

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 26, 2019

Mrs. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the auditorium of Rocky Point High School.

Present: Susan Sullivan, President
Sean Callahan, Vice President
Gregory Amendola, Trustee (Arriving at 6:15 p.m.)
Edward Casswell, Trustee
Jessica Ward, Trustee
Scott O'Brien, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Susann Crossan, Assistant Superintendent
Gregory Hilton, School Business Official
Kelly White, District Clerk

Absent:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:02 p.m., Sean Callahan made a motion, and seconded by Jessica Ward, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss confidential personnel and legal matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. O'Brien welcomed back students and staff for the upcoming 2019-20 school year and noted some important dates.

- September 3rd – Superintendent's Conference Day – First day back for staff
- September 4th – First day back for students

Dr. O'Brien thanked the Buildings and Grounds staff for their hard work and added that all of the work currently in progress is scheduled to be completed prior to the start of the new school year. He noted some security upgrades that have been put into place:

- Door ajar alarms
- Lockout buttons at front entry desk
- Security cameras increased (new total is 254)
- Wifi

Dr. O'Brien congratulated all of the teachers, administrators and staff on their new appointments.

Mrs. Sullivan opened the floor to the meeting attendees for questions/comments.

There were no 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. On the following page 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-VII CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan, and seconded by Jessica Ward, 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 June 17, 2019; Special Meeting July 9, 2019; Organizational Meeting/Regular Business Meeting July 11, 2019; Special Meeting July 17, 2019
- IV: Treasurer’s Reports** – June 2019
- V: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer’s Report** – June 2019
- VI: Internal Claims Audit Report** – June and July 2019
- VII: Committees on Special Education Schedules 8-26-19-A and 8-26-19-B** as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

VIII DONATION FROM GREAT AMERICAN OPPORTUNITIES

Upon a motion made by Jessica Ward, and seconded by Ed Casswell, 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 from Great American Opportunities in the amounts of \$63.20, \$72.40, \$58.00 and \$426.00, respectively, as per the attached.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rocky Point Union Free School District hereby approves the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to increase the general fund budget by \$619.60 as a result of the donation.

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

A 2110 500 01 0000 (FJC) \$63.20
A 2110 500 02 0000 (JAE) \$556.40

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Great American Opportunities for their donation.

IX ROCKY POINT PTA DONATION FOR INCOMING 9TH GRADE ORIENTATION

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Gregory Amendola, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the \$250.00 donation from the Rocky Point PTA.

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 \$250.00 as a result of the donation.

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

A 2110 500 03 0000 (HS) \$250.00

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked the PTA for their donation.

X DR. JOHN HAGGERTY SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

Upon a motion made by Gregory Amendola, 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 donation on behalf of the Dr. John Haggerty Memorial Scholarship, totaling \$125.00, as follows:

Maureen Haggerty \$125.00

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Mrs. Haggerty for her donation.

XI APPLEBEE’S TEACHER AWARD – FJC

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan, and seconded by Jessica Ward, 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 award from Apple Food Service of New York, in the amount of \$500.00, to be used for school supplies.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rocky Point Union Free School District hereby approves the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to increase the general fund budget by \$500.00 as a result of the donation.

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

A 2110 500 01 0000 (FJC) \$500.00

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Applebee’s for their donation.

XII SURPLUS BOOKS

Upon a motion made by Jessica Ward, and seconded by Ed Casswell, 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 books on the following attached list.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIII SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Gregory Amendola, 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 lists of equipment.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XIV ADOPTION AND REVIEW/RE- ADOPTION OF BOARD OF
EDUCATION POLICY NUMBERS: 3410, 4211, 5220, 5410, 5413,
5681, 7110, 7313 AND 7511 (SECOND READING)**

Discussion ensued

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan, and seconded by Jessica Ward, Policy #7313 will be tabled and discussed at a later date:

- 7313 Suspension of Students

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education reviews and adopts/re- adopts the following policies (second reading): 3410, 4211, 5220, 5410, 5413, 5681, 7110, and 7511

- 3410 Code of Conduct on School Property
- 4211 Rocky Point UFSD Organizational Chart
- 5220 District Investments
- 5410 Purchasing
- 5413 Procurement of Goods and Services
- 5681 School Safety Plans
- 7110 Rocky Point School District’s Comprehensive Attendance Plan
- 7511 Immunization of Students

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XV ST. JAMES TUTORING / EDUCATION AT MATHER –
HOSPITAL BASED INSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan, and seconded by Jessica Ward, 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 St. James Tutoring Inc./Education Inc. for hospital based instruction at a rate of \$49.00 per hour, per student, as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVI CONTRACT BETWEEN ROCKY POINT UFSD AND PEARSON

Upon a motion made by Jessica Ward, and seconded by Ed Casswell, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the purchase of middle school science instructional resources and services, as set forth within the attached.

Motion carried 4-1
Sean Callahan opposed

XVII SPECIAL EDUCATION 2019-20 CONTRACT – NYSARC, INC. – SUFFOLK (AHRC)

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Gregory Amendola, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with NYSARC, Inc. – Suffolk (AHRC) for special education instructional services for the 2019-2020 school year, as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or District Policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVIII STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Upon a motion made by Gregory Amendola, 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 authorizes the Board of Education President Susan Sullivan to execute the Agreement for two students to attend Rocky Point High School 2019-2020 school year beginning on Wednesday, September 4, 2019, and ending on Friday, June 26, 2020. Tuition on a non-precedential basis will be waived for the 2019-2020 School Year.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XIX AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
THE SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE, RESCUE, AND
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute a Consent Agreement for Remote Electronic Device Access for the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for allowing the Suffolk County Police Department and the Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency services to gain remote access to particular electronic devices, effective August 27, 2019, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XX CLAIMS SERVICE BUREAU AGREEMENT

Upon a motion made by Jessica Ward, and seconded by Ed Casswell, 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 2019-2020 school year.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XXI MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION AND GREGORY HILTON**

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Gregory Amendola, 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 Gregory Hilton in accordance with existing provisions of his employment agreement, Paragraph 7 (d), effective August 26, 2019, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XXII AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
THE ROCKY POINT ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION**

Upon a motion made by Gregory Amendola, 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 President of the Board of Education to execute an amended Agreement between the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point Administrators Association as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XXIII MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION AND ANJA GROTH**

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan, and seconded by Jessica Ward, 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 Anja Groth in accordance with existing provisions of her amended Agreement effective August 26, 2019, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXIV CHANGE IN SELECT CIVIL SERVICE TITLES

Upon a motion made by Jessica Ward, and seconded by Ed Casswell, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the change in Civil Service titles as indicated below and as per the attached.

<u>Old Title</u>	<u>New Title</u>
Account Clerk Typist	Account Clerk
Senior Account Clerk Typist	Senior Account Clerk

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXV APPOINTMENT OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Gregory Amendola, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Christopher Van Cott as Assistant Superintendent for Business effective September 25, 2019 through September 24, 2022, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education, to execute a corresponding Employment Agreement with Christopher Van Cott in the form and upon the terms and conditions approved by the Board of Education, as attached hereto.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXVI PERSONNEL

Upon a motion made by Gregory Amendola, 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 the attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXVII NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Sullivan inquired of the trustees if there was any new business they wished to discuss.

There was no new business at this time.

Mrs. Sullivan congratulated and welcomed the following employees on their new appointments:

- Ms. Kathryn Weis – ENL Teacher
- Mr. Louis Montanaro – ENL Teacher
- Ms. Rachel Dwyer – Special Education Teacher
- Ms. Kelly McNeil – Special Education Teacher
- Mr. Thomas Walsh – Health Teacher
- Ms. Jamie Adamski – School Counselor
- Ms. Jean Costa – School Counselor
- Mr. Joseph Aguila – ELA Teacher
- Ms. Kaitlin Grady – Social Studies Leave Replacement
- Ms. Rosa Brannan – LOTE Teacher
- Mr. Jonathan Hart – High School Principal
- Ms. Lauren Neckin – High School Assistant Principal
- Mr. Christopher Van Cott – Assistant Superintendent for Business

Mrs. Sullivan congratulated Ms. Cheryl Fusco (Special Education Teacher) on her upcoming retirement.

Mrs. Sullivan once again opened the floor to the meeting attendees for questions/comments.

- Ms. Orofino spoke regarding the religious exemption and urged the Board of Education members to appeal on their behalf. Mrs. Sullivan stated that the Board of Education members are still discussing this particular topic at the present time. She advised that they are consulting legal counsel on the matter as well.

XXVIII EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:25 p.m. a motion was made by Sean Callahan, and seconded by Jessica Ward, to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential personnel and legal matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:05 p.m.

XXIX ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 p.m. Sean Callahan made a motion, seconded by Jessica Ward, to adjourn the meeting,

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White
District Clerk