

**MINUTES**  
**ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**November 15, 2021**

Mrs. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Rocky Point High School.

Present: Susan Sullivan, President  
Edward Casswell, Vice President  
Michael Lisa, 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 5:30 p.m. a motion made by Jessica Ward, and seconded by Ed Casswell, to go into Executive Session in order to discuss legal, contractual and personnel matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Sullivan reminded the meeting attendees of the public comment procedures.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. O'Brien invited Mr. Hart to the podium to speak about the upcoming retirement of High School Head Custodian Chris Mirabile.

Mr. Hart shared that he had mixed emotions when thinking of Chris Mirabile's upcoming retirement. He stressed how instrumental he and his custodial staff have been throughout the past few years. Mr. Hart noted the immediate impact Mr. Mirabile made when he transferred to the high school in the summer of 2019. He cleaned, sanitized and organized every area of the building and quickly earned the respect of the staff. Mr. Mirabile was enthusiastic, led by example and took pride in his work. When the pandemic hit he took every new challenge in stride and led with a much needed calmness and determination. Mr. Mirabile and his team faced an unimaginable amount of work in keeping the building safe. He never complained through the constantly changing demands and always remained focused. His co-workers described him as hard working, always willing to lend a hand, easy to approach, always smiling, as well as a leader with a great work ethic who will be sorely missed. Mr. Hart shared that Mr. Mirabile will be spending more time with his family and enjoying time between Long Island and Florida in the coming years. He congratulated him on retirement and wished him well.

## **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 Ed Casswell, 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, October 18, 2021
- IV: Budget Transfer Summary** – October 2021
- V: Treasurer’s Reports** – October 2021
- VI Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer’s Report** – October 2021
- VII: Financials** – October 2021
- VIII: Internal Claims Audit Report** – October 20
- IX: Committees on Special Education Schedules 11-15-21-A and 11-15-21-B** recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

### **X DONATION OF CUISINART COFFEEMAKER**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of a Cuisinart Coffee 12-cup Programmable Coffeemaker and Hot Water System, Model #CHW-12, from Middle School employee Katelyn Carbone, valued at approximately \$100.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Ms. Carbone for her donation.

### **XI DONATION FROM OHIOPYLE PRINTS, INC.**

Upon a motion made by Michael Lisa, 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 Ohioyle Prints. Inc.

**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 \$94.91 as a result of the donation from Ohioyle Prints, Inc.

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

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All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Ohiopyle for their donation.

## **XII                    SURPLUS BOOKS**

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, 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 for surplus the books on the following attached list.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

## **XIII                    BID AWARD #22-05 MINIVAN / MINIBUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES – DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, INC.**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards Bid #22-05 Minivan / Minibus Transportation Services to Developmental Disabilities, Inc. (DDI), the overall lowest responsible bidder meeting bid specifications, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

## **XIV                    ACCEPTANCE OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR CYBERSECURITY AUDIT REPORT, JUNE 2021**

Upon a motion made by Michael Lisa, 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 hereby accepts the District's Corrective Action Plan in connection with *Report on the Internal Controls of the Cybersecurity Cycle, June 2021* as prepared by Nawrocki Smith, LLP.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XV                    GENERAL EDUCATION TUITION CONTRACT – SHOREHAM-  
WADING RIVER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, 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 a tuition contract with the Shoreham-Wading River School District whereby the Rocky Point Union Free School District shall provide requested general education instruction services to Shoreham-Wading River resident student(s) for the 2021-22 school year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to execute said 2021-22 tuition contract, as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XVI                    MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ROCKY POINT  
UFSD BOARD OF EDUCATION AND HOUGHTON MIFFLIN  
HARCOURT**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the United States federal government enacted the American Rescue Plan (ARP) of 2021, Public Law 117-2 on March 11, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, the ARP provides financial assistance to States and school districts to sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation's students;

**WHEREAS**, the ARP has been expanded to include increased allocations to the district's Individuals with Disabilities Education Act grants (IDEA 611/619);

**WHEREAS**, the District has developed a multi-year plan reflecting initiatives in accordance with requirements of ARP which will provide evidence-based interventions to address literacy needs within its special education student population;

**WHEREAS**, the District has identified the *Read 180 Stage B* resource by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt to support the above initiative;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the attached three-year proposal will be funded by utilizing a portion of the ARP IDEA allocations.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XVII USE OF LIABILITY RESERVE / BUDGET ADJUSTMENT 2021-22**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District maintains a reserve for liability claims which may be utilized to cover losses associated with uninsured expenditures;

**WHEREAS**, the District incurred a liability to remediate condensation issues at the Rocky Point Middle School;

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves an adjustment to the 2021-22 appropriations budget in an amount not-to-exceed \$12,000 for the purposes of funding this liability. Said adjustment will be funded by the District's Liability Reserve and the following budgetary code will be increased by an equal amount.

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All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XVIII REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY NUMBER 5513 (SECOND READING)**

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, 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 reviews and adopts the following policy (second reading):

- 5513 – Fund Balance

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XIX BOARD OF EDUCATION REVIEW AND RE-ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY NUMBER 5661 (SECOND READING)**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education reviews and re-adopts the following policy (second reading):

- 5661 – District Wellness Policy

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

## **XX PERSONNEL**

Upon a motion made by Michael Lisa, 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 4-0

## **XXI NEW BUSINESS**

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

There was no new business.

Mrs. Sullivan congratulated the following newly appointed employees:

- Ms. Mallory Damadeo – Teaching Assistant
- Ms. Nenagh Kent - Speech Language Teacher
- Ms. Brianna Mascia – Speech Language Teacher

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

- Ms. Hyne spoke regarding the risks of mask wearing during physical education class. She shared that many community members will pull their children from school if the COVID vaccine is mandated. She continued that empty classrooms would result in many staff members without jobs.
- Ms. Walsh noted the low number of total deaths as a result of COVID-19 for children under 19 since January 2020. She pushed for action against mandates.
- Ms. Angelette advocated for medical freedom and reiterated the impending outcome of empty classrooms.
- Mr. Contes thanked the Board and Superintendent for their letter to the Governor against immunization centers on school grounds. He urged the Board to evaluate the risks of the vaccine on children.
- Ms. Baldi asked the Board to do more and ensure that the community be given a choice.
- Ms. Dowling spoke about health issues stemming from the COVID vaccine and stressed the need for a choice pertaining to children.

- Ms. Weisman inquired regarding the live streaming of Board meetings to allow more of the community with busy schedules to attend virtually.
- Ms. Borella expressed her feelings that these mandates go against the constitution. She announced that the community would no longer remain complacent.
- Dr. Pinkenburg commented on the wait time for the student bathrooms in the high school due to a vandalism incident. Mrs. Sullivan advised she would look into it.
- Ms. Kelly asked if any DEI initiatives had been implemented. She stated her support of the State's power to put mandates in place for the good of the community.

There were no further questions/comments.

## **XXII            ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:47 p.m. a motion was made by Jessica Ward, and seconded by Ed Casswell, to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White  
District Clerk