingent to a holiday, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXX MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ROCKY POINT SCHOOL-RELATED PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION AND THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Sean Callahan, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2020 between the Rocky Point School-Related Professional Association and the Rocky Point Union Free School District.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXXI AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SIGN THE APPR EXPEDITED MATERIAL CHANGE FORM ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 20, 2015

Upon a motion made by John Lessler 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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Plan Expedited Material Change Form solely to eliminate unnecessary student assessments, effective February 20, 2015.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXXII RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO FIELD TESTING

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

WHEREAS the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District has heretofore voiced its opposition to mandatory field testing of standardized assessments and;

WHEREAS the New York State Education department has selected various schools of the Rocky Point Union Free School District for field testing of standardized assessments during the 2014-2015 school year and;

WHEREAS the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District as the elected governing body of the school district continues in its belief that field testing of

standardized assessments is not in the best interest of its students or instructional program; Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rocky Point Union Free School District respectfully declines to participate in any and all field testing of standardized assessments during the 2014-2015 school year and directs the Superintendent of Schools to take all necessary steps to effectuate this resolution and provide notification of same to the state Education department.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXXIII ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE MECHANIC II RATE OF PAY

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Sean Callahan, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education establishes a rate of pay schedule for the 2014-2015 fiscal year to include the following:

Maintenance Mechanic II \$17.00 per hour

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan requested a motion be made and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:59 p.m. Mr. Callahan made a motion and Mrs. Brown seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential personnel matters pertaining to select employees and confidential matters pertaining to a specific student.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 11:10 p.m.

XXXIV PERSONNEL - SCHEDULES A-F

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan 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 attached Personnel changes, as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXXV PERSONNEL – SCHEDULE G – TENURE

Upon a motion made by John Lessler 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 line items below as follows: (District Clerk to Call the Roll)

Line Item #1 (Tenure - Terence Reilly, CSE/CPSE Administrator, effective 7/1/15)

Mrs. Sullivan	Yea__x__	Nay_____
Mr. Reh	Yea__x__	Nay_____
Mrs. Brown	Yea__x__	Nay_____
Mr. Callahan	Yea__x__	Nay_____
Mr. Lessler	Yea__x__	Nay_____

All in Favor - Motion carried 5-0

Line Item #2 (Tenure - Beth Apostoli, CSE/CPSE Administrator (effective 7/1/15)

Mrs. Sullivan	Yea__x__	Nay_____
Mr. Reh	Yea__x__	Nay_____
Mrs. Brown	Yea_____	Nay__x__
Mr. Callahan	Yea_____	Nay__x__
Mr. Lessler	Yea__x__	Nay_____

Motion carried 3-2

Line Item #3 (Tenure - Michael Yannucci, Coordinator, effective 7/23/15)

Mrs. Sullivan	Yea__x__	Nay_____
Mr. Reh	Yea__x__	Nay_____
Mrs. Brown	Yea__x__	Nay_____
Mr. Callahan	Yea_____	Nay__x__
Mr. Lessler	Yea__x__	Nay_____

Motion carried 4-1

Line Item #4 (Tenure - Michael Gabriel, Assistant Principal, effective 7/1/15)

Mrs. Sullivan	Yea__x__	Nay_____
Mr. Reh	Yea__x__	Nay_____
Mrs. Brown	Yea__x__	Nay_____
Mr. Callahan	Yea__x__	Nay_____
Mr. Lessler	Yea__x__	Nay_____

All in favor - Motion carried 5-0

Line Item #5 (Tenure - John DeBenedetto, Principal, effective 7/1/15)

Mrs. Sullivan	Yea_____	Nay__x__
Mr. Reh	Yea_____	Nay__x__
Mrs. Brown	Yea_____	Nay__x__
Mr. Callahan	Yea_____	Nay__x__
Mr. Lessler	Yea_____	Nay__x__

All opposed - Motion defeated 0-5

Line Item #6 (Tenure - Linda Towlen, Principal, effective 7/1/15)

Mrs. Sullivan	Yea__x__	Nay_____
Mr. Reh	Yea__x__	Nay_____
Mrs. Brown	Yea__x__	Nay_____
Mr. Callahan	Yea__x__	Nay_____
Mr. Lessler	Yea__x__	Nay_____

All in favor - Motion carried 5-0

XXXVI NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Sullivan inquired of the board trustees if there was any new business they wished to discuss.

- Dr. Ring advised that a minor asbestos abatement would take place pertaining to the floor tile area of one classroom located in the high school during the upcoming spring recess.
- Following a brief discussion among the trustees regarding the ongoing matter of the status of the LEEDS tax exemption, Mrs. Brown requested a motion be made to rescind the approval of the granting of the LEEDS tax exemption that was approved at the December 15, 2014 meeting citing the ambiguity of the funding of same. Mr. Lessler recommended that the board delay taking any action concerning the matter until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Dr. Ring advised that Mr. Dan Andersen, school district resident, who had previously advocated for the exemption, had been present in the audience this evening for the purpose of addressing the Board of Education in the event the matter was to be brought forward. However, due to the length of the meeting, it appeared that Mr. Andersen left the meeting during the executive session. Therefore, Dr. Ring recommended postponing action until the April meeting of the Board of Education in order for the planned action to be noticed to the public.

Mrs. Sullivan approved Mrs. Brown's request to introduce the motion.

MOTION TO RESCIND PREVIOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE TAX EXEMPTION FOR GREEN BUILDING

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education rescinds the previous affirmative vote recorded at the December 14, 2014 Board of Education meeting adopting the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education for the Rocky Point School District hereby adopts a resolution authorizing the Assessor for the Town of Brookhaven to grant a real property tax exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 470 known as the Green Building Exemption for improvements constructed on or after January 1, 2013. For the Rocky Point School District exemption the improvements must be made on or after December 16, 2014. The exemption shall be granted against the increase in assessment caused by the construction of LEED certified improvements. The exemption shall be granted according to Schedule A, attached, and the improvements constructed must be LEED certified as described in the statute.

Motion carried 4-1; Mr. Reh dissented

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

There were no further questions or comments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:20 p.m. a motion was made by Sean Callahan and seconded by John Lessler to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jones
District Clerk