MINUTES ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING September 18, 2023

Ms. Ward called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of Rocky Point High School.

Present: Jessica Ward, President

Michael Lisa, Vice President Susan Sullivan, Trustee Erin Walsh, Trustee

Scott O'Brien, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

Susann Crossan, Assistant Superintendent

Christopher Van Cott, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Aaron Factor, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Kelly White, District Clerk

Absent: Edward Casswell, Trustee

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6 p.m. a motion was made by Michael Lisa, and seconded by Susan Sullivan, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss confidential personnel and legal matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. O'Brien welcomed the meeting attendees and provided a back to school presentation. He reminded everyone of the video provided prior to the start of school, which highlighted all of the projects that were completed over the summer throughout the district. He also reviewed some events over the past two weeks:

- Kindergarten orientation, rode the bus for the first time and visited the brand new FJC playground
- 3rd grade scavenger hunt and played on the brand new JAE playground
- 6th grade BBQ and locker set-up
- 9th grade breakfast and orientation

Dr. O'Brien shared that the process of developing a Strategic Plan for our school community started in the Summer of 2022 and continued throughout all of last school year. He added that it is a living plan, which means that elements of the plan can be adjusted as we move through the next five years.

Dr. O'Brien commented on the new Rocky Point Mission Statement, which highlights the importance of fostering positive relationships and creating meaningful opportunities for students to achieve their full potential. He added that the Vision Statement speaks to a small town feel with large school opportunities. Dr. O'Brien listed the six values that were used to define our school community:

- Having a positive attitude where you feel proud;
- Creating an accepting environment where all feel welcomed;
- Bringing out the best in others and making a difference;
- Showing integrity;
- Working collaboratively to achieve common goals while listening to other opinions; and
- Showing perseverance and working through challenges to achieve our goals

Dr. O'Brien noted that the Project and Steering Teams consisted of school personnel, parents, and community members. These teams identified four focus areas based on the data from the community engagement activities that would become the basis for our five-year strategic plan:

- Community Engagement
- Wellness and Climate
- Academic Supports.
- Student-Centered Learning

He advised that the new nine period day provides the opportunity for expanded learning experiences including new, high-interest and student requested courses on the secondary level including new electives and AP/dual enrollment courses.

Some additional items noted:

- New STEAM electives and labs have been created at the elementary level as well as a new JAE technology lab
- Extended elementary lunch/recess and the addition of fourth grade band and orchestra has been added on the elementary level
- New security personnel have been hired throughout the district

Dr. O'Brien added that they have already begun meeting to review the current new courses and plan for additional new courses for next school year. He announced that parents and community members will be invited to participate in our new Strategic Plan Advisory Committees, adding that an email will be sent with information on how to express interest in participating on the advisory committee. Members of the advisory team will review our strategic plan and new proposals and provide input and feedback for our focus area team members.

In order to implement the 9-period day:

- New schedules were shared with our parents and school community and can be found in the school printed calendar as well as on the district website
- Bus routes and schedules were adjusted for the current school year. (Dr. O'Brien encouraged any parents with questions or concerns to reach out to the District through the transportation link)
- Traffic studies, transportation consultation and coordination with the Department of Public Works, the Suffolk County Police Department, staff and community took place
- (8) full time and (2) part-time additional security guards have been hired

Ms. Ward opened the floor to questions/comments regarding the agenda.

There were no questions/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.

III-IX CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

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

III: **Minutes** – Regular Meeting August 28, 2023

IV: Budget Transfer Summary – Year End, July and August 2023

V: Treasurer's Reports –July and August 2023

VI: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer's Report – June, July and August 2023

VII: Financials - June, July and August 2023

VIII: Internal Claims Audit Report – August 2023

IX: Committees on Special Education Schedules 9-18-23-A and 9-18-23-B as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

X PTA DONATION FOR FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

Upon a motion made by Susan Sullivan, and seconded by Erin Walsh, 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 \$300.00 from the Rocky Point PTA to be used to offset the cost of the freshman orientation breakfast.

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 \$300.00 as a result of the donations from the Rocky Point PTA;

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

A2110 500 03 0000 \$300.00

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Ms. Ward thanked the PTA for their generous donation and continued support.

XI SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Upon a motion made by Erin Walsh, and seconded by Michael Lisa, 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 lists of equipment.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XII TAX LEVY

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the tax levy of \$55,342,314 for the 2023-24 fiscal year to be approved.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XIII RE-ADOPTION OF THE 2021-2026 ROCKY POINT UFSD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mrs. Sullivan made a motion, and Michael Lisa seconded, to table the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education re-adopts the 2021-2026 Professional Development Plan.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XIV 2023-24 INSTRUCTIONAL AGREEMENT – HALF HOLLOW HILLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Upon a motion made by Erin Walsh, and seconded by Michael Lisa, 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 Half Hollow Hills Central School District –The Hills Academy, for special education students' instructional services for the 2023-2024 school year as required under applicable Individual Education Programs, applicable law and/or District Policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XV PERSONNEL

Upon a motion made by Michael Lisa, 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

Ms. Ward congratulated the following employees on their appointments:

- Mr. Jeffrey Niemczyk Groundskeeper II
- Ms. Paula Mule School Lunch Monitor
- Ms. Anna Rizoff School Lunch Monitor
- Ms. Rosa Sartorio School Lunch Monitor
- Ms. Janet Fitzgerald School Lunch Monitor
- Ms. Keri Dowd School Hall Monitor
- Ms. Meghan Puleo School Teacher Aide
- Ms. Suzanne Dentone School Teacher Aide
- Mr. Daniel Jenkins Guard
- Mr. John Eaton Guard
- Ms. Marybeth Hutchinson Office Assistant

XVI NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Ward inquired of the trustees if there was any new business they wished to discuss.

There was no new business at this time.

Ms. Ward once again opened the floor to questions/comments.

There were no questions/comments.

XVII ADJOURNMENT

At 7:21 p.m. a motion was made by Michael Lisa, and seconded by Susan Sullivan to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White District Clerk