

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 7, 2008

Members Present:

Joseph Sanseverino
Margaret Smith
Edward Darcey
Diane Burke
Michael Nofi

Also Present:

Carla L. D'Ambrosio, Ed.D.
David Pearl, Esq.

At 6:08 PM, a regular public meeting of the Board of Education was called to order in the conference room of the Rocky Point Administrative Office by Mr. Sanseverino.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:09 PM, a motion was made by Diane Burke and seconded by Margaret Smith to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss particular personnel matters with David Pearl, Esq., school district attorney.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

At 6:45 PM, a motion was made by Edward Darcey and seconded by Diane Burke to end Executive Session and re-convene to Open Session in the conference room of the Administrative Office.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Sanseverino called the meeting to order at 6:47 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Joseph Sanseverino, President
 Margaret Smith, Vice President
 Edward Darcey, Trustee
 Diane Burke, Trustee
 Michael Nofi, Trustee
 Carla L. D'Ambrosio Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
 Patricia Jones, District Clerk

MINUTES

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the following Board of Education meetings be accepted as presented: **Regular Meeting, June 23, 2008, Organizational Meeting, July 2, 2008, Regular Meeting, July 14, 2008, Regular Meeting July 22, 2008, and Regular Meeting July 29, 2008.**

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

PERSONNEL

Upon a motion made by Margaret Smith and seconded by Edward Darcey, 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

RESOLUTION TO GRANT UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke and seconded by Michael Nofi, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Stipulation of Settlement between the Board of Education and Mary Ellen MacLean as a teacher of special education, approved by the Board of Education on July 29, 2008, the Board of Education hereby grants an unpaid leave of absence to Mary Ellen MacLean through January 31, 2009.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS

Upon a motion made by Michael Nofi and seconded by Diane Burke, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the employment agreements of the following people and authorizes Joseph Sanseverino, as President of the Board of Education, to execute same on behalf of the Board of Education.

Michael Ring, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Mary Berretta, Secretarial Assistant, Debra Hoffman, Senior Account Clerk Typist; Patricia Jones, Administrative Assistant; Jill Marolla, Administrative Assistant; Elena Lynch-Dobert, School Lunch Manager; Richard Mondello, Plant Facilities Administrator and Joseph Nowaski, School Maintenance Crew Leader.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Upon a motion made by Edward Darcey and seconded by Michael Nofi, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Michael Ivanoff, resigned on thirty (30) days notice, effective June 30, 2008, for the purpose of accepting employment in another School District; and

WHEREAS, the performance of the duties and responsibilities of Mr. Ivanoff's position are critical to the continued operation of the Rocky Point School District; and

WHEREAS, promptly upon the resignation of Mr. Ivanoff, the Board of Education began a diligent search for a new Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; and

WHEREAS, the process for filling such a position requires a reasonable amount of time to advertise the position, review applications and conduct a multi-level interview process; and

WHEREAS, until a replacement could be hired by the Board of Education, the position vacated by Mr. Ivanoff required someone, on an interim basis, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of his position; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Carla L. D'Ambrosio, is qualified and certified to perform these duties and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board asked Dr. D'Ambrosio to perform these duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations on a temporary, interim basis until a permanent replacement for Mr. Ivanoff could be hired by the Board, and

WHEREAS, the performance of these duties and responsibilities require Dr. D'Ambrosio to devote significant additional time and effort to those duties and responsibilities above and beyond her duties and responsibilities as Superintendent of Schools and

WHEREAS, Dr. D'Ambrosio has maintained and will continue to maintain a daily log reflecting the additional time spent performing the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; and

WHEREAS, the log to date has been reviewed by the Board and reflects an average of 15 to 20 hours per week being devoted exclusively by Dr. D'Ambrosio to performing the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations in addition to her duties and responsibilities as Superintendent of Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board anticipates that Dr. D'Ambrosio will continue to devote an average of 15 to 20 hours per week exclusively to performing the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations and will have the log reviewed by the Board at the end of August, 2008, to confirm the number of hours; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, in recognition of the additional workload placed upon Dr. D'Ambrosio and the additional time expended by her in performing the duties and responsibilities of Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations wishes to compensate Dr. D'Ambrosio for undertaking these additional duties and responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby grants to Dr. D'Ambrosio a stipend in the amount of \$7,000 per month for the months of July 2008 and August 2008.

Board Members Present: Joseph Sanseverino
Margaret Smith
Edward Darcey
Diane Burke
Michael Nofi

Board Members Absent: None

Board Members Abstaining: None

Board Members voting in favor of the Resolution: 5

Board Members voting against the Resolution: 0

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:55 PM, a motion was made by Margaret Smith and seconded by Edward Darcey to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jones
District Clerk

