

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 21, 2019

Mrs. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. in the auditorium of Rocky Point High School.

Present: Susan Sullivan, President
Sean Callahan Vice President
Gregory Amendola, Trustee
Edward Casswell Trustee
Jessica Ward, Trustee
Scott O'Brien Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Susann Crossan, Assistant Superintendent
Christopher Van Cott, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Kelly White, District Clerk

Absent:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:00 p.m. a motion was made by Sean Callahan, and seconded by Gregory Amendola, to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential personnel matters and negotiations.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

At 5:30 p.m., on a motion by Sean Callahan and seconded by Gregory Amendola, the Board suspended executive session for the purpose of meeting with the District's external auditor.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

At 5:52 pm, on a motion by Susan Sullivan, and seconded by Jessica Ward, the Board resumed the BOE meeting in executive session.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. O'Brien congratulated Mrs. Mary Leckie on her retirement and invited Dr. Gibbons to the podium to speak on her behalf.

Dr. Gibbons announced that Mrs. Leckie will be enjoying retirement after providing thirteen years of service in the Rocky Point School District as a teacher's aide. She shared some kind words from co-workers who described her as kind, loving, caring, thoughtful, sweet, flexible and dependable. Dr. Gibbons stressed the importance of the role Mrs. Leckie served in the children's lives. She added that she acted as a cheerleader, coach and friend as well as learning all of the child's likes, dislikes, moods and favorite foods. Dr. Gibbons commented on how Mrs. Leckie would step up when many were unwilling to do so. She also stated how she became an integral part of the classroom. Dr. Gibbons congratulated Mrs. Leckie on her retirement and wished her well enjoying time with her husband Rick and children Daniel and Molly.

Dr. O'Brien announced that October 21 – 25 is School Board Recognition week. He added that this signifies a time to promote awareness and understanding of the important work performed by school board members.

These key items include but are not limited to:

- Creating a shared vision for future education
- Setting the direction of the school district to achieve the highest student performance
- Providing accountability for student achievement results
- Developing a budget that aligns district resources to improve achievement
- Supporting a healthy school district culture in which to work and to learn

Dr. O'Brien thanked the Board Members for their hard work and presented them with a certificate and Rocky Point Board of Education gear as a token of appreciation.

President: Mrs. Susan Sullivan
Vice President: Mr. Sean Callahan
Trustee: Mr. Gregory Amendola
Trustee: Mr. Ed Casswell
Trustee: Ms. Jessica Ward

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.

II-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.

- II: Minutes** – Regular Meeting, September 16, 2019, October 8, 2019
- III: Treasurer’s Reports** – September 2019
- IV: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer’s Report** – September 2019
- V: Financials** – September 2019
- VI: Internal Claims Audit Report** – September 2019
- VII: Committees on Special Education Schedules** 10-21-19-A and 10-21-19-B as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

VIII DR. JOHN HAGGERTY SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

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 on behalf of the Dr. John Haggerty Memorial Scholarship, totaling \$175.00, as follows:

Maureen Haggerty	\$175.00
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All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Mrs. Haggerty for the donation.

IX EAST END NYS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSN. DONATION

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 and accepts the \$125.00 donation from the East End NYS Retired Teachers Association, to be used to help a needy child or family, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked East End NYS Retired Teachers for their donation.

X SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

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 approves for surplus the following attached lists of equipment.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XI MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE FEDERATION OF ORGANIZATIONS’ FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM AND THE FRANK J. CARASITI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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 Superintendent of Schools will execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Federation of Organizations’ Foster Grandparent Program and the Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XII 2018-2019 INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORTS

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 accepts the Independent Auditor’s Report with accompanying statements and schedules for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 as well as the Independent Auditor’s Report on Extra-Classroom Activity Funds with accompanying statements and schedules for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, which have been submitted by the Board’s external auditors, R.S. Abrams.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIII 2018-2019 INDEPENDENT AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

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 accepts the Independent Audit Corrective Action Plan responding to Current Year Comments from the District's external auditors R.S. Abrams.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIV REFUNDING OF OUTSTANDING SERIAL BONDS

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 refunding bond resolution of the Rocky Point Union Free School District, New York, adopted October 21, 2019, authorizing the refunding of all or a portion of certain outstanding serial bonds of said district, stating the plan of refunding, appropriating an amount not to exceed \$3,300,000 therefor, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$3,300,000 refunding serial bonds of the district to finance said appropriation, and making certain other determinations all relative thereto, as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XV CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – BOND ISSUE – PHASE 2 – REBID SED
NO.: 58-02-09-02-0-006-019 (FJC) CONTRACT #2 – PLUMBING
RECONSTRUCTION – SEAFORD AVENUE CORP.**

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 accept and approve the attached change order in the net amount of \$8,234.00, pertaining to the Bond Issue – Phase 2 – REBID – Contract #2 – Plumbing Reconstruction (Seaford Avenue Corp.), as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XVI CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – BOND ISSUE – PHASE 2 – REBID SED
NO.: 58-02-09-02-0-005-032 (HS/MS) CONTRACT #3B-HVAC
RECONSTRUCTION- XTRAIRE, INC.**

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 accept and approve the attached change order for a credit in the amount of \$5,000.00, pertaining to the Bond Issue – Phase 2 – REBID – Contract #3B-HVAC Reconstruction (Xtraire, Inc.), as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVII CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – BOND ISSUE – PHASE 2 – REBID SED NO.: 58-02-09-02-0-006-019 (FJC) CONTRACT #1A –GENERAL CONSTRUCTION – PATRIOT ORGANIZATION, INC.

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 accept and approve the attached change order in the net amount of \$24,295.00, pertaining to the Bond Issue – Phase 2 –REBID- Contract #1A-General Construction at FJC (Patriot Organization, Inc.), as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVIII AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ROCKY POINT SCHOOL-RELATED PROFESSIONALS' 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, the Board of Education approves an Agreement for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 between the Rocky Point School-Related Professionals Association and the Rocky Point Union Free School District.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIX PERSONNEL

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 accepts the attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

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

- Ms. Leslie Ryan – Teaching Assistant
- Ms. Danielle Sohngen – Teaching Assistant
- Mr. William Weinhold – Social Studies Leave Replacement

Mrs. Sullivan also congratulated the following employees on their retirement:

- Mrs. Mary Leckie
- Ms. Nancy O'Malley

XX NEW BUSINESS

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

There was no new business.

Once again Mrs. Sullivan invited the meeting attendees for questions/comments.

- Mr. Michael Lisa shared his concerns regarding class sizes in the middle school in regards to academic achievement. He inquired if the procedure could be amended.
Dr. O'Brien shared that all classes are within the contractual number of 30 students per class. He added that they have an impeccable safety record.
Dr. O'Brien stated that the current teacher contract expires June 30, 2020. At that time, negotiations would be possible.
- Mr. Lisa asked if there were any upcoming changes for the last few weeks of school due to the changes in required hours at the middle school level. Mrs. Sullivan explained that those changes must be negotiated, and the Board and the administration have been in discussions on this issue.
- Mr. Lisa expressed his hopes to expand the number of AP courses and programs at Rocky Point.
Mr. Callahan commented that there have been additions to the AP program but the enrollment numbers are not always high enough to support the offering of certain classes.

There were no further questions/comments.

XXI ADJOURNMENT

At 7:23 p.m. Sean Callahan made a motion, and Jessica Ward seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White
District Clerk