

**MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AUGUST 30, 2010**

Mr. Nofi called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Michael Nofi, President
Diane Burke, Vice President (arriving at 6:12 P.M.)
John Lessler, Trustee
Kathleen Hegggers, Trustee
Michael F. Ring, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Deborah DeLuca, Ed.D., Asst. Superintendent
Gregory Hilton, School Business Official
Susan Wilson, Executive Director for Educational Services
Patricia Jones, District Clerk

Absent: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:10 P.M. John Lessler made a motion and Kathleen Hegggers seconded to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss particular personnel matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:06 P.M.

Mr. Nofi welcomed those in attendance to the meeting and opened the floor to questions and/or comments from meeting attendees. No one came forward. Mr. Nofi reminded all that there would be another opportunity to address the Board at the end of the meeting.

Dr. Ring announced the dates of Wednesday, September 1st, as the first day back to school for faculty and staff and Tuesday, September, 7th, as the first day back to school for students. Dr. Ring made note of several improvements made to district buildings during the summer months, including the new roof at the Rocky Point High School. Dr. Ring reported that the Rocky Point School District is the recipient of a REMS grant. This \$140,000 Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools grant will help to engage crisis planning for the district. Dr. Ring extended his congratulations and expressed gratitude to Anja Groth, Director of Instruction, and her team for their success in obtaining this federal security grant.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

MR. WILLIAM CAULFIELD, PRINCIPAL, ROCKY POINT HIGH SCHOOL

- The Rocky Point High School is ready to welcome back faculty, students and staff to the 2010-2011 school year.
- The 9th Grade Student Orientation was attended by more than one hundred and fifty students.
- During the summer recess, several construction projects were completed, including a new roof; two science rooms and labs; stage lighting in the auditorium; and the resealing of the tennis courts.
- Mr. Caulfield extended his gratitude and appreciation to Mr. William Puricelli and the entire custodial staff for their efforts culminating in the amazing appearance of the entire high school.
- Mr. Caulfield commended members of the secretarial staff for their continued professionalism and numerous accomplishments as they worked over the summer with only a skeleton crew.
- Mr. Caulfield offered special thanks to Mr. J. Wayne Shierant, Interim Director of Athletics, and Mrs. Rose Monz, athletic secretary, for their dedicated efforts and expertise in order to ensure the fall 2010 sports season was ready to go.

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

- Dr. O'Brien extended his gratitude to Mr. Pete Scalcione, head custodian of the Rocky Point Middle School, and members of his staff, for a job well-done during the summer of 2010.
- The first annual 6th Grade Middle School Welcome Back Social was held on August 25th. Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring this event which included an Outback Barbeque and Ice-Cream Social. This function provided a chance for all students to review their schedules, locate their classrooms and set up and organize their lockers. In addition, guidance counselors were on hand to assist students and parents with any scheduling questions and/or concerns.
- Both 7th and 8th grade students had the opportunity to visit their classrooms and become reacquainted with the workings of their lockers on August 26th.
- Dr. O'Brien asked that it be noted that that the MS extra help and after school sports and activity times have changed for the 2010-2011 school year. Information concerning changes may be accessed by visiting the MS link on the district's home page.
- September 16th has been scheduled for Middle School Open House beginning at 7 P.M.

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

- Ms. Tvelia thanked head custodian, Chris Mirabile and his custodial staff, together with the entire secretarial staff for all the dedicated hard work to ensure JAE was ready to welcome back all students, faculty and staff in September.
- Ms. Tvelia extended a warm welcome to all new staff members transferred from other buildings to the Joseph A. Edgar School.
- Ms. Tvelia reported the Jump Start Program was well attended by approximately forty students over a two week period during August and advised a "Parent

University” was conducted in order to aid parents reinforce the skills learned by their children during the Jump Start Program.

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

- Mr. Crawford commended the summer personnel for their efforts toward preparing the Frank J. Carasiti School for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Kindergarten Orientation was conducted on Tuesday, August 24th. Two hundred and forty students visited their classrooms and took a short ride on the school buses. Parent orientation was held in the cafeteria while the students became acquainted with their classrooms.
- On Thursday, August 26th, the annual Kinder Social was held. The children played on the playground, sat with their new classmates and enjoyed the ice cream generously donated by the PTA.

Mr. Nofi introduced and welcomed the newest members of the administration staff:

- Ms. Amy Agnesini, Director of Health, Physical Education, Athletics and Intramurals.
- Ms. Stephanie Weeks, PreK-12 English Language Arts Coordinator.

Mr. Nofi provided thumbprint biographies of both Ms. Agnesini and Ms. Weeks and wished them well in their new positions. In addition, Mr. Nofi, on behalf of the Board of Education, extended best wishes to Richard Mondello, Plant Facilities Administrator, upon his retirement, and thanked Mr. Mondello for his dedicated years of service to the district. Mr. Nofi also offered his best wishes to Ms. Lisa Alter, Administrative Assistant/Central Registration Coordinator and Ms. Irene Rosener, District Treasurer, in their future endeavors.

MINUTES

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the following Board of Education meetings be accepted as presented: **Regular Meeting, August 2, 2010, Special Meeting, August 11, 2010.**

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

TREASURER’S REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer’s Reports for the months of June 2010 and July 2010.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

EXTRA-CLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT TREASURER REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Extra-Classroom Activity Treasurer Report for the months of June 2010 and July 2010 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT – JULY 2010

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke 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 July 2010 Internal Claims Audit Report

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

EASTERN SUFFOLK BOCES ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOM USE AGREEMENT

Upon a motion made by John Lessler and seconded by Kathleen Heggens, 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 enter into the Classroom Use Agreement for the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Alternative High School located at Rocky Point High School

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

CLAIMS SERVICE BUREAU AGREEMENT

Upon a motion made by Kathleen Heggens 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 authorizes the president of the Board of Education to execute the Claims Service Bureau Claims Service Agreement for the 2010-2011 school year.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

AMERICAN RED CROSS FACILITY USE AGREEMENT

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke 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 enter into a Facility Use Agreement with the Suffolk County Chapter of the American Red Cross, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER SERVICES CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to enter into an Independent Contractor Agreement with Mill Neck Interpreter Service for sign language interpreter services, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

PSYCHIATRIC CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT

Upon a motion made by Kathleen Heggers 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 authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a Consultant Services Contract with Dr. Randall Solomon for psychiatric services, as per the attached rate schedule.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

SPECIAL EDUCATION SUMMER 2010 CONTRACT – DDI

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke 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 enter into a contract with Developmental Disabilities Institute for a special education student's participation in the YAP School Age program for the summer 2010, under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or district policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

SPECIAL EDUCATION 2010-2011 CONTRACT – CENTER MORICHES UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Upon a motion made by John Lessler and seconded by Kathleen Heggers, 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 enter into a contract with Center Moriches Union Free School District for special education students participation in the Center Moriches High Cost Program for the 2010-2011 school year, under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or district policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

SPECIAL EDUCATION 2010-2011 CONTRACT – EASTPORT-SOUTH MANOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Upon a motion made by Kathleen Heggers 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 authorizes the president of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with Eastport-South Manor School District for a special education student who will attend Eastport-South Manor School District in the 2010-2011 school year, under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or district policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

NORTH SHORE YOUTH COUNCIL LEASE

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke 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 a lease with the North Shore Youth Council for the portable classroom building located at the Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

TIME FOR KIDS DONATION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of 830 *TIME for Kids* student subscriptions and 80 *Around the World and Go* student subscriptions to the Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School, paid from a voucher issued as a result of a postcard campaign sponsored by the PTA, valued at \$3,800.00.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

A+ BONUS BUCKS DONATION TO DISTRICT

Upon a motion made by Kathleen Hegggers 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 approves and accepts the donation of \$32.65 from Stop & Shop and the A+ Bonus Bucks Program.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rocky Point Union Free School District hereby approves, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to increase the general fund budget by \$32.65 as a result of the donation from Stop & Shop and the A+ Bonus Bucks Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following budget code be adjusted to reflect that increase:

A 2110 500 06 0000 \$32.65

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF REGISTRATION; CHIEF INSPECTOR; POLL CLERKS; TELLERS; AND SUBSTITUTE TELLERS AND POLL CLERKS FOR SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoints the Chairperson of the Special Election; Board of Registration; Chief Inspector; Poll Clerks; Tellers and Substitute Tellers and Poll Clerks at an hourly rate of \$10.00, as per the attached list.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

RE-ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY NUMBER 7130 AS AMENDED

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby re-adopts Policy Number 7130, School Admissions and Residency, as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, in accordance with the provisions of Policy Number 1410, hereby waives the second reading of Policy Number 7130.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mr. Nofi referenced findings cited by legal counsel and the New York State Education Department that indicated the necessity to collect and/or provide Social Security numbers is no longer required, resulting in this amendment to Policy Number 7130.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

INTERIM DISTRICT TREASURER

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Gregory Hilton be and hereby is appointed as Interim District Treasurer effective September 22, 2010.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

INTERIM TAX COLLECTOR

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

BE IT RESOLVED, Gregory Hilton be and hereby is appointed as Interim Tax Collector effective September 22, 2010.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE ON CHECKS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Gregory Hilton, Interim District Treasurer, be authorized to sign checks for the 2010-2011 school year effective September 22, 2010.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon a motion made by Kathleen Heggens 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 8-30-10A and Schedule 8-30-10-B.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

PERSONNEL

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke 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 attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE ROCKY POINT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Upon a motion made by John Lessler and seconded by Kathleen Heggens, 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 a Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association for the purpose of establishing two (2) guidance facilitator positions that shall become part of Schedule B of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association, effective September 1, 2010 as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE ROCKY POINT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Upon a motion made by Kathleen Hegggers 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 authorizes the president of the Board of Education to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association for the purpose of establishing three (3) CSE facilitator positions that shall become part of Schedule B of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association, effective September 1, 2010 as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE ROCKY POINT ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke 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 a Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Rocky Point Administrators' Association for the purpose of clarifying the salary placement of Joseph Tapler, Joseph A. Edgar Assistant Principal, effective July 1, 2010 as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to reorganize certain Coordinator positions; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish this reorganization certain Coordinator positions shall be re-titled; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to re-title these certain Coordinator positions without affecting the tenure and seniority status or other rights of those presently holding these Coordinator positions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secondary Special Education Coordinator position is hereby re-titled "Coordinator of Special Education Pre-K – 12"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Andrea Moscatiello shall be the Coordinator of Special Education Pre-K – 12 with all the same tenure and seniority rights she presently

possesses as Secondary Special Education Coordinator, as well as all rights and benefits she presently enjoys under the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point Administrators' Association.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND RICHARD MONDELLO, PLANT FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR

Upon a motion made by Kathleen Heggers 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 authorizes the president of the Board of Education to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the District and Richard Mondello, Plant Facilities Administrator, for the purpose of modifying his employment agreement, paragraph 5(d) effective September 1, 2010 as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND MARIE ELENA LYNCH-DOBERT, SCHOOL LUNCH MANAGER

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke 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 a Memorandum of Agreement between the District and Marie Elena Lynch-Dobert, School Lunch Manager, for the purpose of modifying her employment agreement, paragraph 5(d) effective September 1, 2010 as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

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

- Mr. Nofi reminded meeting attendees of the September 27, 2010 Special Election in order to fill the unexpired term of former Board of Education trustee, Michael Ferrara. Mr. Nofi announced the election will be held at the Rocky Point High School on September 27, 2010 from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. The two candidates vying for election to the vacated seat are Dr. Christopher Pinkenburg and Mr. Scott Reh.
- Mr. Scott Guinther asked if efforts were made to limit expenses for the conduction of this special election.

Dr. Ring advised that following a cost-cutting meeting attended by himself, school district legal counsel, the school business official and the district clerk, every feasible effort was made to hold monetary costs down from the originally projected cost of \$8,000 to an estimated cost of \$6,500.00. A decrease in the

number of voting machines, voter registration roster books, and poll clerks and tellers was made in order to assist in the achievement of this goal. In addition, Mrs. Burke announced that the district declined to participate in the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association for the 2010-2011 school year at a savings of several thousand dollars in order to offset the costs of the Special Election.

There were no further questions or comments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 P.M. a motion was made by Diane Burke and seconded by Kathleen Hegggers for the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jones
District Clerk

