

**MINUTES**  
**ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**October 24, 2016**

Mrs. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the auditorium of Rocky Point High School.

Present: Susan Sullivan, President  
Scott Reh, Vice President  
Melissa Brown, Trustee  
Sean Callahan, Trustee  
Edward Casswell Trustee  
Michael F. Ring, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Gregory Hilton, School Business Official  
Susan Wilson, Executive Director for Educational Services  
Patricia Jones, District Clerk

Absent: Deborah De Luca, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Sullivan invited Dr. Ring to begin with the Superintendent's Report.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Noting there were several presentations to get to this evening, Dr. Ring invited Mrs. Crossan to the podium to begin with the principals' reports.

**MRS. SUSANN CROSSAN, PRINCIPAL, ROCKY POINT HIGH SCHOOL**

- Seniors in government classes attended in-school workshops in an effort to better understand the bipartisan stance of the two House of Representatives candidates running for election in November. Republican candidate Lee Zeldin and Democrat candidate Anna Throne-Holst met with students in a Town Hall format to provide the students with an overview of their respective political platforms. Students were then able to ask the candidates questions. Mrs. Crossan thanked Mr. Bonomi for organizing this event.
- The annual "Dig Pink" event was held on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Both the JV and Varsity Volleyball teams, together with the Leaders Club, hosted the event. Approximately \$5,000.00 was raised for the Side-Out Foundation. Mrs. Crossan extended her gratitude to Mrs. Calamita, Mr. Sussillo, Ms. Coello-Zichitella and the many student-athletes and parents for the tremendous job they did in organizing the event.
- The Rocky Point High School Marching Band performed at the *Newsday Marching Band Festival* on October 20<sup>th</sup>. This year's performance was entitled "Eagles at the Movies" and featured music from James Bond, Superman, and

Transformers. Drum majors Brittany Iamele, Sean McDonald and James Schell led the band.

- Mrs. Crossan reported that Alexa Titone, a 2016 Rocky Point High School graduate, achieved a score of five, the highest score possible, on the AP Studio Art AP exam. In addition to this accomplishment, Miss Titone was one of only twenty-six students in the world to earn every point possible on the AP Studio Art - Drawing Portfolio Assessment. Mrs. Crossan expressed her pride in Miss Titone's accomplishments and offered her congratulations to AP Studio Art teacher, Mr. Seth Meier for his contributions to Miss Titone's success.
- The SADD club will host Red Ribbon Week beginning on October 31<sup>st</sup> and will culminate on November 4<sup>th</sup> with the "Battle of the Classes" hosted by members of the "Be a Nicer Neighbor Club."
- Ten students will participate in a program called "Compassion without Borders" to be held at Eastport-South Manor High School. This event promotes leadership, compassion and diversity. The students will hear from keynote speaker Mr. Ted Wiese and will participate in breakout sessions with students from across Long Island.
- Financial Aid Night is scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> in the high school auditorium at 7 p.m. for students and parents who are interested in learning more about the college application process.
- The Pocket Theatre will present "A Bad Year for Tomatoes" on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Members of the Interact Club will host their annual blood drive on November 21<sup>st</sup> from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- The first marking period ends on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will be posted on the parent portal on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Crossan encouraged parents and guardians to contact their child's teacher if they have any concerns about his/her progress.

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

- During the month of October students and staff have been collecting items of food and supplies as part of a food drive to support those in need in our community. Dr. O'Brien thanked the students and staff for supporting their continued support of this project.
- On Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, the third annual PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) kick-off assembly will take place. This event showcases school PRIDE and the approach of recognizing and rewarding positive student behaviors. This year the event will culminate in a Push-Up Challenge that will support Team RWB (Red-White-Blue), a veteran-based organization. Dr. O'Brien extended his gratitude to the entire PBIS team for its efforts.
- The National Junior Honor Society will have its induction ceremony for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Dr. O'Brien congratulated all 8<sup>th</sup> grade National Junior Honor Society inductees.

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

- Family Folk Dancing is scheduled for Wednesday evening, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Towlen thanked Mr. Knapp for his contributions to this event.
- The PTA Book Fair was held last week. Ms. Towlen offered her gratitude to the PTA, Ms. DiGiovanni, and all of the parent volunteers.
- Picture Days are scheduled for this week.
- Students in Mrs. Alberti's class have been very busy working with *Newsday* in order to create the "Kidsday" section of *Newsday* to be published in February of 2017. Select students traveled to New York City and spent time at Rockefeller Center ice skating and interviewing members of the band, "The Kongos." Ms. Towlen extended special thanks to Mrs. Alberti for facilitating this opportunity for her class.
- Ms. Towlen reported that JAE students are enjoying the extensive display and series of games and activities the physical education staff created during the month of October. Ms. Towlen thanked Ms. Amoscato, Ms. Famighetti and Mr. Camarda for their efforts with this extensive project.
- Fourth graders will create baby scarecrows to be on display in the fourth grade hallways in support of the "Kids in Need" program. All students may vote for their favorites by dropping spare change into the box in front of each of their selected scarecrows. Ms. Towlen thanked all of the fourth grade teachers, students and parents for making this such a great event.
- The Annual Book Character Dress-Up Day is scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup>. Students are invited to attend school dressed as their favorite book or historical character.
- The annual Veterans Day celebration is scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> in the old gym.

**MRS. VIVIEN LEARY, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, ON BEHALF OF DR. VIRGINIA KELLY-GIBBONS, PRINCIPAL, FRANK J. CARASITI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- Character Education officially began this month with two school-wide assemblies. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Adamski and Mrs. Leary presented the six pillars of character and read aloud *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* written by Carol McCloud.
- On behalf OF Dr. Kelly-Gibbons, Mrs. Leary thanked the PTA for its assistance during picture days as students went to the gymnasium for their 2016-2017 school pictures.
- Mrs. Leary reported that the FJC Book Fair was a great success and thanked Mrs. Tripp, members of the support staff and the parent volunteers for organizing and helping with this event.
- Members of the Rocky Point/Sound Beach Fire Department visited kindergarten students. The students were able to take a tour of a fire truck and were introduced to the Stop, Drop and Roll fire safety procedures.
- First graders visited the FJC Pumpkin Patch and were able to pick a pumpkin of their choosing. Classes followed up with pumpkin math, observations, and writings.
- The Annual Storybook/Harvest Parade is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>. Students can choose to dress as farmers, scarecrows, or other harvest-themed inspirations or

students may dress in different storybook character costumes and carry the book from which their character originated as they march in the parade. Members of the RPHS band will provide the music as the students march around the track.

- FJC second grade students will attend a Veterans Day assembly on November 14<sup>th</sup>. On behalf of Dr. Kelly-Gibbons, Mrs. Leary thanked Mrs. Iberger for organizing this annual event and for her commitment to helping students honor our veterans.

Following her deliverance of the building report, Mrs. Leary invited retiring senior clerk-typist, Ms. Peggy Staudermann, to the podium.

Mrs. Leary noted that during Ms. Staudermann's twenty years with the district, Ms. Staudermann touched the lives of both children and adults in a very special way. Mrs. Leary said it has been her honor and pleasure to have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Staudermann. Mrs. Leary also shared that Ms. Staudermann has consistently helped children to feel safe and loved as she is always warm and helpful in assisting the students. Mrs. Leary took a few moments to read aloud comments that were emailed to her at her request from Ms. Staudermann's colleagues. Mrs. Leary said that Ms. Staudermann is appreciated and loved by all. In closing, Mrs. Leary said "we send you off with our best wishes."

Dr. Ring announced that October 24<sup>th</sup> through October 28<sup>th</sup> is School Board Recognition Week. Dr. Ring acknowledged the commitment our board trustees make to our students and our community. Noting that our trustees serve as volunteers, Dr. Ring highlighted the many different areas the trustees are asked to be experts in. Dr. Ring reminded all that the trustees commit their time and efforts every week and not just once a month as they work diligently and make hard decisions to benefit our students. Dr. Ring thanked the board trustees for their service and invited them to the podium in order for him to present each with a glass plaque as a token of the district's appreciation.

Dr. Ring invited Mrs. Wilson to the podium in order to begin the Smart Schools Presentation.

Mrs. Wilson introduced herself and acknowledged the members of the Technology Committee who worked diligently on this endeavor: Susann Crossan, Vivien Leary, Aaron Factor, Scott O'Brien, Jenessa Donovan, Laurie Varriale, Anthony Nobre, Melissa Brown, Chris Pinkenburg, Ryan Drosselmeier, and Kristina Kyriakakis. Mrs. Wilson also acknowledged CORE BTS account manager Christine Barrington and senior solutions architect Keith Johnston who were in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions concerning the presentation. Mrs. Wilson provided a thorough overview of the PowerPoint presentation as she touched upon the following areas:

- Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014
- Areas of Possible Investment
- Rocky Point Allocation of Monies
- What Are the Steps?

- Smart Schools IT Considerations
- Our Stakeholders
- Committee Recommendations
- Phase I – Wired Network Update and Installation of a Wireless Network
- Phase II – High-Tech Security
- Phase III – Classroom/Lab Equipment Upgrades
- Comment Period – 30-day comment period for community members to provide input on the district’s Smart Schools Bond Act Preliminary Plan and date of upcoming technology meetings.

Mrs. Wilson asked if there were any questions or comments from meeting attendees.

Mr. Reh inquired if the “door ajar” system was for perimeter doors only in all buildings and asked for the cost of the door ajar system. Mrs. Wilson confirmed that the system was for perimeter doors only in all buildings and Mr. Hilton advised that he did not have the exact figure with him but that he believed the cost of the door ajar system will be approximately \$350,000.00.

Mrs. Wilson thanked everyone for their time.

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

There were no questions or comments from meeting attendees.

## **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. The Consent Agenda items are listed below 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, September 26, 2016
- III Budget Transfer Summary** – September 2016
- IV: Treasurer’s Reports** – September 2016
- V: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer’s Report** – September 2016
- VI: Financials** – September 2016
- VII: Internal Claims Audit Report** – September 2016

**VIII: Committees on Special Education Schedules** 10-24-16-A and 10-24-16-B as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**IX 2015-2016 INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT ON EXTRA-CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Independent Auditors Report on Extra-Classroom Activity Funds with accompanying statements and schedules for the fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, which have been submitted by our external auditors, R.S. Abrams.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**X 2015-2016 INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT**

Upon a motion made by Edward Casswell 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 Independent Auditors Report with accompanying statements and schedules for the fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, which have been submitted by our external auditors, R.S. Abrams.

All in Favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XI 2015-2016 INDEPENDENT AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan 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 Independent Audit Corrective Action Plan responding to Current Year Comments from the District's external auditors, R.S. Abrams.

All in Favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XII SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

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 for surplus the following attached list of equipment.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XIII RFP #R17-03 AWARD – EXTERNAL AUDITING SERVICES**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the firm of R.S. Abrams be appointed External Auditor for the year ending June 30, 2017 at a cost of \$30,400.00 for external auditing services in accordance with the scope of services submitted in response to the district’s request for proposal.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XIV SHOREHAM-WADING RIVER CSD 2016-2017 CONTRACT**

Upon a motion made by Edward Casswell 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 the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District for special education students instructional services for the 2016-2017 school year as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or district policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XV FIRST STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR 2017-2018**

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan 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 extends the Regular Home to School, Field/Athletic Trips and Summer Transportation contracts with First Student for the 2017-2018 school year, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XVI SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2016-2017 CONTRACT**

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 enter into a contract with the Sachus Central School District for special education students instructional services for the 2016-2017 school year as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or district policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XVII CLEARY SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF 2016-2017 CONTRACT**

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Edward Casswell, 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 the Cleary School for the Deaf for special education students instructional services for the 2016-2017 school year as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or district policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XVIII RIVERHEAD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2016-2017 CONTRACT**

Upon a motion made by Edward Casswell 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 the Riverhead Central School District for nonpublic or parochial school special education students services for the 2016-2017 school year as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or district policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XIX REVIEW AND RE-ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES (FIRST READING)**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education reviews and re-adopts the following policies (*first reading*):

- 7220 Graduation Requirements/Early Graduation/Accelerated Programs
- 7222 Credential Options for Students with Disabilities
- 8450 Home Tutoring (Homebound Instruction)

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XX MOTION TO DESTROY BALLOTS CAST, SPOILED AND UNUSED AT THE MAY 17, 2016 ANNUAL DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION**



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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Education Law Section 2034, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District Clerk to destroy all of the ballots cast, spoiled and unused at the May 17, 2016 Annual District Budget Vote and Board of Education Election, no earlier than November 17, 2016.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

## **XXI                   STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education has considered the request for a contract between Rocky Point Schools and Ms. Dawn Solomon for her child, Samantha Solomon, grade 10, to attend the Rocky Point Union Free School District for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year beginning on October 25, 2016 and ending on June 23, 2017.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby denies this request.

All in favor - Motion carried 5-0

## **XXII                   INACTIVATION OF ASSISTANT DISTRICT CLERK APPOINTMENT**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education inactivates the appointment of Loretta Sanchez to the position of Assistant District Clerk effective from the end of business on October 31, 2016 through January 27, 2017.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

## **XXIII                  APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT DISTRICT CLERK**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoints Kelly White to the position of Assistant District Clerk beginning November 1, 2016 through January 27, 2017 at her current hourly rate for regular time and overtime, as required by the Board of Education, in substitution of Loretta Sanchez.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

## **XXIV                  APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT CLERK**

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 appoints Kelly White to the position of District Clerk beginning January 28, 2017 through June 30, 2017 at an annual stipend of \$14,500, pro-rated, in replacement of Patricia Jones.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XXV            APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH A  
CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEE**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the employment agreement between the Board of Education and Mrs. Dorothy Tis.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board authorizes the President of the Board of education to execute said employment agreement on behalf of the Board.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XXVI           PERSONNEL**

Upon a motion made by Edward Casswell 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 attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XXVII          NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Sullivan inquired of the trustees if there was any new business they wished to discuss. Mr. Callahan stated that he wished to propose the following:

The Board of Education is hereby requesting the Superintendent to provide the goals and personnel files of employees of the Rocky Point UFSD, names who have been made known to the Superintendent, in accordance with Part 84 of the regulations. Such files are to be produced in Executive Session of the Board of Education meeting on November 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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

The Board of Education is hereby requesting the Superintendent to provide the goals and personnel files of employees of the Rocky Point UFSD, names who have been made known to the Superintendent, in accordance with Part 84 of the regulations. Such files are to be produced in Executive Session of the Board of Education meeting on November 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

There was no other new business.

Mrs. Sullivan opened the floor to questions or comments.

- Referencing personnel matters, Ms. Jessica Ward inquired about the practice of utilizing “permanent” substitute teacher aides to fill vacancies instead of hiring permanent, full-time employees. Dr. Ring advised that “permanent” substitute teacher aides fill-in for permanent full-time employees to cover absences or other short-term vacancies.
- Ms. Marianne Barber explained her frustration when substitute employees she has specifically requested to cover her absences are not called in and instead a “permanent” substitute is called upon by AESOP to fill the assignment. Ms. Barber provided a detailed overview of the process utilized by AESOP in assigning substitutes due to an absence. Dr. Ring shared that he was not familiar with the mechanics of AESOP and called upon Mrs. Wilson to respond to Ms. Barber’s comments. Mrs. Wilson gave a detailed overview of the workings of AESOP and the practices followed. Mrs. Wilson stated that she would certainly look into the concerns reported by Ms. Ward and Ms. Barber and invited them to contact her directly to further discuss their concerns.
- Mr. Casswell asked Mrs. Wilson if she could provide the number of “permanent” or “preferred” substitute aides in each of the buildings and asked what the duties would be for the “permanent” or “preferred” teacher aides if on any given day there was not a need for a substitute.
- Referencing the utmost importance of confidentiality when working with students, Ms. Melanie Connelly offered her opinion that substitutes should not be privy to all aspects of any student’s circumstances and needs.
- Mrs. Sullivan responded that she completely understands the concerns expressed by Ms. Barber, Ms. Ward and Ms. Connelly and assured them that she will research the matter promptly.
- Ms. Ward continued the conversation as she addressed the definition of the term “anticipated substitutes.” Mrs. Wilson responded that the district does not specify subbing assignments as anticipatory wherein Ms. Anne Quartararo said the AESOP service does not reference “anticipated/anticipatory” aide at all, only permanent aide. Ms. Quartararo stated that the district has not had permanent teacher aide substitutes in the past. Ms. Quartararo further shared that it is wrong that these “permanent substitutes” are being carried on the district’s payroll without being members of the School-Related Professional Association.

- Mrs. Sullivan again expressed her appreciation and understanding of the circumstances being brought forth and reiterated her intention to look into the matter.
- Mrs. Anzaldi shared that her son has special needs and that he is in need of a teacher aide that is familiar with him and trained for his specific care, behavior and learning patterns.
- Ms. Mary Carman inquired about the number of students currently enrolled in the district and asked if teachers will remain in the classrooms once the computers associated with the instructional technology component discussed in the Smart Schools Public Hearing were implemented.
- Ms. Lisa McMillen shared information she learned during her attendance at a recent Saturday workshop held at the Rocky Point Middle School conducted by educational consultant, Diane Ripple. Ms. McMillen provided the district clerk with a copy of a November 2015 draft proposal for Board of Regents' consideration that referenced the annual review and reporting to the Board of Education the extent to which students with disabilities participate in inclusive settings. Ms. McMillen asked the trustees to comment upon their philosophy to increase the inclusive education of students with special needs. Dr. Ring responded that the district has always sought the least restrictive environment for all students. Dr. Ring further stated that it is the goal of the special education environment to bring students along the path to the least restrictive environment to meet their individual needs and that the district has experienced success with this goal over the last six years. Ms. McMillen concluded her comments by recommending that the district invite Diane Ripple to conduct a workshop presentation for the entire district.
- Ms. Jenny Andersson thanked those teacher aides who spoke earlier for providing the information they shared. Ms. Andersson offered her opinion that the new administration is more supportive than its predecessors of six or seven years ago. Citing her attendance at more than one-hundred CSE meetings, Ms. Andersson shared that she believes there is a current shift in the manner in which CSE meetings are facilitated and inquired if this might be due to changes in personnel or the philosophy of the district.

There were no other questions or comments.

Mrs. Sullivan thanked everyone for their comments.

Mrs. Sullivan congratulated Ms. Robyn Tsiokos, CSE/CPSE Administrator and Kelly White, District Clerk, upon their appointments to their new positions.

## **XXVIII      ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion made by Edward Casswell and seconded by Sean Callahan, the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jones  
District Clerk