

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 20, 2006

I Meeting called to Order: 6:30PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Geraldine Thalen, President
Joseph Sanseverino, Vice-President
Jane Bonner, Trustee
Michael Matera, Trustee
Margaret Smith, Trustee
Carla L. D'Ambrosio Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools
Sherry J. Alessandro, Asst. Supt. for Human Resources/Administration
David H. Pearl, Esq. School Attorney
Richard Hamburger, Esq., Hamburger, Maxson, Yaffe, Wishod & Knauer, LLP

Absent: Elise Darnell-Boehm, District Clerk
Michael W. Ivanoff, Director of Finance and Operations

II Introduced Audit Committee

- Gene Johann
- Mike Matera
- Joseph Sanseverino
- Geraldine Thalen
- Dolores Conner (absent)

Introduced Internal Auditors

- Callaghan Nawrocki LLP- Lauren Agrenzo and Ernest Smith

The internal auditors presented their Monthly Status Report and explained their 2006/2007 internal audit services.

At 7:25 a motion made by Joseph Sanseverino, seconded by Margaret Smith to go into executive session to discuss particular personnel matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

III Resolution Following Disciplinary Proceeding

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3020-a of the New York State Education Law, the Board of Education found probable cause to prefer Charges against a tenured teacher and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 3020-a, a disciplinary hearing was held in case number 5256 before a designated Hearing Officer whereat there was full and fair disclosure of the nature of the case against the tenured teacher and a full and fair opportunity for the teacher to present a defense, and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the disciplinary hearing, the Hearing Officer rendered a written decision setting forth findings of fact on each Charge and specification and stating the penalty to be imposed and other remedial action to be imposed, and

WHEREAS, the Hearing Officer found the teacher guilty of certain Charges and specifications and determined that a penalty of suspension without pay for thirty days and other remedial actions should be imposed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the determination of the Hearing Officer, that the teacher is hereby suspended from the teacher's teaching duties for thirty days, without pay, effective November 23, 2006 through December 22, 2006, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the teacher may return to work thereafter provided the Superintendent of Schools first receives from the teacher's treating psychiatrist a written certification of the teacher's fitness to return to work, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for a period of two years following the teacher's return to work, the teacher may continue her teaching duties provided the Superintendent of Schools receives from the teacher's treating psychiatrist, on or before the following dates, quarterly written certifications on the teacher's continued psychiatric treatment and continued fitness for teaching duty: March 1, 2007; June 1, 2007; September 1, 2007; December 1, 2007; March 1, 2008; June 1, 2008; September 1, 2008; and December 1, 2008.

Upon a motion made by Jane Bonner and seconded by Michael Matera

The Board returned to open session at 7:40 PM.

All in favor – Motion 5 - 0

III Adjusted Tax/Levy Budget

Upon a motion made by Michael Matera and seconded by Joseph Sanseverino, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the adjusted tax levy of \$34,613,171 and the adjusted budget of \$58,345,674 for the 2006-07 school year be approved.

All in favor – Motion 5 - 0

IV Adjournment

At 7:48 PM a motion was made by Michael Matera and seconded by Margaret Smith to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla L. D'Ambrosio, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools