

**MINUTES**  
**ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**November 21, 2011**

Mr. Nofi called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria of the Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present:           Michael Nofi, President  
                      Diane Burke, Vice President  
                      John Lessler, Trustee (arriving at 6:04 PM)  
                      Kathleen Hegggers, Trustee (arriving at 6:03 PM)  
                      Scott Reh, Trustee  
                      Michael F. Ring, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
                      Deborah De Luca, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent  
                      Gregory Hilton, School Business Official  
                      Susan Wilson, Executive Director for Educational Services  
                      Patricia Jones, District Clerk

Absent:

**Executive Session**

At 6:01 PM Diane Burke made a motion and Scott Reh seconded to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss select legal and collective bargaining matters with district legal counsel.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:05 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Nofi welcomed those in attendance to the meeting and invited Dr. Ring to begin the meeting with the Superintendent's Report.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Ring extended to all best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving holiday. Noting that the evening's agenda contained a number of student and staff recognitions, Dr. Ring introduced secondary music chairperson Ms. Amy Schecher and Rocky Point High School principal, Mr. William Caulfield.

- Ms. Schecher, with the assistance of Mr. Caulfield, recognized and honored the students who were named All County Musicians and selected to participate in the 2011-2012 New York State Council of Administrators of Music Education All County Music Ensembles. Ms. Schecher invited Zachary Krase, Simone Mitchell, Zachary Riley, Megan Viglione and Daniel Wood to come forward to receive recognition certificates for performing with the All County Mixed Choir. Ms. Schecher next invited Katelyn Leyva to come forward in recognition of her performance with the All County Women's Choir and Mark Infranco in recognition of his performance with the All County Band.

Ms. Schecher invited student Megan Viglione, named All State Musician for a second year, to come forward. Ms. Schecher noted Megan will be performing at the All State Festival with the All State Choir in Rochester, New York during the first week in December. On behalf of the music department, Ms. Schecher wished Megan all the best during the festival.

In addition to the certificates awarded to the music students, Dr. Ring noted Councilwoman Jane Bonner presented the students with Town of Brookhaven certificates earlier this month.

- Ms. Amy Agnesini, Director of Health, Physical Education, Athletics and Intramurals proudly introduced the Varsity Field Hockey Division III Champions and Suffolk County Class B Finalists. Noting that Rocky Point Schools had not won the Varsity Field Hockey Division III Championship since 1973 and reached the Suffolk County Class B Finals for the first time ever, Ms. Agnesini offered the following members of the team, along with Coach Katie Bittner, her heartiest congratulations and presented each with certificates of recognition from both Rocky Point Schools and Councilwoman Bonner: Courtney Staudt, Deidre Curry, Kristine Loscalzo, Jenna Sanossian, Maria Guerrisi, Ashley Faulhaber, Annie Kennedy, Courtney Coleman, Stephanie Hunsucker, Alyssa Milano, Jenna Stevenson, Amanda Sanchez, Caitlin Kundrat, Caroline Krapf, Megan Palasek, Maggie DeFrank, Cindy Russell, Victoria Trapani, Jen Wandle, Kelly Florio, Reagan Lynch and Casey Heely.
- Dr. Ring introduced and welcomed Janene Gentile, Executive Director of the North Shore Youth Council. Ms. Gentile presented those students associated with the Summer Big Buddies Counselor Program certificates of appreciation in honor of volunteering their time and sharing their lives with the community. The following students were welcomed to the podium in order to receive their certificates of recognition: Nick Albo, Nicholas Balint, Lauren Blume, Samantha Blume, Matthew Brewer, Marc Bruno, Brian Christiansen, Emma Costa, Pete Costa, Alana Costantini, Delenn Deszcz, Alexis Duffy, Louis Duffy, Sean Ferguson, Jordyn Gonzales, Alex Lantz-Gefroh, Alex Lynch, Shannon Magrane, Chelsea Nielsen, Liam Poudrier, Denae Puccio, Nicholas Rando, Andrew Salamone III, Ashley Sanchez, Matthew Santiago, Jeremy Sticco, Hailey Strack and Justin Zorcik. Ms. Gentile acknowledged the importance of the roles parents,

educators, administrators and school district employees play in service to the children and concluded the presentation by saying it was her honor to service the community.

- Dr. Ring invited Mrs. Susan Wilson to the podium. Mrs. Wilson announced Ms. Jennifer Meschi, Frank J. Carasiti Technology Integration Specialist and first grade teacher, was awarded an Optimum Lightpath *Transforming Education with Technology* grant in the amount of \$5,000.00. Following an explanation of the particulars of the grant, Mrs. Wilson invited Mrs. Meschi to the podium and presented her with a symbolic check. Noting there were one hundred and fifty seven grant applicants with the Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School being one of the only eleven schools chosen for the award, Mrs. Wilson congratulated Mrs. Meschi on winning the grant and bringing this innovative project to the students of Rocky Point Schools. Dr. Ring acknowledged Mrs. Meschi's commitment to the students noting that Mrs. Meschi dedicated her own time to writing the grant application, thus going well above and beyond her everyday teaching duties and responsibilities. Mrs. Wilson asked Virginia Kelly-Gibbons to come forward in order to receive a plaque awarded to the Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School by Optimum Lightpath.
- In conclusion of the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Ring announced on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, all students would be dismissed fifteen minutes earlier than usual in connection with the annual district emergency drill. Dr. Ring also made mention of the Snow Dismissal Protocol and the change in school dismissal order for the upcoming inclement weather season. Dr. Ring extended an invitation to an upcoming PTA-hosted Special Education Forum, tentatively scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> at a time to be announced. This forum will feature a presentation by special education administrators and will include an open Question and Answer session for parents and members of the community.

#### **Mr. William B. Caulfield, Principal, Rocky Point High School**

- Mr. Caulfield offered his congratulations to the Varsity Field Hockey team, complimenting the team for its competitiveness during the finals and an outstanding job for the season.
- On November 4<sup>th</sup>, the Rocky Point Idol Semi-Finals were held. Twenty RPHS and RPMS students will compete for the title on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012, in the auditorium of the high school.
- Members of the National Honor Society participated in the MSG Varsity television quiz show, "The Challenge." On October 28<sup>th</sup>, National Honor Society members Alan Rozet, Alison Gohn, Charlie Conti, Casey Heely and alternate, Matt Dutton, competed against students from Kings Park. The television program will air at 6:30 PM on November 28<sup>th</sup> on the MSG Varsity channel.
- The tenth annual Rocky Point High School Veterans Day program was held last week and featured the Suffolk County Police Bagpipe Band, the school band, Mr. Conlon and the Sound Choice, Tommy Sullivan from the group Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge and the color guard from The Rocky Point

Veterans of Foreign Wars. Three special speakers addressed the students during the assembly: Marty Viera, a 1988 graduate of RPHS and currently a combat and rescue officer with the Para Rescue Jumpers of Westhampton Beach; Sam Cila, a Wounded Warrior following the loss of his left arm in Iraq and now competing in Iron Man contests around the world; Steve Prescia, a Navy Seal recruiter and trainer for a Rocky Point graduate presently completing his Navy Seal training.

- Mr. Bonomi's students organized a supply drive for overseas soldiers. To date, more than forty boxes of supplies have been collected for shipment overseas. In support of this project, the members of the Be A Nicer Neighbor club are hosting a free breakfast for the class responsible for bringing in the most supplies.
- An ensemble case of eighteen students presented the fall Pocket Theater murder mystery production, "*Sorry, Wrong Number.*" Shows were performed on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Caulfield wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

#### **Dr. Scott O'Brien, Principal, Rocky Point Middle School**

- Dr. O'Brien extended his congratulations to the Varsity Field Hockey Team, the All County and All State Musician honorees, the Summer Big Buddies students and Mrs. Meschi upon receipt of their awards and recognitions.
- Singer/songwriter Jared Campbell will return to the Rocky Point Middle School on December 1<sup>st</sup> with an encore performance of "The Blue Project." This project is an interactive live concert that teaches practical life lessons through song and impacts the lives of listeners by experiencing joy, finding comfort through pain, and looking past obstacles towards living a better life.
- Author's Day is scheduled for Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Todd Strasser, the author of more than one hundred and thirty young adult and middle school grade novels, will provide staff and students with in-school presentations. Thank you to Mrs. O'Connell, MS librarian, and the PTA for their generous support of the Middle School Author's Day.
- Middle School students and staff collected nearly one thousand items of food as part of the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Special thanks to the guidance department for overseeing this project and helping to distribute boxes of food and turkeys to those community members in need. Dr. O'Brien extended his gratitude to the teachers for supporting the program and the parents and students for their generous donations.

#### **Ms. Carol Tvelia, Principal, Joseph A. Edgar School**

- Ms. Tvelia began her report by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Rocky Point Veterans and active duty personnel were once again honored by Mr. Yashowitz, Ms. Knapp, Ms. Varriale, members of the Student Council and the Technology Club during the Salute to Veterans assembly. Patriotic songs were performed, essays were read and each service member was given a personal letter of thank you. The serving of cake and coffee followed in the cafeteria. Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped with the refreshments and to the staff members of JAE for providing the refreshments.

- Food has been collected throughout the month of November in conjunction with the Student Council. Through this effort, Thanksgiving dinner will be provided for five JAE families. Ms. Tvelia extended her gratitude to school hall monitor Anne Quartararo and social worker Jean Biagiotti for coordinating this effort.
- Parent-Teacher conferences were held last week. Parents were able to review their child's academic progress and participate in plans to continue that progress throughout the next trimester.
- The New York Islanders will visit Joseph A. Edgar again on November 22<sup>nd</sup> for a presentation on the importance of teamwork and character-building. Thank you to Maria Amoscato, Joseph Camarda and Lauren Famighetti for their efforts in bringing the Islanders back to JAE.
- The yearly presentation, Journey into Indian Territories, will take place from November 28<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. This exercise allows fourth grade students to actively participate in Native American culture. The students will view and handle artifacts, create clay items, sing and dance to Native American songs, play Native American games and participate in a tribal council.
- The Winter Concert, featuring third and fourth grade choruses, the High Notes (under the direction of Mr. Knapp) and the Recorder Ensemble, will take place on December 7<sup>th</sup>. This ticketed event will be held in the high school auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

**Mrs. Virginia Kelly-Gibbons, Principal, Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School**

- A Veterans Day Assembly was held for second grade students. Commander Joe Cognitore, Master Sergeant Gilman and Mr. Ray Sekow joined the students in the gym to speak about their service to our country. Mrs. Iberger's students prepared a video thanking our veterans. Ms. Kenwood led the students in song honoring our service men and women.
- Parent-Teacher conferences were scheduled last week with a very successful turnout.
- First grade students will celebrate Thanksgiving with a feast on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The FJC Annual Food Drive has begun. Ms. Adamski organized the collection of food and sundries. The sorting and filling of baskets is being handled by the Second Grade Service Squad. Mrs. Adamski, Dr. Herbert and Mrs. McGuire will deliver the Thanksgiving baskets. Thank you to all for their generosity of time and talent.
- The Department of Environmental Conservation provided first graders with an in-school field trip. The students were able to observe and pet a variety of animals and insects.
- The Winter Concert is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the RPHS auditorium. The second grade chorus will perform to this year's theme: *Singing in a Winter Wonderland*.
- On December 22<sup>nd</sup> the FJC students will participate in a Winter Wonderland Sing-A-Long. Ms. Kenwood is working with the students as they learn their songs and Mrs. Buonconsiglio and her art students are making decorations for the occasion.
- Mrs. Kelly-Gibbons wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Nofi thanked everyone for their reports and invited those meeting attendees with questions and/or comments to approach the microphone.

- Reading from a prepared statement, Mrs. Intravaia voiced her concerns with recent changes in the special education department and the negative impact these changes were having upon her daughter. Mrs. Intravaia presented a detailed description of each of the issues she wished to bring to the attention of the Board of Education and district administration. Dr. Ring responded to each of Mrs. Intravaia's comments and questions. Dr. Ring asked Dr. Deborah De Luca to provide more detailed information with regard to select issues being presented by Mrs. Intravaia. Dr. De Luca addressed the issues, spoke briefly in general about the recent changes and provided the credentials of the autism consultant. Dr. De Luca outlined possible procedures to be put into place in order to assist students in successfully transitioning from one class and grade level to the next class and grade level. Dr. Ring advised that in addition to an outstanding offer for a meeting with Mrs. Moscatiello, Dr. De Luca was available to further discuss the matter personally with Mrs. Intravaia. Dr. Ring referenced the August 2010 Board of Education meeting wherein he discussed with the public the planned special education changes to be implemented over the course of a two-year period.
- Ms. Jenny Andersson expressed her concerns with the special education changes including the redistribution of services and the loss of the coordinators. In response, Dr. Ring commented the changes were discussed and clarified during the August 2010 Board of Education meeting. In answer to questions concerning the redistribution of funds resulting from these changes, Dr. Ring advised the funds remain in the special education budget. Dr. Ring further advised the redeployment of funds from administrative salaries would be used for interventions for students with disabilities. At Dr. Ring's request, Dr. De Luca discussed System 44 and READ 180, two new educational programs designed to help autistic students struggling with reading comprehension.
- Citing the failing grade for annual yearly progress for students with disabilities at various grade levels on the New York State Report Card, Dr. Ring stated we should deliver better outcomes to students. Dr. Ring spoke in detail about programs currently in place to address this issue including ICARE, Jump Start and Late Bird. Dr. Ring explained that these direct-contact programs between instructor and student focus on those students needing the most assistance.
- Mr. Frank Perrone stated this was the first year his son had experienced problems and issues with his IEP mandated services and believed the loss of a special education point person was detrimental to the continuity needed by many special education students. Mr. Perrone asked if a SEPTA program could be put into place.
- In response to the issues and concerns voiced thus far during the meeting, Dr. Ring extended his apology for the apparent lapse in communication. Dr. Ring shared it was his goal to ensure enough monetary funds be expended so that students with disabilities can achieve the results close to the same level as general education students.

- Ms. Jodie Lomas voiced her appreciation to Dr. Ring for the public apology. Ms. Lomas remarked that the special education department was currently lacking leadership and that an individual able to provide decisive answers was needed. Ms. Lomas stated better direction and communication were required in order for the special education students to succeed.
- Student Cody Wilkins expressed his support of the return of a SEPTA program. Cody shared his disappointment with the recent changes in the special education program and revealed he, too, would appreciate more communication.
- Ms. Linda Scalcione commented she was the parent of two children with IEPs and expressed the importance of having an individual available everyday for children with special needs. Ms. Scalcione mentioned the lengthy period of time currently required to implement special education services and asked for an explanation as to why. Ms. Scalcione stated the problems currently being experienced began upon the elimination of the coordinators. Ms. Scalcione questioned Dr. Ring's purported salary increase with reference to the employment circumstances of school-related support staff members.
- In response to Ms. Scalcione's reference to Dr. Ring's salary, Mr. Nofi announced Dr. Ring had forgone a salary increase this year. In addition, Mr. Nofi remarked a county-wide review of the remuneration of school superintendents reflects Dr. Ring's salary to be at the lower portion of the scale. Dr. Ring offered the particulars of his monetary compensation as they pertained to his appointment from Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Ring also commented that there has not been a cut in school teacher aides but there has been an increase in aides year over year.
- In response to a meeting attendee's inquiry concerning reading programs and the time frame from testing to the implementation of required remedial services at FJC, Dr. Ring invited Mrs. Kelly-Gibbons to provide a response. Following Mrs. Kelly-Gibbons detailed explanation, Dr. Ring suggested bringing any additional concerns to Mrs. Kelly-Gibbons and the Shared Decision Making Team.
- Mrs. Heely commented the members of the Board of Education should take a more active role in addressing the questions and concerns being presented at this meeting. Mr. Nofi responded that the board appreciated the sensitivity of the matters under discussion and that he and the other board members were very concerned with the apparent breakdown of communications. Mr. Nofi offered information pertaining to a planned PTA Special Education Forum tentatively scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Nofi confirmed his commitment to the forum as being a first step in improving communication and providing a basis for determining an action plan to address current concerns.
- Mrs. Dawn Callahan voiced her concerns regarding the ending of a special education program, i.e., the autism consultant as the "go to" person, after a period of only one year of implementation. Dr. Ring addressed Mrs. Callahan and indicated that the program to which she was referring had been in place for a number of years and that the service has not been eliminated but, rather, is being performed by different certified staff than in previous years.
- Mr. Reh announced that he is in agreement with both Mr. Nofi's responses and the concerns of the community regarding the lack of leadership in the special

education department and the subsequent breakdown of services. Mr. Reh stated he appreciated the comments made during this meeting. Mr. Reh remarked the comments were troublesome to hear and that the Board of Education would revisit each area of concern. Mr. Reh expressed the district should be united in its efforts to remedy the situation and that the forum scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> will be a good place to begin.

- Ms. Andersson thanked the parents who spoke before the board during the meeting and shared that her daughter was having a wonderful year as a result of the school district working together. Ms. Andersson particularly thanked Dr. De Luca for her continued assistance with all special education matters.
- Mr. Steve Davis commented he was in agreement with the sentiments being voiced during the meeting and expressed the importance of providing students with special needs the education they deserve.

There were no further questions or comments.

### **MINUTES**

Upon a 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 meetings be accepted as presented: **Audit Committee Meeting, October 24, 2011, Regular Meeting, October 24, 2011.**

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

### **TREASURER’S REPORTS**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer’s Report for the month of October 2011 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

### **EXTRA-CLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT TREASURER REPORT**

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh and seconded by John Lessler the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the Extra-Classroom Activity Treasurer Report for the month of October 2011 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 Reports for the month of October 2011 as presented.



All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**BUDGET TRANSFER SUMMARY – OCTOBER 2011**

Upon a 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 Board of Education accepts the October 2011 Budget Transfer Summary.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT – OCTOBER 2011**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the October 2011 Internal Claims Audit Report.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**SURPLUS ITEMS**

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh 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 for surplus the following attached list.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND EXCEL AID PROJECT SED NO.:  
58-02-09-02-0-005-010 JOSEPH A. EDGAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCUST  
VALLEY ELECTRIC - CHANGE ORDER NO. 1**

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 accepts and approves the attached change order in reference to the Capital Improvement Program and EXCEL Aid Project and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said change order.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND EXCEL AID PROJECT SED NO.:  
58-02-09-02-0-005-020 ROCKY POINT HIGH SCHOOL – LOCUST VALLEY  
ELECTRIC CHANGE ORDER NO. 2**

Upon a 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 Board of Education accepts and approves the attached change order in reference to

the Capital Improvement Program and EXCEL Aid Project and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said change order.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND EXCEL AID PROJECT – SED NO.: 58-02-09-02-0-005-012 FRANK J. CARASITI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCUST VALLEY ELECTRIC - CHANGE ORDER NO. 3**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts and approves the attached change order in reference to the Capital Improvement Program and EXCEL Aid Project and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said change order.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION 2011-2012 CONTRACT – DDI**

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh 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 Development Disabilities Institute (DDI) for a special education student's services for the 2011-2012 school year, under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or district policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION 2011-2012 CONTRACT – THE CODY CENTER**

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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with The Cody Center for a special education student's services for the 2011-2012 school year, under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or district policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**HORIZON HEALTHCARE STAFFING SERVICES CONTRACT**

Upon a 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 Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with Horizon Healthcare Staffing for nurse staffing services, including registered nurses (RNs) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), as per the attached contract.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**FIRST READING: SCHEDULED REVIEW, REVISION AND RE-ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby moves the re-adoption of Board of Education Policy Numbers (*first reading*):

- **1340 Board of Education Code of Ethics**
- **1410 Policy and Administrative Regulations**
- **2210 Committees of the Board**
- **2211 Advisory Committees of the Board of Education**
- **4220 Administrative Authority**
- **4230 District Committees**
- **4240 Evaluation of the Superintendent and Other Admin Staff**
- **6110 Code of Ethics for Board Members and All District Personnel**
- **5694 Pest Management and Pesticide Usage**
- **3510 Emergency Closing**
- **5630 Facilities: Inspection, Operation and Maintenance**
- **5631 Hazardous Waste and Handling of Toxic Substances by Employees**
- **5640 Smoking/Tobacco Use**
- **5690 Exposure Control Program**
- **5691 Communicable Diseases**
- **5692 Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Related Illnesses**

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**DONATED ITEMS**

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh 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 donated items as per the attached list.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER: SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT MEMBER**

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 approves the appointment of Donna L. Porter 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 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 Board of Education votes to arrange for appropriate services pursuant to the recommendations of Schedule 11-21-11-A and Schedule 11-21-11- B.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**REGISTERED AND LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE SUBSTITUTE RATE OF PAY SCHEDULE**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education amends the nurse substitute hourly rate of pay for the 2011-2012 fiscal year as follows:

	Non-Instructional Staff:	
Registered Nurse (RN)		\$28.00 per hour
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)		\$16.99 per hour

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**PERSONNEL**

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh 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 5-0

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

- Ms. Dawn Callahan requested an elaboration on the resolution concerning the review, revision and re-adoption of Board of Education Policy Number 6110: *Code of Ethics for Board Members and All District Personnel*. Mr. Nofi advised there were no modifications made to the currently existing policy. Following this response, Ms. Callahan referenced an incident that occurred on November 5<sup>th</sup> involving a board of education member. Ms. Callahan stated she believed the board member exhibited conduct that was in opposition to policy number 6110. A discussion ensued between Ms. Callahan and Mr. Nofi. Mr. Nofi advised that he

could not comment on the alleged actions of a board member during the referenced event as the individual was not attending the function in the capacity of a board member. Both Mr. Nofi and Ms. Callahan were in agreement that there was a certain level of conduct expected from board members and all district personnel at all times during their interactions with community members, faculty, staff and students. Mr. Nofi announced that the board member had retained legal counsel concerning this matter.

- Ms. Maria Amoscato proudly announced that \$137,000 has been raised for the American Cancer Society through the Relay for Life fundraiser. Ms. Amoscato extended her gratitude to the community members, the administration, the Board of Education, Dr. Ring, the Rocky Point Teachers Association, the Rocky Point Booster Club, Amy Schecher and the members of the Rocky Point Marching Band, for all the help and support. Mr. Nofi commented that the thanks belong to Maria Amoscato for her constant hard work and dedication in support of this cause. Dr. Ring offered his gratitude to Ms. Amoscato for continuously leading the effort and working tirelessly in her commitment to the American Cancer Society.

There were no further questions or comments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:58 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 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jones  
District Clerk