

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 10, 2022

Mrs. Sullivan called the meeting to order 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 was made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Michael Lisa, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss confidential legal and personnel issues.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Jessica Ward, the Board adjourned Executive Session at 6 p.m. to attend the Budget Workshop presented by Christopher Van Cott.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

At 6:24 p.m., upon completion of the Budget Workshop, a motion was made by Michael Lisa, and seconded by Jessica Ward, for the Board to return to Executive Session to continue their discussions regarding confidential legal and personnel matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. O'Brien wished the community members a Happy New Year. He stated that guidance is constantly evolving and advised that they will provide updates as they have them.

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

There were no questions/comments.

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 – IV 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, December 13, 2021

IV: Committees on Special Education Schedules 1-10-22-A and 1-10-22-B, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

V LIVE LIKE SUSIE DONATION

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 and accepts the donation of behalf of the Live Like Susie Scholarship, totaling \$500.00, as follows:

Maura McHugh-Andrews & Gerard Andrews \$500.00

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked the Andrews family for their donation.

VI ADOPTION OF THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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 adopts the 2022-2023 school calendar as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

VII SHOREHAM-WADING RIVER CSD 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR CONTRACT

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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with Shoreham-Wading River Central 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

VIII 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

IX 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.

- Ms. Solano spoke regarding the pending bills permitting vaccines for children without parental consent. She inquired when the mandates would end as students have been masked for two years and the virus is still present. Ms. Solano asked for support from the Board of Education to take a stand against the State.
- Ms. Borella inquired if the District was asked to join the lawsuit filed by Massapequa and Locust Valley School Districts. She also asked if there were discussions within Administration to join the lawsuit. Mrs. Sullivan stated that they were not invited to join and that discussions had not taken place.
- Ms. Walsh advocated for choice and discussed negative mental and physical health consequences that have arisen due to the mask mandate.
- Ms. Vergara reminded the Board of Education of their power to fight against the mask mandates. She asked for the plans for the upcoming school year.
- Ms. Van Horne urged the Board of Education to provide the rules and procedures that would be in place for the near future. She stated that they are needed in order to allow parents time to plan for the transfer of their children to a home school setting if necessary. Ms. Van Horne inquired as to what benchmarks would need to be met in order to have the restrictions removed.

There were no further questions/comments.

X ADJOURNMENT

At 7:34 p.m. a motion was made by Jessica Ward, and seconded by Michael Lisa, to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White
District Clerk