

**MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
APRIL 18, 2012**

Mr. Nofi called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School.

Present: Michael Nofi, President
Diane Burke, Vice President
John Lessler, Trustee (arriving at 6:09 p.m.)
Kathleen Hegggers, Trustee
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: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:01 p.m. Kathleen Hegggers made a motion and Diane Burke seconded to adjourn to Executive Session in order to discuss particular and confidential personnel matters relating to select employees.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Nofi welcomed those in attendance to the meeting and requested meeting attendees remain standing following the Pledge of Allegiance for a moment of silence for Rocky Point High School student, Ryan Baumgartner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Ring announced that pending the Board of Education's approval and adoption of the updated Next STEP Five Year Educational Strategic Plan, an item on the evening's agenda, that the document would be available for viewing on the district's website immediately following the meeting. Dr. Ring offered his thanks to art teachers Treewolf West and Katerina Kyriakakis and their students for their contributions with the creation of the document's cover. Dr. Ring extended his gratitude to Anja Groth for heading up this year's Next Step update and all those who participated on the various planning teams for a job well done.

Mrs. Susan Sullivan, Assistant Principal, Rocky Point High School

- The annual Senior Citizen Prom is being held on April 19th.
- The administration, faculty and staff of the Rocky Point High School join with the community in offering condolences and prayers to the family of Ryan Baumgartner.

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

- Students are taking both the New York State ELA and mathematics examinations this month. A modified bell schedule will be utilized while the students take the ELA exams on April 17th, April 18th, and April 19th. The NYS math examinations are scheduled for April 25th, April 26th and April 27th.
- Darren Sardelli, award-winning poet, motivational speaker and children's book author, will visit and present to all middle school students on Friday, May 4th.
- The Rocky Point Middle school will host a Career Day for eighth grade students on May 10th. Approximately thirty guest speakers will share their experiences related to their professions. Dr. O'Brien acknowledged school counselors Patrick Panella, Courtney Bane-Honan and Marissa Urso for their work in organizing the event.
- Looking ahead, sixth graders will participate in a field trip to the Vanderbilt Museum during the first week in May and fifth grade Joseph A. Edgar students will participate in student orientations at the end of May.

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

- The New York State ELA testing will conclude on April 19th. The New York State math exams will take place from April 25th through April 27th.
- The spring concert is scheduled for May 7th at 7 PM in the high school auditorium. Members of the JAE band and chorus will perform at this ticketed event.
- The Art and Technology Show will be presented in the hallways of JAE on May 10th from 6 PM to 8PM; numerous projects will be displayed.

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

- Mrs. Kelly-Gibbons welcomed everyone back from spring recess.
- Thank you to the PTA for its assistance with planning the upcoming April 30th evening kindergarten orientation.
- Art teachers Treewolf West and Cara Buonconsiglio are preparing for the FJC Art Show scheduled for May 3rd. The second grade chorus, under the direction of music teacher Kyra Kenwood, will perform during the show themed *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*.
- The PTA is sponsoring performances by Rick Charette during assemblies on May 16th and on the back lawn of the Frank J. Carasiti School on May 17th.
- ELL students will be taking the New York State ESLAT examination this month. Mrs. Kelly-Gibbons thanked parents in advance for ensuring the students are well-rested and arrive on time for the testing.
- Second grade students participated in field trips to Safety Town. In culmination of this experience, the students will attend a Bicycle Assembly on April 27th.

Mr. Nofi thanked the principals for their reports and opened the floor to questions and/or comments from meeting attendees.

- Reading from a prepared statement, second grade teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Golding, recited statistics and results from studies substantiating the importance of maintaining and preserving a full-day kindergarten program. Mrs. Golding stated she was speaking on behalf of the teachers in support of the students. Mrs. Golding expressed her gratitude to the administration and Board of Education for their hard work in preparing a budget for the 2012-2013 school year.

Mr. Nofi thanked Mrs. Golding for her comments. Mr. Nofi affirmed the Board of Education was in agreement regarding the educational importance of the kindergarten program. Mr. Nofi remarked that the present full day program was a point of pride for the district and that the current proposed budget provides for a fully funded full-day kindergarten program. Mr. Nofi did, however, comment that a failed budget will necessitate cuts to programs.

- Mrs. Franco expressed her support of education but also her need to be financially protective of her home. Mrs. Franco asked for financially sustainable budgets in order to ensure district residents are able to remain in their homes. Mrs. Franco requested clarification of some points of information contained in the budget as presented on the district's website. Dr. Ring provided Mrs. Franco with detailed responses to each of her questions. Dr. Ring explained that only non-mandated programs were eligible to be cut and provided examples of both non-mandated and mandated programs. Mrs. Franco again expressed her desire for an increase in the percentage teachers contribute to their health insurance during the contract negotiation process.
- Mrs. Bea Ruberto, in follow-up to Mrs. Franco's questions and remarks concerning the budget presentation provided during the meeting of March 26 2012, requested additional clarification of particular points. Dr. Ring addressed each of Mrs. Ruberto's inquiries.
- Mrs. Intravaia stated that it has come to her attention that one of her daughter's service providers would retire at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. Mrs. Intravaia requested the school district make a decision concerning the hiring of the service provider's replacement prior to the end of the school year so that her daughter and other students requiring such services would have the opportunity to meet the new service provider prior to the end of the school year.

Mr. Nofi thanked everyone for their comments and reminded all that another opportunity to address the Board would be available following the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting.

MINUTES

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the following Board of Education Meeting be accepted as presented: **Regular Meeting, March 26, 2012.**

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

TREASURER’S REPORTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer’s Reports for the month of March 2012 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 March 2012 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 March 2012 as presented.

All in favor - Motion carried 5-0

BUDGET TRANSFER SUMMARY – MARCH 2012

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke 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 accepts the March 2012 Budget Transfer Summary.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT – MARCH 2012

Upon a motion made by Kathleen Heggens 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 March 2012 Internal Claims Audit Report.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

ADOPTION OF THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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 adopts the 2012-2013 school calendar as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

BID AWARD #12-10 ASPHALT/CONCRETE PAVING & REPAIR

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 awards Bid #12-10 Asphalt/Concrete Paving & Repair to Park Line Asphalt Maintenance, the lowest responsible bidder, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

BID REJECTION #12-09 DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION

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 rejects the bids opened on March 8, 2012, for district transportation.

Motion carried 5-0

DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT EXTENSION

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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute an extension of the district's existing transportation contract through June 30, 2015.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the Rocky Point Union Free School District Budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year pursuant to the Education Law Section 1716 in the amount of \$71,574,012 and the Property Tax Report Card, as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PROPERTY TAX CAP FORM

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 revised Rocky Point Union Free School District Property Tax Cap Form, as attached.

All in favor - Motion carried 5-0

ADOPTION OF THE REVISED AND UPDATED NEXT STEP FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

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 adopts the revised and updated Next STEP five year strategic plan as heretofore submitted.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

ADOPTION OF THE ROCKY POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S DISTRICT PLAN FOR SCHOOL-BASED PLANNING AND SHARED DECISION MAKING

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 adopts the revised and updated District Plan for School-Based Planning and Shared Decision Making, as heretofore submitted.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

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

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 hereby moves the re-adoption of Board of Education Policy Numbers (*first reading*): 7310, 7311, 7312, 7313, 7330, 8460, 6140, 7510, 7511, 7512, 7513, 7514, 1330, 1331, 1332, 1333, 1335, 1337, 1338, 1339, 1510, 7220, 7314, 7320, 7340, 7350, 7360 and 3310.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

VOTE TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR 2012-2013

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 approves/disapproves the BOCES Administrative Budget for 2012-2013 in the amount of \$29,417,611.00.

Roll Call

Mr. Nofi	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay
Mrs. Burke	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay
Mr. Lessler	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay
Mrs. Heggers	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay
Mr. Reh	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay

All in favor – Motion to Disapprove the BOCES Administrative Budget for 2012-2013 carried 5-0

VOTING FOR TRUSTEES TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATION SERVICES OF THE FIRST SUPERVISORY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education elects the following candidate(s) to serve for the term commencing on July 1, 2012 and ending on June 30, 2015. (*Choose up to five*):

Pamela Bethel

Roll Call

Mr. Nofi	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay
Mrs. Burke	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay
Mr. Lessler	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay
Mrs. Heggers	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay
Mr. Reh	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay

Stephen Dewey

Roll Call

Mr. Nofi	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay
Mrs. Burke	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay
Mr. Lessler	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay
Mrs. Heggers	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay
Mr. Reh	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay

Dennis Donatuti

Roll Call

Mr. Nofi	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay
Mrs. Burke	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay
Mr. Lessler	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay
Mrs. Heggers	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay
Mr. Reh	_____ Yea	___x___ Nay

Chris Garvey

Roll Call

Mr. Nofi	<u> x </u> Yea	<u> </u> Nay
Mrs. Burke	<u> </u> Yea	<u> x </u> Nay
Mr. Lessler	<u> </u> Yea	<u> x </u> Nay
Mrs. Hegggers	<u> </u> Yea	<u> x </u> Nay
Mr. Reh	<u> x </u> Yea	<u> </u> Nay

Joseph LoSchiavo

Roll Call

Mr. Nofi	<u> x </u> Yea	<u> </u> Nay
Mrs. Burke	<u> x </u> Yea	<u> </u> Nay
Mr. Lessler	<u> x </u> Yea	<u> </u> Nay
Mrs. Hegggers	<u> x </u> Yea	<u> </u> Nay
Mr. Reh	<u> x </u> Yea	<u> </u> Nay

Jeffrey Smith

Roll Call

Mr. Nofi	<u> </u> Yea	<u> x </u> Nay
Mrs. Burke	<u> </u> Yea	<u> x </u> Nay
Mr. Lessler	<u> </u> Yea	<u> x </u> Nay
Mrs. Hegggers	<u> </u> Yea	<u> x </u> Nay
Mr. Reh	<u> </u> Yea	<u> x </u> Nay

Motion carried 5-0

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE ROCKY POINT SCHOOL-RELATED PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Rocky Point School-Related Professional Association for the purpose of amending Appendix A of the Collective Bargaining Agreement by adding *School Nurse (hourly)* with a starting salary of \$22.28 per hour.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

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 votes to arrange for appropriate services pursuant to the recommendations of Schedule 4-18-12-A and Schedule 4-18-12- B.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

PERSONNEL

Upon a motion made by John Lesslerand 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.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

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

- Ms. Jenny Andersson, referencing the agenda item pertaining to the adoption of the district's District Plan for School-Based Planning and Shared Decision Making, requested clarification of same. Mr. Nofi responded the updated plan was the result of the recommendations of the district's Coordinating Committee. Dr. Ring added that this was a biennial process and that the committee met on two separate occasions in accordance with New York State Education Department regulations. Dr. Ring noted the entire document was available on the district's website for review and reference.
- Ms. Nicole LaMacchia, president of the Rocky Point PTA, extended an invitation to the candidates running for the two open Board of Education seats to attend a "Meet the Candidates Night" forum to be held on May 3, 2012 at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.
- Ms. Bea Ruberto, president of the Sound Beach Civic Association, extended an invitation to the candidates to attend a "Meet the Candidates" forum to be held on May 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sound Beach Fire House.
- Mrs. Franco engaged Dr. Ring in a detailed discussion pertaining to the proposed 3.2% tax levy and information pertaining to the allocation of reserve funds.
- Mrs. Mary Heely requested information concerning the outcome of the budget vote and its subsequent impact on AP classes for the 2012-2013 school year. A detailed discussion ensued. Following said discussion, Mrs. LaMacchia requested further information on the matter to which Dr. Ring provided additional information.
- Mrs. Cincotta referenced the 2007 loss of monies to the district as a result of a paperwork error under a previous administration. Noting that the district would now receive the formerly withheld monies, the meeting attendee congratulated the Board of Education and Dr. Ring for their successful recovery of the revenue. Dr. Ring extended his gratitude to both Senator Kenneth LaValle and Assemblyman Daniel Losquadro for their tireless work in order to secure 2.4 million dollars in construction aid to the district. Dr. Ring advised the aid would be dispersed over a twenty-year period with the first payment beginning in the 2013/2014 school year.

There were no further questions or comments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:52 p.m. a motion was made by Diane Burke and seconded by Kathleen Heggers for the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jones
District Clerk