

**MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
June 27, 2005**

Meeting called to Order at 7:35 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Geraldine Thalen, President
Howard Gimple, Vice-President
Jane Bonner, Trustee
Michael Matera, Trustee
Joseph Sanseverino, Trustee
James J. Gerardi, Superintendent of Schools
Carla D'Ambrosio Ed. D., Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Michael Ivanoff, School Business Official
Irene Pedota, District Clerk

Absent: None

Mrs. Thalen asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience before the start of the regular meeting:

- Carol D'Aquila, a resident of the district for 15 years asked Mr. Kies how someone would go about the process to establish a girls' gymnastic team at the high school.
- Mr. Kies replied that there must first be a show of interest.
- Mrs. D'Aquila said that she currently has a petition that has been signed by 200 parents in support of the addition of a gymnastics team.
- Mr. Kies recommended that she make an appointment to meet with him to go over the process.
- Mr. Gerardi added that one couldn't expect the district to institute a gymnastics program in September of the coming school year since it has not been included in the budget.
- Mrs. D'Aquila said that she understands that it might take years to get the program, and that is why she is starting now. She hopes to have the team in place by the time her daughters (one of whom will be entering the middle school in September) enter high school.
- Mrs. Sparks asked if additional questions would be taken at the end of the meeting. Mrs. Thalen replied that they would be.

PRESENTATION OF DISTRICT REPORT CARD BY DR. CARLA D'AMBROSIO, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR INSTRUCTION

Dr. D'Ambrosio presented an overview of the report card, which contains information relative to student testing performance for the 2003-04 school year. Dr. D'Ambrosio reported that the district was able to meet goals for increased student achievement through a variety of strategies, including before-school extra help sessions, the literacy collaborative, technology integration, and increased communication with parents. Dr. D'Ambrosio also explained how the report includes data for students with disabilities, that all scores continue to show consistent improvement, and that scores compared favorably with those of neighboring districts.

- Mrs. Thalen asked what the 80% represented with regard to the results for Grade 4 ELA. Dr. D'Ambrosio explained that it represented the number of students that achieved at levels 3 and 4.
- A member of the audience inquired how much time was spent during class time preparing for these tests. Dr. D'Ambrosio explained how teachers incorporated the terminology that is used in these exams in their regular instruction and testing throughout the year so that children become familiar with it.

There were no further questions or comments.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. Thalen presented a plaque to Mr. Gerardi to express their appreciation for his leadership over the years and to thank him for his dedication to the school community of Rocky Point. Mrs. Thalen mentioned that the construction of the middle school, the improvements to the district's school buildings, the expansion of our teaching staff, athletic teams, and improved test scores are all thanks to Mr. Gerardi's leadership. Mrs. Thalen expressed her best wishes for his retirement.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

William B. Caulfield, Principal – Rocky Point High School announced:

- The high school graduation ceremony, which was held last Friday evening, could not have gone better and was a tremendous success.
- The Senior Prom, which was held two weeks ago at Giorgio's was also a huge success. The students' behavior was outstanding and it appeared that they all had a wonderful time.
- Mr. Caulfield thanked Kerry Vann, who is leaving Rocky Point to go to Hauppauge, for everything she has done for the middle school and high school as English Coordinator.
- On behalf of the Rocky Point Administrators' Association, Mr. Caulfield expressed his best wishes and congratulations to Mr. Gerardi on his retirement.

Mrs. Thalen stated that after sitting through six graduation ceremonies, she can appreciate how much time and effort goes into orchestrating and organizing each ceremony, and she thanked Mr. Caulfield, Mrs. Crossan and Mrs. Sullivan for all their hard work.

Joseph T. Centamore, Principal – Rocky Point Middle School announced:

- Dr. Centamore congratulated Mr. Caulfield for an outstanding graduation ceremony.
- Dr. Centamore thanked Kerry Vann for all her work at the middle school and Mr. Gerardi for being a great mentor, a great friend, and for getting the middle school up and running.
- Earlier in the month, the middle school held a parent orientation for fifth grade students.
- Dr. Centamore thanked Ms. Quigley and Mrs. Fischer for organizing end-of-the-year socials for each grade.
- He also thanked the PTA, Mrs. Salerno, and all parent volunteers for their help with the 8th grade moving up dance.
- The middle school's eighth grade moving up ceremony was very successful. This was the first group of students to spend three years from sixth through eighth grade at the middle school.
- There were a number of students at the ceremony who were recognized for their high academic achievements.
- Dr. Centamore introduced Ms. Quigley and Ms. Perreca. He announced that County Executive Steve Levy awarded a proclamation for their work regarding tolerance and violence prevention and a project involving a quilt that was produced under Ms. Perreca's direction.
- Dr. Centamore congratulated Dr. D'Ambrosio on earning her doctorate.

Carol Tvelia, Principal – Joseph A. Edgar School announced:

- The Joseph Edgar School experienced a successful end-of-the-year.
- Fifth grade students celebrated with an ice cream social, memory book signing, slide show and switch day.
- Fourth grade students had a field trip to Mystic Seaport.

- Third grade students hatched 26 chicks as part of a pilot life cycles unit. Next year all the classes will study the butterfly and chick life cycle in science.
- Everyone at the JAE is very pleased with the improvement in ELA scores. Several students with disabilities scored in the top 3 and 4 range.
- Mrs. Tvelia said that she was proud of the over 80 third and fourth grade students who came to school early during two different sessions twice a week to participate in an intensive reading and writing help program.
- The same program will be offered in August to jump-start students and to help them hone their skills for the start of school in September.
- Mrs. Tvelia thanked Mr. Gerardi and wished him well on his retirement and congratulated Dr. D'Ambrosio.

Paul Read, Principal – Frank J. Carasiti School announced:

- The year went quickly at FJC.
- Students were involved in several end-of-the year celebrations.
- 230 second grade students who took the Terra Novas scored at level 3 and 4.
- These are the best results since the tests have been administered.
- Scores have shown significant improvements and these students should do very well as they move to the JAE.

MINUTES

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the following Board of Education Meetings be accepted as presented: **Regular Meeting, May 17, 2005 and Special Meeting, June 6, 2005**. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

TREASURER’S REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer’s Reports for the months of **April and May 2005** as presented. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

EXTRA-CLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT TREASURER REPORT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the Extra Classroom Activity Treasurer Report for the months of **April and May 2005** as presented. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the Financial Reports for the months of **April and May 2005** as presented. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN BOCES COOPERATIVE BIDDING SERVICES PURCHASING CONTRACTS FOR THE 2005-06 FISCAL YEAR ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education participate in various “BOCES Cooperative Bidding Services Contracts” for the 2005-06 fiscal year on an as-needed basis. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

TUITION CONTRACT – SUMMER SCHOOL

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the tuition rate of \$350 per summer school class, for non-residential students who wish to enroll in the 2005 summer school program.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Thalen explained that the tuition is only charged to students who are not in our district. She asked how much was charged last year. Mr. Gerardi replied that it was between \$250 and \$275 last year for out-of-district students. There was no further discussion.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

TAN BORROWING FOR THE 2005-06 FISCAL YEAR

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

Tax Anticipation Note Resolution, dated June 27, 2005, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$9,000,000.00 Tax Anticipation Notes of the Rocky Point Union Free School District, in the Town of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk, State of New York, in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied in and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Sanseverino asked if the fact that the state's budget was passed on time had any impact on the Tax Anticipation Notes. Mr. Gerardi replied that it had no impact since the town will not release the district's portion of the tax money until December. This loan is necessary in order for the district to meet its obligations. There was no further discussion.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION FOR HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorize the Board President to enter into an agreement for health services for the current 2004-05 school year with the following districts:

Riverhead C.S.D.
Smithtown C. S. D.
Three Village C.S.D
West Islip F.S.D.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Thalen explained that the district has health service contracts with other districts because we have students that go to other districts because they provide services we cannot offer. There was no further discussion.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

BID-AWARD #06-01 INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC UNIFORMS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education award bid #06-01 Athletic Uniforms to the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

Port Jefferson Sporting Goods	Unit Price Award as per attached analysis
South Shore Outdoor	Unit Price Award as per attached Analysis

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Thalen said that it seems that we continue to use the same vendors each year. Mr. Ivanoff explained that the bid was advertised in several local papers and these companies responded with the lowest bids. There was no further discussion.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION FOR PRINTING RENEWAL

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education renew the agreement with Sav-On Printing, Inc., for the 2005-06 fiscal year at no additional cost.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Thalen asked if this agreement means that we are paying the same amount as last year. Mr. Ivanoff explained that the unit prices would remain the same; however, the quantity would probably change. Mrs. Thalen asked for this sort of information to be included in the resolution in the future. There was no further discussion.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION FOR GARBAGE RENEWAL

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education renew the agreement with Maggio Sanitation Services, Inc., for the 2005-06 fiscal year at no additional cost.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Thalen asked what “no additional cost” means. Mr. Ivanoff explained that we have a contract this year and it will be renewed without any changes in costs. Mrs. Thalen asked Mr. Ivanoff if any thought was given to the proposal that middle school students have made to institute a re-cycling program. Mr. Ivanoff replied that it would have to be discussed. There was no further discussion.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION FOR PIZZA BID

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education award bid #06-02, Pizza, as a unit price award, to Domino’s as the lowest responsible bidder meeting bid specifications. The Board of Education reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantities of this bid.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Thalen asked if the district makes less money on pizza that is bought outside the district than on pizza that is prepared in our own cafeterias. Mr. Gerardi replied that we are not equipped to make our own pizzas. The cafeterias must either serve frozen pizza that is heated or buy pizza from outside. Mrs. Thalen asked if there was a reason that pizza was only served once a week. Mr. Ivanoff replied that it

would be difficult for outside pizzerias to deliver pizza to us every day. There was no further discussion.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REVISED BOARD POLICY #1230 – REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education in accordance with Policy 1410 waive a second reading and approve the following revised policy #1230 – Reporting of Expenditures and Contributions.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Thalen asked if these changes were to help us comply with GASBY regulations. Mr. Gerardi replied that these changes were for Board of Education candidates. There was no further discussion.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

WEBMASTER

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a three-year contractual agreement with Susan Wilson to continue her services as Webmaster for the Rocky Point Union Free School District (July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008) at the cost of \$1000 per month. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education votes to arrange for appropriate services pursuant to the recommendations of Schedule 6-27-05-A and 6-27-05-B. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Thalen announced that she was very happy that the Board of Education, after having gone through countless resumes and interviewing seven or eight people, decided that our new superintendent should be the district's very own Carla D'Ambrosio. Dr. D'Ambrosio will be awarded a three-year contract effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008.

Mr. Gimple added that the Board of Education spent many months on the superintendent search and the Board is confident that Dr. D'Ambrosio is the best person for the job.

Dr. D'Ambrosio said that she was honored to be chosen as the district's new superintendent and that she looks forward to working with the Board of Education, administrators, and the members of the community.

PERSONNEL

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the attached Personnel changes. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION TO SET THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING DATE

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Tuesday, July 12, 2005 is set as the date for the Board of Education Annual Organizational Meeting. Furthermore, the meeting will take place in the Rocky Point High School Auditorium at 7:30 PM. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATORS' CONTRACT AMENDMENT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a one-year contract with Michael W. Ivanoff and Sherry J. Alessandro effective July 1, 2005. The contract reflects a change of title and salary. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Thalen asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience before the Board moved to go into Executive Session:

- Ernestine Franco asked how she could obtain a copy of the agenda that the Board was working from.
- Mrs. Thalen informed her that once the minutes are approved at the next Board meeting (generally within thirty days), copies are available on the district's website, in the library, or at the district office.
- Mr. Vedder thanked Mr. Gerardi for all the amazing things that have been accomplished working with the Board and the District Office.
- Mrs. Sparks congratulated Dr. D'Ambrosio on her doctorate and for being named Superintendent of Schools. She added that Dr. D'Ambrosio has worked very hard for the students of the district for many years and wished her continued success. She also congratulated Mrs. Susan Sullivan on her success in her first year as Assistant Principal at the high school and thanked Mr. Gerardi for everything he has done for the district.

There were no further questions or comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:45 PM a motion was made by Howard Gimple and seconded by Jane Bonner to go into executive session to discuss particular personnel matters. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Pedota
District Clerk

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:55 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:56 PM a motion was made by Joseph Sanseverino and seconded by Jane Bonner for the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Gerardi
Superintendent of Schools