

**MINUTES**  
**ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**April 16, 2024**

Ms. Ward called the meeting to order at 5:56 p.m. in the auditorium of Rocky Point High School.

**Present:** Jessica Ward, President  
Michael Lisa, Vice President (arriving at 5:57 p.m.)  
Edward Casswell, Trustee  
Susan Sullivan, Trustee  
Scott O'Brien, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Susann Crossan, Assistant Superintendent  
Christopher Van Cott, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Aaron Factor Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Kelly White, District Clerk

**Absent:** Erin Walsh, Trustee

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 5:56 p.m. a motion was made by Susan Sullivan, and seconded by Ed Casswell, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss confidential legal and personnel matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:06 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Ward reminded the meeting attendees of the public comment procedures.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. O'Brien invited Mr. Van Cott to the podium for the final budget presentation.

Ms. Ward 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. On the following page the Consent Agenda items are listed 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 Michael Lisa, and seconded by Susan Sullivan, 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 March 18, 2024
- IV: Budget Transfer Summary** – March 2024
- V: Treasurer’s Reports** – February 2024
- VI: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer’s Report** – February 2024
- VII: Financials** – February 2024
- VIII: Internal Claims Audit Report** – March 2024
- IX: Committees on Special Education Schedules 4-16-24-A and 4-16-24-B** as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

### **X INTERDISTRICT COUNCIL OF SUPERINTENDENTS – SCHOLARSHIP DONATION**

Upon a motion made by Susan Sullivan 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 approve and accept the \$250 donation from the Interdistrict Council of Superintendents, to be deposited to the Scholarship Fund-CM-2020

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Ms. Ward thanked the Interdistrict Council of Superintendents for their donation.

**XI LIVCC PARENT CLUB DONATION TOWARDS CHEER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS**

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell 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 \$379.05 donation from the LIV CC Parent Club Inc. to be used toward the purchase of the Cheer Team's National Championship Rings, as per the attached.

**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 \$379.05 as a result of the donation from the LIVCC Parent Club.

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

A2855530040000 \$379.05

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Ms. Ward thanked the Booster Club for their generous donation.

**XII SURPLUS TEXTBOOKS**

Upon a motion made by Michael Lisa, and seconded by Susan Sullivan, 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 attached list of textbooks.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XIII RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2024-25 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET**

Upon a motion made by Susan Sullivan 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 Rocky Point Union Free School District Budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year pursuant to the Education Law Section 1716 in the amount of \$96,851,654.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XIV RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2024-25 PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD**

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell 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 adopts the 2024-2025 Rocky Point Union Free School District Property Tax Report Card, as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

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**TAN BORROWING FOR THE 2024-25 FISCAL YEAR**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

**TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION OF ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 16, 2024, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called "Notes") of Rocky Point Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (herein called "District"), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$5,000,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 24.00 and 39.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law").

Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

- (a) The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and the proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes for which said taxes are levied.
- (b) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance.
- (c) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.
- (d) The total amount of such taxes remains uncollected at the date of adoption of this resolution.

Section 3. The Notes hereby authorized shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the District, and the faith and credit of the District are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the District and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Sections 50.00, 56.00, 60.00 and 61.00 of the Law, the power to sell and issue the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, and to determine the terms, form and contents, including the manner of execution, of such Notes, and to execute tax certifications relative thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 5. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual signature of the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the District Treasurer, the District Clerk, or such other officer of the District as shall be designated by the chief fiscal officer of the District, and shall have the corporate seal of the District impressed or imprinted thereon which corporate seal may be attested by the manual signature of the District Clerk.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XVI 2022-23 INSTRUCTIONAL AGREEMENT - HALF HOLLOW HILLS  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Upon a motion made by Susan Sullivan 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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with Half Hollow Hills Central School District – The Hills Academy, for special education instructional services for the 2022-2023 school year, as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or District Policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Ms. Ward confirmed that the contract year listed is correct as we have just received the invoice.

**XVII STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell 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 authorizes the Board of Education President to execute the Agreement between Rocky Point Schools and Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Jackson for their daughter, Aubree Jackson, grade 1, to attend Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year. Tuition on a non-precedential basis will be waived for the 2023-2024 School Year.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XVIII BOCES MULTI-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT (E-RATE AWARD: WAN/INTERNET SERVICES)**

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

**WHEREAS**, the District (District) and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (BOCES), desire, pursuant to § 109-b and § 119-o of the General Municipal Law, and Section 1950(4)(aa) of the Education Law, to undertake a Technology Project consisting of the acquisition and installation of Internet Access, and other services as indicated in said Technology Project, and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of the Project #RP-IA-032024-2024-2027 is \$67,200.07 to be paid in equal installments over a 3-year period (7/1/2024-6/30/2027).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the District as follows:

The President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized, on behalf of the District, to execute and deliver the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement; the execution thereof by the President of the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

The officers, employees and agents of the District are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the District to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement, including all acts and things necessary to ensure the payments due thereunder, and deliver all additional certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officers, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purpose of the foregoing resolution and to cause compliance by the District with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement, binding upon the District.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XIX VOTE TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR 2024-2025**

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 approves the BOCES Administrative Budget for 2024-2025 in the amount of \$60,530,529.

Roll Call:

Ms. Ward	Yea
Mr. Lisa	Yea
Mr. Casswell	Yea
Mrs. Sullivan	Yea

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XX VOTING FOR TRUSTEES TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATION SERVICES OF THE FIRST SUPERVISORY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education elects the following candidate(s) to serve for the term commencing on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2027. (*Choose up to six*):

**Arlene Barresi**

Roll Call:

Ms. Ward	Yea
Mr. Lisa	Yea
Mr. Casswell	Yea
Mrs. Sullivan	Yea

**Angelo Cassarino**

Roll Call:

Ms. Ward	Yea
Mr. Lisa	Yea
Mr. Casswell	Yea
Mrs. Sullivan	Yea

**Kelli Anne Jennings**

Roll Call:

Ms. Ward	Yea
Mr. Lisa	Yea
Mr. Casswell	Yea
Mrs. Sullivan	Yea

**Joseph LoSchiavo**

Roll Call:

Ms. Ward	Nay
Mr. Lisa	Nay
Mr. Casswell	Nay
Mrs. Sullivan	Nay

**James F. McKenna**

Roll Call:

Ms. Ward	Yea
Mr. Lisa	Yea
Mr. Casswell	Yea
Mrs. Sullivan	Yea

**Brian O. Mealy**

Roll Call:

Ms. Ward	Yea
Mr. Lisa	Yea
Mr. Casswell	Yea
Mrs. Sullivan	Yea

**Robert P. Sweeney**

Roll Call:

Ms. Ward	Yea
Mr. Lisa	Yea
Mr. Casswell	Yea
Mrs. Sullivan	Yea

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XXI SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education President is authorized to execute the confidential Agreement between the District and Rocky Point UFSD Employee #4567 on the matter of resignation.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**XXII PERSONNEL**

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell 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, as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0



