

**MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2019**

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

Present: Susan Sullivan, President
Sean Callahan,, Vice President
Gregory Amendola, Trustee (Arriving at 6:30 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 p.m. a motion was made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Sean Callahan, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss confidential contracts, personnel and legal matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. O'Brien welcomed the meeting attendees and all of those who came to support Ms. Cheryl Fusco in her retirement. Dr. Gibbons began with noting Ms. Fusco's 33 years as a dedicated teacher of special education in the Rocky Point School District. Ms. Fusco had worked in both the Joseph A. Edgar school and Rocky Point Middle School but spent most of her years at the Frank J. Carasiti school. Dr. Gibbins shared that she was lucky enough to work alongside Ms. Fusco for the past nine years. She added that many that had the pleasure of working with her not only saw her as a leader but also as a friend. Dr. Gibbons shared kind words and well wishes from numerous staff members, describing Ms. Fusco as soft spoken, gracious, an expert in her field, a quiet leader, kind, always available, never judging, loving, caring, a mentor to both students and teachers, gentle mannered and a trainer and coach to fellow teachers and staff. Dr. Gibbons thanked Ms. Fusco for her years of dedication and friendship and wished her well in her retirement

Mrs. Sullivan read the public commenting procedure aloud and then 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. The Consent Agenda items are listed below 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 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, August 26, 2019
- IV Budget Transfer Summary** – Year End 2019 & August 2019
- V: Treasurer’s Reports** – July and August 2019
- VI: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer’s Report** – July & August 2019
- VII: Financials** – June, July and August 2019
- VIII: Internal Claims Audit Report** – August 2019
- IX: Committees on Special Education Schedules 9-16-19-A** as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

X ADOPTION AND REVIEW/RE-ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY NUMBER 7313 (SECOND READING TABLED FROM AUGUST 26, 2019)

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopts and reviews/re-adopts the following policy (second reading):

- 7313 Suspension of Students

Motion carried 4-1

Sean Callahan opposed

XI TAX LEVY

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 tax levy of \$52,440,256 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year be approved.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XII CLEARY SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF 2019-2020 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, that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with Cleary School for the Deaf for special education students’ instructional services for the 2019-20 school year as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or District Policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIII AMENDED ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

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 amend the following appointments for the 2019-2020 fiscal year at the annual expense indicated below:

| NON-OFFICERS | | |
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| POSITION | NAME | ANNUAL EXPENSE |
| Deputy Purchasing Agent | Christopher Van Cott | No additional compensation beyond contractual wages |
| Section 504 Coordinators | Jonathan Hart (RPHS), James Moeller (RPMS), Linda Murphy (JAE), Dr. Virginia Gibbons (FJC), Kristen White (District) | No additional compensation beyond contractual wages |
| Title IX Coordinators / Complaint Officers | Susan Wilson, Susann Crossan, Christopher Van Cott, and District General Counsel | No additional compensation beyond contractual wages for employee coordinators; as per contract for General Counsel |
| Records Management Officer | Christopher Van Cott | No additional compensation beyond contractual wages |
| Records Access Officer | Christopher Van Cott | No additional compensation beyond contractual wages |
| Attendance Officers | Jonathan Hart (RPHS), James Moeller (RPMS), Linda Murphy (JAE), Dr. Virginia Gibbons (FJC) | No additional compensation beyond contractual wages |

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| Dignity Act Coordinators | Jonathan Hart (RPHS); Michael Gabriel (RPHS); Jonathan Hart (RPHS); James Moeller (RPMS); Dawn Meyers (RPMS); Linda Murphy (JAE); Dr. Courtney Herbert (JAE); Dr. Virginia Gibbons (FJC); Vivien Leary (FJC); Susann Crossan (District-wide) | No additional compensation beyond contractual wages |
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All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIV AMENDED AUTHORIZATION FOR CHIEF SCHOOL OFFICER AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS TO APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS (ED. LAW 1720, 2523)

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Commissioner’s Regulation Section 170.2 and accordance with Board of Education policy number 5330, Dr. Scott O’Brien, Chief School Officer and Christopher Van Cott, Assistant Superintendent of Business, be authorized to approve budget transfers during the 2019-2020 school year.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XV AMENDED DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES ON CHECKS (ED. LAW 1709-29; COMM. REG. 170.4)

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Virginia Holloway, School District Treasurer, be authorized to sign checks for the 2019-2020 school year, and that Linda Bilski, Deputy School District Treasurer, and Christopher Van Cott, Assistant Superintendent for Business, and Dr. Scott O’Brien, Superintendent of Schools, be authorized to sign checks for the 2019-2020 school year in the absence of Virginia Holloway; and furthermore that two signatories be required for any check exceeding \$10,000 and that the signatories for such checks be the School District Treasurer and the Superintendent of Schools, or the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVI AMENDED AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH PETTY CASH FUNDS (COMM. REG. 170.4)

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Administration be authorized to establish petty cash funds for the 2019-2020 school year as follows:

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| Central Office – Dr. Scott O’Brien | \$100.00 |
| Business Office – Christopher Van Cott | \$100.00 |
| Rocky Point High School – Jonathan Hart | \$100.00 |
| Rocky Point Middle School – James Moeller | \$100.00 |
| Joseph A. Edgar School – Linda Murphy | \$100.00 |
| Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School – Dr. Virginia Gibbons | \$100.00 |

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVII RECERTIFICATION OF QUALIFIED LEAD EVALUATORS AND EVALUATORS FOR TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS

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, hereby recertifies Lauren Neckin as a Qualified Lead Evaluator or Evaluator of classroom teachers and building principals and certifies having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8 NYCRR §30-2.9. This recertification has been issued in accordance with the process for certifying lead evaluators and evaluators described in the district’s Annual Professional Performance Review Plan.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVIII PERSONNEL

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 accepts the attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

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

- Ms. Draskin spoke on behalf of the plight of Suffolk County families fighting racism. She urged the Board Members to put processes in place to develop a hiring plan for a more diverse staff within the district.
- Ms. Villafane-Kaplan added to Ms. Draskin's comments and suggested a more ethnically diverse curriculum be taught. She also provided written materials for the Board of Education's consideration.

There were no further questions/comments.

XX ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 p.m. a motion was made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Gregory Amendola, to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White
District Clerk