

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
December 13, 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 confidential legal 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 and the 12.10.21 mandate requiring masks at all times while in the school building. Mrs. Sullivan also explained the newly implemented step of providing a driver's license to Mrs. Crossan before coming to the microphone during the public comment portion of the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. O'Brien thanked Mrs. Schecher and Mr. Butcher for the orchestra's performance this evening as attendees entered the meeting.

Dr. O'Brien invited Mr. Moeller to the podium to speak regarding the retirement of Mrs. Denice Shaughnessy.

Mr. Moeller referred to Mrs. Shaughnessy as the glue of the middle school family. He continued on to say that she was the go to person for the staff and students alike. Mrs. Shaughnessy grew up in San Francisco, California and later entered the army in the 1970's. She served as a drill sergeant and later as a chief paralegal. She married her husband Carl in 1989 and worked as a court reporter in New York City for ten years. Mrs. Shaughnessy took a lead role in her position there as well, training the new reporters. In 2007 she joined the middle school where she worked with Dr. O'Brien for ten years. Mr. Moeller had the pleasure of working with her for fifteen years. He described her as the most dedicated, reliable, and efficient employee as well as smart, friendly and someone who would always be there for you. She would be the first to offer assistance in a crisis and has donated thousands to both students and staff in need. Mr. Moeller explained that most importantly, Mrs. Shaughnessy made connections with everyone who she came into contact with. He described her legendary work ethic and her calming demeanor when dealing with upset children or parents. In retirement. Mrs. Shaughnessy will be spending her time with her puppies and once her husband retires they will be traveling in their RV. Mr. Moeller wished her the best in her next journey.

Mrs. Sullivan opened the floor to questions/comments regarding the agenda.

There were no questions/comments.

Mrs. Sullivan congratulated Ms. Susan Randazzo on receiving tenure.

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, November 15, 2021

IV: Budget Transfer Summary – November 2021

V: Treasurer's Reports – November 2021

VI: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer's Report – November 2021

VII: Financials – November 2021

VIII: Internal Claims Audit Report – November 2021

IX: Committees on Special Education Schedules 12-13-21-A and 12-13-21-B recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

X SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

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 approves for surplus the following lists of equipment.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XI SURPLUS EQUIPMENT - TECHNOLOGY

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 for surplus the following list of equipment.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XII GRANTING OF TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN EXEMPTIONS FOR 2022-23

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 grants any/all of the following exemptions:

RP 467 Partial Exemption for Seniors - (Local options 1, 2 & 3)

RP 459C Limited Income Disability Exemption - (Local options 1, 2 & 3)

RP 458A Alternative Veterans Exemption - (Local options 1, 2, 3 & 4)

RP 458B Cold War Veterans Exemption - (Local options 1, 2 & 3)

RP 466C Fire/Ambulance Workers Exemption - (Local options 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5)

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XIII USE OF LIABILITY RESERVE / BUDGET ADJUSTMENT 2021-22
(REVISED FROM 11/15/21)**

Upon a motion made by Jessica Ward, and seconded by Michael Lisa, 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 issued 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 a revised adjustment to the 2021-22 appropriations budget in an amount not-to-exceed \$23,000 for the purposes of funding this liability. Said adjustment will be funded by the District's Liability Reserve and the following budgetary codes will be increased accordingly.

A 1621.408.04.0000 \$12,000

A 1620.490.01.0000 \$11,000

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XIV AWARD – RFQ #IT22-03 DISTRICT-WIDE PHONE SYSTEM
REPLACEMENT – VOTER APPROVED CAPITAL RESERVE
FUNDED PROJECT**

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 awards RFQ #IT22-03 District-Wide Phone System to CORE, BTS, based on “*Best Value with Technical & Financial Score*”, at a cost of \$312,613.59, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XV USE OF PROPERTY LOSS RESERVE / BUDGET ADJUSTMENT
2021-22**

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District maintains a Reserve for Property Loss which may be utilized to cover losses associated with property damaged beyond its insurable value;

WHEREAS, the District experienced damage to a security vehicle which exceeded its insurable value. Said vehicle is in need of replacement;

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 \$30,000 for the purposes of funding this purchase. Said adjustment will be funded by the District's Property Loss Reserve and the following budgetary codes will be increased accordingly.

A 1621.200.04.0000

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XVI CENTER MORICHES UFSD 2021-22 SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACT

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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with Center Moriches Union Free School District for special education students' instructional services for the 2021-2022 school year, as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law and/or District Policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XVII PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE BID OF NASSAU COUNTY BOCES

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, that the Board of Education approves the resolution to participate in the Nassau County BOCES Cooperative Bid for Computer Hardware, Software, Supplies and Parts #21/22-036 through the bid expiration date of 10/14/2022, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XVIII SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACTS – ROCKY POINT UFSD AS DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE 2021-22

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

WHEREAS, Education Law 3602-c states that the Board of Education shall provide special education services to students with disabilities when such students attend schools located outside the Rocky Point UFSD but reside within the Rocky Point UFSD; and

WHEREAS, a request for such special education services had been made by the educating district (District of Location) set forth in student IEP(s); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Rocky Point UFSD as the District of Residence shall pay the District of Location(s) as contracted with the districts providing special education services and facilities for the number of children attending the following schools subject to verification of names and addresses and proof of the services provided:

South Huntington UFSD
West Islip UFSD

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XIX MODIFICATION TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT – SCOTT O’BRIEN

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the Second Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated December 13, 2021, between the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District and Dr. Scott O’Brien, Superintendent of Schools.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XX MODIFICATION TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT – CHRISTOPHER VAN COTT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the Second Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated December 13, 2021, between the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District and Mr. Christopher Van Cott, Assistant Superintendent for Business.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XXI MODIFICATION TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT –
 SUSANN CROSSAN**

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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the Second Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated December 13, 2021, between the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District and Mrs. Susann Crossan, Assistant Superintendent.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XXII PERSONNEL

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 attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XXIII 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. Contes reminded the Board of Education of their duty to keep the children safe. He urged them to take advantage of their position by advocating for them at the State level. Mr. Contes continued as he spoke about the importance of the rights of the people.
- Ms. Borella requested and received a copy of the oath of office that the Board of Education is sworn in with. She inquired if the District would be revoking mask breaks as a result of the new guidelines put forth by the Governor. Dr. O'Brien advised that all of the new information and protocols would need to be reviewed before making a determination. Ms. Borella urged the Board to speak against the mandates for the interest of the children. Mrs. Sullivan inquired if she would be taking her concerns to Albany which she confirmed.

- Ms. Sarlo also stated her intent of taking the fight to Albany. She stressed the confusion of where the decisions lie regarding the newly released information put forth by the Governor. She asked for clarification in order to allow for parents to make an informed decision.
- Ms. Walsh spoke regarding this year's school mask requirement during board meetings versus what was required by the State. She shared her intent of going to Albany to continue to fight for the well-being of the children and urged the Board to get involved.
Mrs. Sullivan stated that some members of the Board of Education are looking into attending the upcoming Legislative Committee meeting at Longwood on February 3rd.
Dr. O'Brien thanked Ms. Ward for volunteering her time in the recent Holiday Toy Drive.

XXIV ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 p.m. a motion made by Jessica Ward, and seconded by Michael Lisa, to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Sullivan wished everyone a Happy Holiday.