

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
December 11, 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
Edward Casswell, Trustee
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 and Instruction
Kelly White, District Clerk

Absent:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:00 p.m. a motion was made by Susan Sullivan, and seconded by Erin Walsh, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss confidential personnel and legal matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. O'Brien wished the meeting attendees Happy Holidays. He thanked the Varsity Choir, led by Ms. Jessica Spitz, for providing Christmas carols at the beginning of the meeting. Dr. O'Brien invited 3rd grade student, Mason Toomey to join him at the podium. On November 28th, Mason was in the cafeteria at Joseph A. Edgar Elementary School when he began choking. School Lunch Monitor, Ms. Rosa Sartorio came to his aid and administered the Heimlich maneuver. Her successful efforts saved his life. Ms. Sartorio was presented with a certificate for her heroic actions. Dr. O'Brien expressed his appreciation and added that when she was thanked for performing life-saving measures, she selflessly stated "that's my job", exemplifying her great character.

Ms. Ward reminded the meeting attendees of the public comment procedures.

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 November 13, 2023
- IV: Budget Transfer Summary** – November 2023
- V: Treasurer’s Reports** – November 2023
- VI: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer’s Report** – November 2023
- VII: Financials** - November 2023
- VIII: Internal Claims Audit Report** – November 2023
- IX: Committees on Special Education Schedules** 12-11-23-A and 12-11-23-B as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

X DONATION OF TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT

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 approves and accepts the donation of technology equipment from Ms. Victoria Fabrizio, valued at approximately \$470.00.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XI GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1665 DONATION OF ITEMS FOR JAE

Upon a motion made by Erin Walsh, and seconded by Ed Casswell, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts from Girl Scout Troop 1665 an Outdoor Picnic Table and various Recess Materials, valued at approximately \$200.00 and \$225 respectively, totaling \$425.00.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Ward thanked Girl Scout Troop 1665 and Ms. Victoria Fabrizio for their donations.

XII SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, 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 approve for surplus the following attached lists of equipment.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIII BOARD OF EDUCATION REVIEW, REVISION AND RE-ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY NUMBERS 3420 AND 6121 (SECOND READING)

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 adopts the following revised policies (second reading):

- 3420 Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the District
- 6121 Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIV SALE OF 451 ACER CHROME BOOKS (AUCTION INT'L)

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 approves the sale of the following equipment to the highest bidder, through Auctions International, Inc.: Lot of 451 Acer Chromebooks, valued at \$9,100.00.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XV ROCKY POINT UFSD 403(B) RETIREMENT DOCUMENT
UPDATE**

Upon a motion made by Erin Walsh, and seconded by Ed Casswell, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Rocky Point UFSD ("District") maintains the Rocky Point UFSD 403(b) Retirement Plan ("Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Plan was duly adopted on the 1st day of January, 2009 by the District's Board of Education ("Board"); and

WHEREAS, the Rocky Point 403(b) Plan provides the terms and conditions for the administration of 403(b) and 457 retirement saving accounts;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend the Plan to include Roth 457 retirement accounts as an employee retirement contribution option under Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Roth 457 retirement investment option is to be added to the Rocky Point UFSD 403(b) Plan Document.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVI PERSONNEL

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, 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 accepts the attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Ward congratulated the following employees on their appointments:

- Ms. Gianna Luppino – Food Service Worker
- Ms. Arianna DiSalvio – Food Service Worker

XVII 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.

- Ms. Baldi inquired if armed guards would be included in the upcoming February budget proposal. Dr. O'Brien advised that the District is working with Covert Investigations to gather potential costs, certification requirements, etc. Ms. Ward noted that the budget is still being built and that although it is currently not included as a line item (as it would require a change to the Board Policy, including two public readings) it is still being considered.
- Ms. Johnson, President of the Rocky Point Historical Society, thanked those who attended the Harvest-fest and took a tour of the Hallock Homestead. She noted their new partnership with the Friends of Music as well as their participation in the RPMS Holiday Boutique for the first time. Ms. Johnson added that they are working on a 4th grade field trip to the Museum potentially in January or February.

There were no further questions/comments.

Ms. Ward announced that they are in the early planning process for Rocky Point Day, to take place on Sunday, May 19th. Modeled after Longwood Day, it will be a coordinated effort through both community and school groups to celebrate the Rocky Point community. She invited anyone interested in participating to reach out.

Ms. Ward wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday as well as a restful break.

XVIII ADJOURNMENT

At 7:19 p.m. a motion was made by Erin Walsh, and seconded by Susan Sullivan, to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White
District Clerk