

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 19, 2017

Mrs. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m. in the auditorium of Rocky Point High School.

Present: Susan Sullivan, President
Melissa Brown, Trustee
Sean Callahan, Trustee
Edward Casswell, 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
Kelly White, District Clerk

Absent: Scott Reh, Trustee

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:00 p.m. a motion was made by Sean Callahan and seconded by Melissa Brown to adjourn to Executive Session to in order to review and discuss the appeal of a student suspension and to discuss confidential personnel matters pertaining to select individuals.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Sullivan invited Dr. Ring to begin with the Superintendent's Report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Ring welcomed the meeting attendees and reminded them of some upcoming events:

- Tuesday, May 2nd - Annual Budget Public Hearing in the high school auditorium
- Tuesday, May 16th - Board of Education meeting which will include staff and student recognitions
- Tuesday, May 16th - 2017-18 School Budget Vote and Elections in the high school gymnasium

Mrs. Sullivan opened the floor to questions/comments.

- Mr. Pinkenburg commented that the link on the current agenda, associated with the Wellness Policy, was not working correctly. Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Wilson advised that they would look into this.

There were no further questions/comments at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed below are presented as part of the Consent Agenda which can be adopted by the Board of Education under a single motion followed by a second and then a formal vote. The Consent Agenda items are listed in their regular order within a group. Before an actual vote is taken, any Consent Agenda item may be removed by a Board member without a formal motion or second. If this occurs, the indicated resolution will be discussed during its regular order on the agenda and voted on individually.

III-IX CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Edward Casswell, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the following agenda items as one item.

- III: Minutes** – Regular Meeting March 20, 2017
- IV Budget Transfer Summary** – March 2017
- V: Treasurer’s Reports** – March 2017
- VI: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer’s Report** – March 2017
- VII: Financial Reports** – March 2017
- VIII: Internal Claims Audit Report** – March 2017
- IX: Committees on Special Education Schedule 4-19-17-A** as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

X RITA E. SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP

Upon a resolution made by Edward Casswell and seconded by Sean Callahan, 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 \$600 scholarship donation from Roger and Susan Sullivan.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Dr. Ring offered his thanks to Roger and Susan Sullivan for their continued generosity.

XI LIVE LIKE SUSIE SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan and seconded by Melissa Brown, 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 on behalf of the Live Like Susie Scholarship, as follows:

Jaime Montana \$25.00

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Sullivan expressed her gratitude to Jaime Montana.

XII DONATION FROM PTA FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Edward Casswell, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts the \$4,750.00 donation from the Rocky Point PTA.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked the PTA for their generosity.

XIII SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Upon a resolution made by Edward Casswell and seconded by Sean Callahan, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve for surplus the following attached list of equipment.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XIV RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan and seconded by Melissa Brown, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education adopts the Rocky Point Union Free School District Budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year pursuant to the Education Law Section 1716 in the amount of \$83,286,346 and the Property Tax Report Card, as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XV CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT FJC –
CONTRACT NO. 1 - ROOF RECONSTRUCTION (MILCON
CONSTRUCTION)**

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Edward Casswell, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept and approve the attached change order with reference to the Capital Improvements at FJC – Contract 1 – Roof Reconstruction.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XVI 2017-2018 BOCES COOPERATIVE BIDDING SERVICES PURCHASING
CONTRACT**

Upon a resolution made by Edward Casswell and seconded by Sean Callahan, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the Resolution to participate in the BOCES Cooperative Bidding Purchasing Program for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year on an “as needed” basis per the attached Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program Resolution (A).

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XVII VOTE TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE
BUDGET FOR 2017-2018**

Upon a resolution made by Sean Callahan, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves/disapproves the BOCES Administrative Budget for 2017-2018 in the amount of \$44,408,941.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Sullivan	Approved
Mrs. Brown	Approved
Mr. Callahan	Approved
Mr. Casswell	Approved

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

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

Upon a resolution made by Melissa Brown, 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, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2020. (*Choose up to five*):

Walter Denzler

Roll Call:

Mrs. Sullivan	Yea
Mrs. Brown	Yea
Mr. Callahan	Yea
Mr. Casswell	Yea

Susan Lipman

Roll Call:

Mrs. Sullivan	Yea
Mrs. Brown	Yea
Mr. Callahan	Yea
Mr. Casswell	Yea

Anne Mackesey

Roll Call:

Mrs. Sullivan	Yea
Mrs. Brown	Yea
Mr. Callahan	Yea
Mr. Casswell	Yea

William Miller

Roll Call:

Mrs. Sullivan	Yea
Mrs. Brown	Yea
Mr. Callahan	Yea
Mr. Casswell	Yea

Catherine Romano

Roll Call:

Mrs. Sullivan	Yea
Mrs. Brown	Yea
Mr. Callahan	Yea
Mr. Casswell	Yea

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XIX 2016-17 HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT

Upon a resolution made by Edward Casswell and seconded by Sean Callahan, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President and Superintendent to enter into an agreement for health services for the 2016-17 school year with the following districts:

Port Jefferson UFSD
Three Village Central School District

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XX RESOLUTION TO AWARD A BID – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT:
 SED NO: 58-02-09-02-0-001-013 (JAE)
 SED NO: 58-02-09-02-0-005-031 (MS/HS)
 SED NO: 58-02-09-02-0-006-017 (FJC)
 SED NO: 58-02-09-02-7-999-004 (DISTRICT)**

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan and seconded by Melissa Brown, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education award the Capital Improvements contracts as follows:

<u>Contract No. 1:</u> Site Work Reconstruction	Metro Paving LLC
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Work Location No. 1 – Joseph A. Edgar E.S.	\$ 64,000
Work Location No. 2 – Rocky Point H.S.	<u>\$409,000</u>
Total at Both Schools:	\$467,000*

*The Total at Both Schools shown reflects a voluntary discount, in the amount of \$6,000.00, for the award of both schools.

<u>Contract No. 2:</u> Asbestos Abatement	Millburn Flooring Mills
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Base Bid (HS)	\$119,455
<u>Contract No. 3: Interior & Exterior Masonry Reconstruction</u>	Reject All Bids
<u>Contract No. 4: Roof Replacement</u>	Milcon Construction
Work Location No. 1 – Joseph A. Edgar E.S.	\$177,000
Work Location No. 2 – Rocky Point H.S.	<u>\$ 27,000</u>
Total at Both Schools	\$204,000
<u>Contract No. 5: Interior Casework and General Construction</u>	Austin Interiors
Work Location No. 2 – Rocky Point H.S. Nurse’s Office	\$10,675
Work Location No. 3 – Rocky Point M.S. Nurse’s Office & Vestibule	<u>\$37,185</u>
Total at Both Schools	\$47,860
Work Location No. 1	Reject All Bids
<u>Contract No. 6: Window Operator Installation</u>	Arrow Steel Windows
Base Bid (Joseph A. Edgar E.S.)	\$74,000
<u>Contract No. 7: Temperature Control Reconstruction</u>	Reject All Bids
Total of All Recommended Awards:	\$912,315

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mr. Callahan inquired as to the reasons that all bids were rejected for some items. Mr. Hilton advised that all bids received were higher than what was deemed acceptable. He further added that these items would be put back out for bid in approximately 2 weeks.

**XXI REVIEW AND RE-ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY
NUMBER 5661
(FIRST READING)**

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Edward Casswell, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education reviews and re-adopts the following policies (*first reading*):

- 5661 District Wellness Policy

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XXII SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Upon a resolution made by Susan Sullivan and seconded by Sean Callahan, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education accepts a Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) by and between an employee made known to the Board within the Rocky Point UFSD, the Rocky Point Teachers’ Association, and the Board of Education of the Rocky Point UFSD as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XXIII APPEAL OF STUDENT SUSPENSION

Upon a resolution made by Edward Casswell and seconded by Sean Callahan, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that after careful consideration of Board Policy and review of the record and appeal of the suspension of a student made known to the Board, the Board of Education hereby upholds the disciplinary decision of the Superintendent of Schools in the suspension of said student.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XXIV PERSONNEL

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan and seconded by Melissa Brown, 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

XXV NEW BUSINESS

- Mrs. Brown offered the following resolution.

Residency Determination Review

Upon a motion made by Melissa Brown and seconded by Sean Callahan, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED that following the review of the 8 NYCRR 100.2(y) residency determination of the Board-appointed residency officer; and the submission of the parent of the subject student(s), the residence determination is affirmed; and accordingly students Isabella and Alexcya Cintron will be excluded from attending District schools effective as of April 21, 2017.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

- Mrs. Brown inquired if the departmental chairperson positions and Summer SHARP program positions will be posted and if interviews will be conducted. Dr. Ring advised that the Summer SHARP program runs through Eastern Suffolk BOCES and that employees are screened and selected by ES BOCES. He added that they do ask for his recommendations for re-appointments which he makes based on the success of the job performed. Regarding the departmental chairperson positions, Dr. Ring advised that his belief is that convening an interview panel is not necessary if it is an encumbered position and if the work performed was acceptable. He further explained that if there is an unencumbered position that interviews would most likely be held.

Mrs. Sullivan took a moment to congratulate Ms. Cheryl Gugel (food service) and Ms. Ronnie Gilbert (community ed.) on their upcoming retirement and thanked them for their many years of service.

Mrs. Sullivan once again invited the meeting attendees to come forth with any questions/comments.

- Ms. Kelly shared her interests in organizing a STEM night. Dr. Ring commented that the Director of MST, Mr. Factor, usually holds one at the end of the year. He advised that he would speak with him and confirm the details. Mr. Nobre, Chairman of Science, also offered to speak with Mr. Factor to facilitate the idea.
- Ms. Seifert detailed recent incidents involving an unknown JAE student who left hateful messages on a classmate's desk. She asked for an anti-hate program to be presented in classrooms as well as assemblies teaching students about acceptance. Ms. Seifert also requested that special guidelines be developed to deal with situations like this.
- Ms. Lisa shared personal experiences with students using racial slurs at JAE. She expressed the need for open communication with school administrators. Mr. Callahan requested a detailed timeline of the incidents so he may look into the issue further.
- Ms. Small commented on her son's specific status with the school. Mrs. Sullivan advised that it could not be discussed in a public forum.
- Ms. McGuire inquired if there is a specific consequence laid out in the policy for a racial incident. Dr. Ring advised that these issues are handled on a case-by-case basis by Building Administrators. Some mitigating circumstances include, but are not limited to, the nature of the events and if there is a repeat history of the offense. He added that there is an expectation of communication with parents, especially at the elementary school level.
- Ms. Lehman expressed her concerns hearing that racial slurs are being used. She referred to hateful messages posted by adults on a Facebook page and shared her concerns as to how these uninformed sentiments impact our children.
- Ms. Connelly encouraged meeting attendees to read the anti-harassment policy 3420 regarding the issues discussed at the meeting. She thanked the parents for recognizing the food service workers for their role in assisting the children. She added that bullying and intimidation within the school district needs to come to an end. Ms. Connelly concluded that she was confident changes would be made now that the issues have been brought before the Board of Education.

- Ms. Roza inquired if her appeal had been read and if the decision on her children's attendance in the District was final. This was confirmed by the Board.

There were no further questions/comments at this time.

XXVII ADJOURNMENT

At 7:53 pm Melissa Brown made a motion and Edward Casswell seconded to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White
District Clerk