

**MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
March 30, 2007**

Mr. Sanseverino called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Present: Joseph Sanseverino, Vice-President
Jane Bonner, Trustee
Michael Matera, Trustee
Margaret Smith, Trustee
Carla L. D'Ambrosio Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools
Michael W. Ivanoff, Director of Finance and Operations
Patricia Jones, District Clerk

Also Present: Richard Mondello, Plant Facilities Administrator
Mike Guido, John A. Grillo Architect, P.C.

Absent: Geraldine Thalen, President

Upon a motion made by Michael Matera and seconded by Margaret Smith, the following resolution was offered:

**RESOLUTION – PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ROCKY POINT
HIGH SCHOOL AND FRANK J. CARASITI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY – LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District (hereinafter the “Board of Education”) is considering improvements to the Rocky Point High School and Frank J. Carasiti buildings and property, located at 82 and 90 Rocky Point-Yaphank Road in the hamlet of Rocky Point, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, including the replacement of gymnasium folding doors and curtains, replacement of two boilers, upgrades to restrooms, repairs to masonry, rehabilitation of air handlers and controls, and the installation of local controls for auditorium ventilation at the High School, replacement of the public announcement system, replacement of the gymnasium roof, renovation of portables, replacement of the domestic hot water heater, replacement of siding on attached portables, repairs to masonry and caulking, installation of handicap-accessible hardware and interior door repair, replacement of the roof and replacement of boilers at the Elementary School, and at the overall campus, the installation of erosion controls at the tennis courts, construction of 1,500-square-foot maintenance building with an associated paved drive and sanitary system, and the clearing of vegetation at the front of the Elementary School building for the creation of a new parking area and to improve visibility and security; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.4 and §617.5, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District reviewed the proposed action and has preliminarily determined that same is an Unlisted Action; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, coordinated review of an Unlisted Action is optional and was not undertaken by the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District hereby designates itself as lead agency pursuant to the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, specifically 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(4), with respect to the above-described proposed action.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0.

Upon a motion made by Jane Bonner and seconded by Michael Matera, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION – PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ROCKY POINT HIGH SCHOOL AND FRANK J. CARASITI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY – ADOPTION OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District (hereinafter the “Board of Education”) is considering improvements to the Rocky Point High School and Frank J. Carasiti buildings and property, located at 82 and 90 Rocky Point-Yaphank Road in the hamlet of Rocky Point, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, including the replacement of gymnasium folding doors and curtains, replacement of two boilers, upgrades to restrooms, repairs to masonry, rehabilitation of air handlers and controls, and the installation of local controls for auditorium ventilation at the High School, replacement of the public announcement system, replacement of the gymnasium roof, renovation of portables, replacement of the domestic hot water heater, replacement of siding on attached portables, repairs to masonry and caulking, installation of handicap-accessible hardware and interior door repair, replacement of the roof and replacement of boilers at the Elementary School, and at the overall campus, the installation of erosion controls at the tennis courts, construction of a 1,500-square-foot maintenance building with an associated paved drive and sanitary system, and the clearing of vegetation at the front of the Elementary School building for the creation of a new parking area and to improve visibility and security; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education declared itself lead agency for the proposed action, pursuant to the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, specifically 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(4); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as lead agency, has caused to be prepared Parts 1 and 2 of an Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) to evaluate

potential significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed action, and has reviewed the aforesaid EAF and agrees with the contents thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, as lead agency for the action contemplated herein, after review of the proposed action, 6 NYCRR Part 617, the EAF and the associated documents, hereby determines that the above-described project is an Unlisted Action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, based upon the information contained in the EAF and other relevant information before the Board of Education, the Board of Education, as lead agency for the action contemplated herein, and after due deliberation, review and analysis, hereby determines that the proposed action will not result in significant adverse impacts to the environment and hereby adopts the annexed Negative Declaration.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Sanseverino and Mr. Matera asked Mr. Guido to discuss the specific reasons necessitating the removal of the shrubbery in front of the Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School. Mr. Guido cited safety issues. Hunting is legally permitted in the surrounding areas of the building, including hunting with guns and bows and arrows. Mr. Guido also discussed the ability of the wooded area to camouflage and/or provide concealment of a perpetrator in cases of extreme emergencies. Clearing of the vegetation at the front of the FJC would assist in greater control for security and visibility purposes. There was no further discussion.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0.

Upon a motion made by Margaret Smith and seconded by Michael Matera, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE SUBMISSION OF THE EXCEL PROPOSITION AT THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 15, 2007.

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2007, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the “District”), heretofore made certain environmental findings and determinations relating to the District’s capital project, as set forth in an outline prepared by John A. Grillo Architect, P.C. and described in the Expanding our Children’s Education and Learning (“EXCEL”) Proposition, which was authorized by the Board of Education to be submitted to the qualified voters of said District at the Annual District Meeting and Election to be held on May 15, 2007, and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2007, the Board of Education made certain environmental findings and determinations relating to the proposed improvements to the Rocky Point High School and Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School buildings and property, which proposed improvements are part of several items comprising the capital project referred to in the aforementioned EXCEL Proposition.

Now therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Following a review of the environmental findings and determinations required to be made pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617 in connection with the proposed improvements to the Rocky Point High School and Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School buildings and property, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the "District") hereby ratifies and confirms its action heretofore taken on February 26, 2007 to submit an Expanding our Children's Education and Learning ("EXCEL") Proposition in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof, to the qualified voters of the District for approval at the Annual District Meeting and Election to be held on May 15, 2007.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0.

Upon a motion made by Joseph Sanseverino and seconded by Jane Bonner, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION TO RESERVE THE RIGHT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO EXPEND ANY REMAINING BALANCE FROM THE EXCEL PROPOSITION ON ITEM(S) DESCRIBED AS "PLAN B" IN THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATES OUTLINE (THE "REPORT")

WHEREAS, this Rocky Point Union Free School District Construction Cost Estimates outline (the "Report") sets forth the scope and estimated costs of the school construction and improvement projects (herein collectively referred to as the "Project") which are to be submitted to the voters of the Rocky Point Union Free School District on May 15, 2007. If approved by the voters, the Board of Education intends to proceed to construct and implement the Project in accordance with and as described in the Report.

PLAN B

**Parking Lot at the Frank J. Carasiti School
Roof Replacement at the Rocky Point School**

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0.

Immediately following the vote, Margaret Smith left the meeting to attend to personal business.

Adjournment

At 5:04 PM a motion was made by Jane Bonner and seconded by Michael Matera for the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jones
District Clerk