

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 18, 2024

Ms. Ward called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. in the auditorium of Rocky Point High School.

Present: Jessica Ward, President
Michael Lisa, Vice President
Susan Sullivan, Trustee
Scott O'Brien, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Christopher Van Cott, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Kelly White, District Clerk

Absent: Edward Casswell, Trustee
Erin Walsh, Trustee
Susann Crossan, Assistant Superintendent
Aaron Factor Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Van Cott addressed the items on the agenda:

Boiler replacement was originally included in the budget plan for 2025-26. On April 17, 2024, the District was informed that due to the State Education Department project approval timelines, as well as lead times to obtain the new equipment, it was advisable to present a capital reserve proposition to the Rocky Point voters this May. If approved at the May 21, 2024 meeting, new boilers are anticipated to be installed during the summer of 2025. If the proposition was delayed until the 2025-26 budget vote, the boilers would likely be installed in the summer of 2026 which is not advisable.

The District's architect has provided an estimated cost of \$4,300,000 to address the replacement of the (7) above-mentioned boilers. District's Counsel has also provided the necessary SEQRA resolution for the proposed work. Additionally, Mr. Van Cott noted that there are sufficient funds in the capital reserve fund to pay for the proposed replacement project. Details regarding this added proposition will also be included at the May 7 public Budget Hearing.

Mr. Van Cott inquired if there were any questions/comments on the added items.

There were no questions/comments.

II STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)/2024-25 CAPITAL RESERVE PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District desires to embark upon the following capital improvement projects:

- **DISTRICT WIDE**

1. Replacement of existing boilers and burners (7) in total.
2. Replacement/upgrades to existing boiler room components as required such as pumps, valves, insulation, breeching etc.
3. New electrical and control wiring
(the “Projects”); and

WHEREAS, said capital improvements are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(1)); and

WHEREAS, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or a facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(2)); and

WHEREAS, the SEQRA Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement projects and has determined that the Project is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1) and (2) of the SEQRA Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, after a review of the proposed action, hereby declares that the Projects are Type II Actions, which requires no further review under SEQR; or

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed project from the New York State Education Department.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0

III RESOLUTION TO EXPEND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS ON CAPITAL PROJECTS

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District (“Board”) has determined that there is a need to undertake certain capital improvements, renovations and/or alterations to commence during the 2024-2025 school year (“Projects”); and

WHEREAS, it is required that a proposition be presented to the voters of the School District authorizing the expenditure of available funds from the District’s Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes and directs that the following proposition be placed before the voters of the Rocky Point Union Free School District at the Annual District Meeting to be conducted on May 21, 2024, and that the District Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to give notice of such proposition to be voted at said Annual District Meeting by publishing notice thereof in the newspapers designated for such purpose.

PROPOSITION (Capital Reserve Project Proposition):

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District (“District”), is hereby authorized to appropriate and expend from the Capital Reserve Fund, approved by the voters and established on May 16, 2006, as amended on May 21, 2013 and May 16, 2023, an amount not to exceed \$4,300,000 for the purpose of undertaking improvement projects (“Projects”) to commence during the 2024-2025 school year and to consist of: District-wide boiler and burner replacements with dual fuel capabilities where applicable and other work required in connection therewith, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto; and to transfer such sum into the District’s Capital Fund as needed to be expended and approved toward the costs of said Projects.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0

IV ADJOURNMENT

At 4:08 p.m. a motion was made by Michael Lisa, and seconded by Susan Sullivan, to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White
District Clerk