

**MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
September 27, 2010**

Ms. Burke called the meeting to order at 6:06PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Michael Nofi, President (arriving at 6:16PM)
Diane Burke, Vice President
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 Education Services
Mary Berretta, Acting District Clerk

Absent: Patricia Jones, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:07PM Kathleen Hegggers made a motion and John Lessler 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 7:05PM

Mr. Nofi called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance to the meeting and opened the floor to questions and/or comments.

Mr. Nofi reminded all that there would be another opportunity to address the Board at the end of the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Ring stated that before we heard from the building principals report he would like to mention a number of co-curricular enhancements.

- Middle School Best Buddies – a program the pairs together students with disabilities and regular education students. This program will give students an opportunity for a one to one friendship for students with intellectual and development disabilities. It will be starting in the near future.
- Blue Zone – a program for fostering community spirit. A special area will be sectioned off for students during games for cheering. Blue shirts will be donated

for the students participating. First meeting is this Friday at 2:10PM in the Middle School cafeteria.

- Robotics – last year the idea of a robotics team was discussed by the Shared Decision Making. At JAE the GATES students will be implementing this on the Lego league level. Middle School Shared Decision Making would like to see this become a full club next year.
- One item left off the calendar this year was “Dig Pink” a fundraiser for breast cancer awareness sponsored by girls’ volleyball. The games will take place on Saturday, October 30th, varsity will be at 10:30AM and JV at 12:15PM.
- PTA received some wonderful awards from NYSPTA
 - Focus on Fathers award – at least 25% of total membership are men
 - 100% teacher PTA membership
 - Early Bird Award
 - Community Involvement Participation – outside the community

Congratulations to the PTA. Their kick-off meeting will be tomorrow night at 7PM in the FJC cafeteria.

WILLIAM B. CAULFIELD, PRINCIPAL, ROCKY POINT HIGH SCHOOL

- Mr. Caulfield began by thanking the teachers and students for a successful opening day of school.
- At our 9/11 assembly, Mr. Caulfield reported that the staff and students had the pleasure of two guest speakers – the first was Sam Cila a former New York City law enforcement officer who was severely wounded in Iraq. Mr. Cila lost his arm while he was stationed there. The second speaker was Dan White, fire department first responder who was at Ground Zero. Mr. White is Brooke Bonomi’s brother-in-law. Our thanks go out to Mr. Bonomi and Mr. Acritelli for a great job in making this assembly meaningful. The students were well-behaved throughout the entire time.
- September 23rd was another successful open school night and 9th grade parent orientation. Mr. Caulfield stated that he thought there were more parents at the 9th grade orientation than there were at open school
- Homecoming will be on October 9th and the theme will be “Salute to Broadway.”

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

- Dr. O’Brien began by thanking the teachers, staff and parents at the Middle School for a smooth and wonderful opening. Even the new sixth graders have quickly adjusted to the Middle School day. We are excited for a great year ahead.
- Middle School sports and clubs have begun and our students are actively involved in these after school activities. There is a club guide link on the Middle School web site with all clubs, advisors and dates of meetings. In addition, the Middle School bi-weekly flier is also posted on the Middle School web site. This bi-weekly flier has the most updated information about school wide events and after school activities.

- Middle School Open House was held on September 16th for grades 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Despite the bad weather, many parents attended the opening presentation in the HS auditorium and proceeded to follow their child's schedule. Parents learned about student curriculum, class expectations and communication procedures. Thanks to all the parents that attended.
- All middle school students will be participating in a three part series of police smart assemblies in the coming weeks. All students will learn about bully prevention, violence prevention, cyber bullying and diversity from a Suffolk County Police Officer.
- The PTA is hosting a Middle School Book fair this month from September 28th – September 30th. A special thank you to Betty Loughran who helped us with a display case for the school store.
- The Middle School will be participating in the High School Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 9th. The theme for the homecoming parade will be “Salute to Broadway.” Our student council members are looking forward to representing the Middle School at this event.
- Members of the Middle School Art Club with the help of Ms. Kristen LaBianca participated in Pinwheels for peace on Tuesday, September 21st. Our art club students created pinwheels and designed them with their feelings, words and pictures of peace and living in harmony with others. These pinwheels were displayed in the Middle School courtyard with the hope that the spinning of the pinwheels in the wind will spread thoughts and feelings about peace throughout the world.

CAROL TVELIA, PRINCIPAL, JOSEPH A. EDGAR SCHOOL

- Ms. Tvelia began by stating that the staff and students at JAE had a successful school opening. The children are becoming comfortable with their new teachers and are renewing old friendships and making new ones.
- We had three successful Open Houses last week. There was a brief presentation in the gym for parents before they went to the classroom.
- Many students participated in Spirit Week Sept 13-17 dressing in different “outfits” each day. The 3-5 best representatives for each day's theme received certificates and had their pictures taken. Cray hats and mix-up clothes had the best turnout. Thank you to Ms. Varriale for taking the pictures displayed throughout the building.
- School pictures are September 29th, 30th and Oct 1st.
- JAE students will be participating in homecoming this year thanks to Ms. Lopez, Ms. Maggio and Ms. Craig.

**KENNETH C. CRAWFORD, ACTING PRINCIPAL, FRANK J. CARASITI
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- Mr. Crawford reported that FJC school doors opened to 756 anxious students. For the first four days of school, support staff assisted our kindergarteners into the building. On the fifth day, the students walked unescorted into the building to their classes. They did a great job.
- We have been practicing our fire drills. For the first few drills we do not pull the alarm, instead the alarm is verbally stated over the PA system. By doing this, teachers are able to verbally state important instructions during the fire drill process, especially to our new kindergarten students. The alarm is now being pulled with the bell ringing. Our fire drills have been quite successful. On a separate note: bus drills were held on Tuesday, September 21st. Our student's exited through the back of the bus.
- FJC open school night was well attended. Some classes reported near 100% attendance.
- FJC Shared Decision Making Committee is pleased to announce the return of the FJC Garden Club. After a successful spring planting season, the club flourished during the warm summer growing season and is now ready for fall fun. Meeting will take place Friday mornings for the next five weeks. I would personally like to thank Ms. Eye and Ms. Conlon, parents at FJC for all their efforts in making the garden club so successful. On a side note, last year the club had 40 students; this year the first meeting had 160.
- During September, all FJC students participated in the DIBELS assessment. The information will be utilized in developing reading interventions for some students who require help in specific areas.
- Happy news: our Assistant Principal, Dr. Courtney Herbert gave birth to a baby boy this afternoon, Timothy Logan, 10 lbs 5oz. We wish her all the best.

MINUTES

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the following Board of Education Meeting be accepted as presented: Regular Meeting, August 30, 2010.

All in favor – motion carried 4-0

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Financial Reports for the month of June 2010.

All in favor – motion carried 4-0

INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT – August 2010

Upon the 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 accepts the August 2010 Internal Claims Audit Report.

All in favor – motion carried 4-0

2010-2011 TAX LEVY

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the tax levy of \$41,446,748 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year be approved.

All in favor – motion carried 4-0

CONTRACTS FOR UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN SERVICES FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Upon the motion made by Kathleen Hegggers 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 Superintendent of Schools to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Step by Step preschool, Trinity Nursery School, St. Anselm's Nursery and Little Rascals for Universal Pre-Kindergarten services for the 2010-2011 school year.

All in favor – motion carried 4-0

SPECIAL EDUCATION 2010-2011 CONTRACT – DEVEREUX

Upon the 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 authorizes the president of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with Devereux for Special Education instruction services for the 2010-2011 school year under applicable Individual Education Programs, applicable law, and/or district policy.

All in favor – motion carried 4-0

TARGET DONATIONS TO DISTRICT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves and accepts the donations from Target.

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 \$1,420.17 as a result of the donations from Target.

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

A 2110 500 01 0000 (FJC)	\$516.37
A 2110 500 02 0000 (JAE)	\$171.88
A 2110 500 03 0000 (HS)	\$731.92

All in favor - Motion carried 4-0

DONATED ITEMS

Upon the motion made by Kathleen Hegggers 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 items as per the attached list.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

LIAISON FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools Jennifer Zaffino be appointed to serve as the Liaison for Homeless Children and Youth replacing Susan Wilson, during the school year 2010-2011.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

APPOINTMENT OF IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the superintendent of Schools and district legal counsel, the Board president hereby appoint Robert Mackreth from the new York State Education Department's impartial hearing Rotational list to serve as the impartial hearing Officer in the matter of a demand for a hearing for a student with a

disability, requested by the district on September 10, 2010, effected as of September 13, 2010.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon the motion made by Kathleen Hegggers 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 votes to arrange for appropriate services pursuant to recommendations of Schedule 09-27-10-A and Schedule 09-27-10B.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

PERSONNEL

Upon the 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 accepts the attached Personnel changes, with the exception of item #16 on schedule E, which shall be tabled.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District approves the employment agreement between the Board of Education and Virginia Holloway, School district Treasurer, and authorizes the president of the Board of Education to execute same of behalf of the Board of Education.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, 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 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 Math/Science/Technology Coordinator position is hereby re-titled “Coordinator Pre-K-12 Instruction”; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Michael Gabriel shall be the Coordinator Pre-K-12 Instruction with all the same tenure and seniority rights he presently possesses as Math/Science/Technology Coordinator, as well as all rights and benefits he presently enjoys under the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Rocky Point Union Free School district and the Rocky Point Administrators’ Association, effective November 1, 2010

All in favor - Motion carried 4-0

Mr. Nofi: Open the floor for audience participation. There were no questions or comments.

Dr. Ring briefly clarified the tax levy resolution.

Dr. Ring introduced Mr. Vincent LaSorsa, who was in the audience. Mr. LaSorsa will be our new Coordinator Pre-K 12 Instructor for the Math department. He will start his new position on November 1st. Congratulations and welcome.

Mr. Nofi: If there are no further comments, I will recess the meeting till after the vote.

RECESS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, I move that the Board of Education recess this meeting at 9:23 PM in order to await the Special Election of one (1) Board of Education trustee to fill the unexpired term of former Board of Education trustee, Michael Ferrara. .

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting reconvened at 9:23 PM.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEE

Upon the motion made by Diane Burke 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 accepts the results of the Special Election of one Board of Education Trustee.

Total votes - 399
Reh 317
Pinkenberg 82

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0.

OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED BOARD TRUSTEE

Adjournment

At 9:28 PM a motion was made by Diane Burke and seconded by Kathleen Hegggers that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:26 PM

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Berretta
Acting District Clerk

