

**MINUTES  
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
October 13, 2009**

At 8:05 A.M. a public meeting of the Board of Education was called to order in the conference room of the Rocky Point Administrative Office by Michael Nofi.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Michael Nofi, President  
Diane Burke, Vice President  
Michael Ferrara, Trustee  
John Lessler, Trustee  
Carla L. D'Ambrosio Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Michael F. Ring, Ed.D., Asst. Supt. for Finance and Operations  
Anja Groth, Acting Assistant Superintendent for Instruction  
Patricia Jones, District Clerk

Also Present: David Pearl, Esq.

Absent: Edward Darcey, Trustee

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:07 A.M. Diane Burke made a motion and John Lessler seconded to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss particular personnel matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

At 9:00 A.M. Diane Burke made a motion made and John Lessler seconded to end Executive Session and re-convene to Open Session in the conference room of the Administrative Office.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A HEARING OFFICER**

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

**WHEREAS**, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Carla L. D'Ambrosio, has presented to the Board of Education certain charges preferred by her against an employee made known to the Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education desires to provide the employee with all due process protections pursuant to Section 75 of the New York State Civil Service Law and consider all matters pertaining to the preferred charges,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That the charges preferred by the Superintendent of Schools are to be served upon the Respondent-Employee; and
2. That the Respondent-Employee shall be suspended without pay for a period of thirty (30) days upon receipt of the charges; and
3. That Howard M. Bergson, Esq., 11 Linda Lane, Setauket, New York, 11733, is hereby designated and appointed as Hearing Officer to preside over a hearing in this matter in accordance with Section 75 of the New York State Civil Service Law, and to make findings of fact and recommendations to the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**PERSONNEL**

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke and seconded by Michael Ferrara, 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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:04 A.M. a motion was made by John Lessler and seconded by Michael Ferrara to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**REOPENING OF MEETING**

At 9:12 A.M. a motion was made by Diane Burke and seconded by Michael Ferrara to reopen the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mr. Nofi stated the H1N1 virus is presently circulating throughout the general population of the state. In accordance thereof, the Board of Education and the Rocky Point Union Free School District administration wished to discuss and address the concerns of parents pertaining to the virus and the district's plan(s) of action to notify parents of possible reported cases within the district. Following a detailed discussion of the situation and a

review of possible methods of notification, Dr. D'Ambrosio summarized that the district was following the guidelines of the Suffolk County Department of Health concerning this medical matter and that she would take under advisement the suggestions offered concerning methods of parental notification. Mr. Nofi suggested that the district prepare a statement addressing the various aspects of this issue for general announcement at the scheduled Board of Education meeting of October 26, 2009.

There was no further discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:20 A.M., a motion was made by John Lessler and seconded by Diane Burke to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jones  
District Clerk



