

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
March 22, 2010

Mr. Nofi called the meeting to order at 7:38 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Michael Nofi, President
Diane Burke, Vice President
Edward Darcey, Trustee
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

Absent: None

Mr. Nofi welcomed those in attendance to the meeting and invited Dr. D'Ambrosio and Dr. Ring to commence with the budget overview/presentation. Dr. D'Ambrosio explained that she would present the expenses portion of the presentation while Dr. Ring would focus upon the revenue side of the budget overview. Following the PowerPoint presentation, Dr. D'Ambrosio asked if there were any questions. There were none. Dr. D'Ambrosio advised that the overview, in its entirety, was posted on the district's website for further perusal and review by community members. Dr. D'Ambrosio thanked the audience members for attending the meeting and invited anyone with follow-up questions concerning the budget presentation to contact the district office.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

MR. WILLIAM B. CAULFIELD, PRINCIPAL, ROCKY POINT HIGH SCHOOL

- Mr. Caulfield extended his best wishes for happy holidays to all.
- The Variety Show/Chinese Auction raised more than \$3,000.00 for the "Kids in Need" fund. Mr. Caulfield expressed his pride with the respect shown by audience members and Variety Show participants as each act performed.
- The school edition of *Les Misérables* was a tremendous success. More than one hundred students were involved with the production. Special thanks to Mary Donovan and Amy Schecher.
- On Tuesday, March 23rd, the Drug Awareness Forum will take place in the high school auditorium. Farther Frank Pizzarelli will speak at 7 P.M. and will be followed by Sheriff Vincent DeMarco. On Tuesday, April 9th, the Drug Awareness Forum will continue with guest speakers Dr. Stephen Dewey and Mr. Jerry Gentile.

DR. SCOTT O'BRIEN, PRINCIPAL, ROCKY POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- On Wednesday, March 24th, Holocaust survivor Mr. Eddie Weinstein will speak to 8th grade students and share his experiences with them. Thank you to Ms. Alemaghides for her efforts in bringing this guest speaker to the Rocky Point Middle School.
- Special thanks to the members of the PTA for their generous support of the Middle School Author's Day. Visiting author, Sarah Beth Durst, provided staff and students with in-school presentations on how to write fantasy stories and books that included some of her published works.
- All students entering 6th grade may elect to participate in band or orchestra in addition to chorus. Students electing to participate in both should sign up for orchestra or band and chorus to be offered during extra help.
- The middle school drama production this year will be *Annie, Jr.* Performances are scheduled for Friday, March 26th and Saturday, March 27th at 7 P.M. in the high school auditorium.
- Student Government is sponsoring Spirit Week all this week.
- Career Day for 8th grade students will be held on Wednesday, April 7th. Thirty guest speakers will share their experiences related to their professions. Each student will learn critical aspects of three different professions and the paths needed to achieve their career goals. Special thanks to guidance counselor, Patrick Panella, for his work in organizing this event for the students.

MS. CAROL TVELIA, PRINCIPAL, JOSEPH A. EDGAR SCHOOL

- Best wishes for happy holidays.
- The annual St. Patrick's Day Senior Citizen Breakfast was a great success. More than one hundred senior citizens enjoyed a continental breakfast. Special thanks to Mr. Mark Yashowitz for organizing this event, Mr. Craig Knapp and the High Notes for their musical accompaniment, and the talents of the Irish Step Dancers.
- The annual spring musical, *Go West*, will be presented by Mr. Knapp and the High Notes on March 24th and March 25th at 7 P.M. in the JAE old gym.
- Thank you to Ms. Alberti and Ms. Hurst-Hepburn for their participation in the WordMasters Challenge, an annual national language arts competition. Two fourth graders, Kyle Markland and Anna Lee, both earned perfect scores in the year's second meet, held in February. In the entire country, only 134 fourth graders achieved at this level. Other students who also achieved outstanding results in the quite challenging meet included fourth graders Connor Middleton, Sal Aprile, Ryan Maciaszek, Abe Hannigan, Fiona Lambert, David Apperson and Jade Pinkenburg.
- Following spring recess, third graders are looking forward to participating in the annual Chick Embryo unit of the curriculum.

MR. KENNETH CRAWFORD, ACTING PRINCIPAL, FRANK J. CARASITI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- FJC students participated in the annual Brookhaven National Laboratory's Science Fair. Projects were completed at home and displayed in the FJC cafeteria on March 15th, 16th, and 17th. Participating students received FJC

participation ribbons and certificates. Two students from each grade level were selected by a team of teachers to represent their grade level and school at the BNL Science Fair scheduled for May 1, 2010.

- The Shared Decision Team is working on a Garden Grant in order to bring a functioning vegetable garden to FJC. The Garden Club will meet before and after school, twice weekly, to learn healthy habits. The next Shared Decision Meeting will take place on March 24th at 8:45 A.M. in the FJC conference room.
- FJC is participating in *Think Breakfast*, the New York State Education Department Child Nutrition Program initiative. This program is designed to educate children on the benefits of eating breakfast. The initiative is a proven strategy to help students achieve academic success. The classroom-based initiative features three weeks of pre-planned educational activities and student rewards.
- The first grade will have a Bucket-Filling assembly on cooperation on Friday, March 26th at 10:00 A.M. The assembly will feature an interactive slideshow about the character trait “cooperation.” Parents of first graders are invited to attend the assembly.

Mr. Nofi invited audience attendees to the microphone with any questions and/or comments.

- Ms. Bea Ruberto of the Sound Beach Civic Association invited all to the Food Fair and Chinese Auction to be held on Sunday, April 18th, at the Sound Beach Firehouse. This function is being held in accordance with the 2010 Scholarship Fund sponsored by the Sound Beach Civic Association. Ms. Ruberto was pleased to announce that the music for the fundraiser will be provided by both Miller Place and Rocky Point Students.

Mr. Nofi announced that there was one vacant Board of Education seat commencing with the 2010/2011 school year and asked the district clerk to provide information to anyone interested in running for the seat. The district clerk complied with Mr. Nofi’s request and added any additional information regarding the vacant seat was available on the district’s website or by telephone at 849-7243.

There were no further questions or comments.

MINUTES

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the following Board of Education Meetings be accepted as presented: **February 22, 2010, March 8, 2010, March 15, 2010, March 16, 2010 and March 18, 2010.**

Mr. Nofi made note of the unusual number of Board of Education meetings for which the minutes were being accepted. Mr. Nofi explained that the meetings were conducted in an

effort to identify the next superintendent of schools who will succeed Dr. D'Ambrosio upon her retirement.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Reports for the months of January and February 2010 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

EXTRA-CLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT TREASURER REPORT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Extra Classroom Activity Treasurer Reports for the months of January and February 2010 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Financial Report for the month of February 2010 as presented.

All in favor - Motion carried 5-0

BUDGET TRANSFER SUMMARY – FEBRUARY 2010

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke 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 February 2010 Budget Transfer Summary.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT – FEBRUARY 2010

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the February 2010 Internal Claims Audit Report.

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

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

2008-2009 FEDERAL SINGLE AUDIT REPORT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Federal Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2009, which has been submitted by our external auditors, Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, LLP.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

2010-2011 BOCES COOPERATIVE BIDDING SERVICES PURCHASING CONTRACTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rocky Point Union Free School District will enter into an agreement to participate in the BOCES Cooperative Bidding Services Purchasing Contracts for the 2010-2011 fiscal year on an “as needed” basis as per the following Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program Resolution:

WHEREAS, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items; and

WHEREAS, the Rocky Point Union Free School District, an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the “Participant”) is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and

WHEREAS, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law §119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Eastern Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the “Program”) in the areas mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES’ standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and

WHEREAS, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of bid specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, awarding the bids, and reporting the results to the Participant.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in *Newsday*, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Participant Meeting shall be held annually consisting of a representative from each Program participant. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least five (5) days prior to such meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an Advisory Committee will be formed consisting of five to ten representatives of Program participants for a term of three (3) years as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Nofi asked Dr. Ring to summarize this resolution in easier to understand layman language. Dr. Ring explained that joining the BOCES Cooperative Bidding Services was financially advantageous to the district as participation in the service legally entitled the district to avail itself of purchasing goods and materials from various contracts on an “as needed” basis at reduced costs for those goods and materials.

There was no further discussion.

RESOLUTION FOR HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke 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 authorizes the Board President to enter into an agreement for health services for the current 2009 - 2010 school year with the following districts:

Riverhead Central School District
South Huntington Union Free School District

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR A BOND ISSUE RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCIENCE LAB RECONSTRUCTION - HS SED NOS.: 58-02-09-02-0-005-023

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Schools, upon the recommendation of architect John A. Grillo and the Superintendent of Schools, awards the contracts for the Bond Issue Related Capital Improvement Science Lab Reconstruction – HS totaling \$285,984 as follows:

Contract No. 1:	General Construction	SJ Hoerning Construction, Inc.
	1. Base Bid	\$210,000
	2. Alternate No. 1	\$ 20,000
	3. Total Base Bid plus Alternate	\$230,000
Contract No. 2:	Plumbing Reconstruction	Majestic Plumbing
	1. Base Bid	\$22,984
Contract No. 3:	Electrical Reconstruction	Telsan Electric, Inc.
	1. Base Bid	\$33,000

All in favor- Motion carried 5-0

INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT – CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the president of the Board of Education to execute the attached Defense and Indemnification document to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County for the Curb-Marking Project as part of the pollution prevention activities conducted in conjunction with elementary students at the Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN WAIVER AND LIABILITY RELEASE

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes Carla L. D'Ambrosio, Superintendent of Schools, on behalf of the Rocky Point Union Free School

District, to execute the waiver and liability release form for the Town of Brookhaven with respect to the Varsity Lacrosse game scheduled to be played at the Diamond in the Pines Field on March 29, 2010.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

PAYMENT FOR ROCKY POINT TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEMBERS FOR FEDERAL JURY DUTY AND FEDERAL GRAND JURY DUTY

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

WHEREAS, the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association provides that teachers summoned for jury duty shall be paid the difference between the allowance for jury duty, not including mileage, and actual teaching salary; and

WHEREAS, the School District, due to clerical error, failed to collect the difference between the allowance for jury duty and actual teaching salary for those teachers who had been summoned for federal jury or federal grand jury duty prior to December 31, 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby forgives payment by those teachers who were summoned to serve on either a federal jury or a federal grand jury through December 31, 2009 and whose salaries failed to reflect the allowance for jury duty due to the School District's clerical error; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District shall forthwith establish and implement procedures for recouping the difference between the allowance for federal jury duty and federal grand jury duty and actual teaching salary for those teachers summoned for such jury duty.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

ADOPTION OF THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Upon a motion made by Edward Darcey 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 adopts the 2010-2011 school calendar as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT MEMBER

Upon a motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by John Lessler the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Tracey Sasek as a Parent Member to the Committee on Special Education/Committee on Preschool Special Education. (In accordance with the Commissioner's Regulations, Part 200 and the provisions of the Education Law, Section 4402.)

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education votes to arrange for appropriate services pursuant to the recommendations of Schedule 3-22-10-A.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

PERSONNEL

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke 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

Mr. Nofi opened the floor to questions and/or comments.

- Mr. Patrick Brennan complimented all those associated with the *Les Misérables* production and extended praise to the music department and tech staff. Mr. Brennan noted the excellent feedback of all those who attended the performances of the play. Mr. Brennan expressed his concerns with any changes being considered in the music department and asked that the district keep the music department in tact. He asked that consideration be given to return to the 9th period for music program students. Early morning attendance requires a choice between sports and music and is much too early for middle school students to be on the bus with high school students for morning music participation.
- Rocky Point High School senior, Carlton Welch, commented that he has been a participant in the music program since fifth grade. Mr. Welch shared that he and many others have been greatly affected by the program as it has opened minds to music and expression. Noting that he plans to major in music in college, Mr. Welch thanked all those connected with the music department of the Rocky Point Schools.
- Board trustee, Diane Burke, shared with Mr. Welch that he is an inspiration to her son, a fifth grader, and that it was her hope that her son would reap the same benefits from the music program as Mr. Welch did. Mrs. Burke noted that she and

another Board of Education member had personal knowledge of the excellence of the music program and the music department. Mrs. Burke said that funding for the music department had not been cut.

There were no further questions or comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:28 P.M. Diane Burke made a motion and Edward Darcey seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss particular personnel matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:02 P.M. a motion was made by John Lessler and seconded by Michael Ferrara to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jones
District Clerk

