

**MINUTES  
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
AUGUST 27, 2012**

Mr. Nofi called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. in the library of the Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School.

Present: Michael Nofi, President  
Kathleen Hegggers, Trustee  
Scott Reh, Trustee  
Michael F. Ring, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Deborah De Luca, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent  
Gregory Hilton, School Business Official  
Susan Wilson, Executive Director for Educational Services  
Patricia Jones, District Clerk

Absent: Diane Burke, Vice President  
John Lessler, Trustee

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:09 p.m. Kathleen Hegggers made a motion and Scott Reh seconded to adjourn to Executive Session in order to meet with the school district's attorney to discuss collective bargaining matters pertaining to multiple bargaining units and to discuss confidential personnel matters relating to select employees.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:09 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Nofi welcomed those in attendance to the meeting and invited Dr Ring to begin with the Superintendent's Report.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Ring thanked Mr. Hilton and staff members of both the buildings and grounds and custodial departments for jobs well done over the summer months thus ensuring the buildings and grounds would be ready to go on the first day of school. Dr. Ring asked that parents and students exercise patience with any bus transportation matters during the first days of school as the bus routes are fine-tuned for the 2012-2013 school year. Dr. Ring announced the PTA will be hosting a presentation of the Next Step Plan on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Joseph A Edgar cafeteria and he extended his welcome to all to attend this informative meeting.

### **Mr. John DeBenedetto, Principal, Rocky Point High School**

- A freshman orientation and bagel social will be held on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Students will be given the opportunity to socialize with old friends and meet new ones. Students will tour the building and locate their lockers to practice opening them. An assembly will follow wherein students will learn about high school expectations and graduation requirements. Upperclassmen will describe life as a high school freshman.
- The 9<sup>th</sup> grade parent orientation will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This orientation will provide parents with general information regarding requirements for high school graduation. Parents will be provided with a pamphlet on preparing 9<sup>th</sup> graders for college.
- Ms. McLaughlin and her students will tour the new Life Skills classroom on August 30<sup>th</sup>. This tour is designed to help familiarize the students and their parents with the building prior to the first day of school.
- The 9/11 assemblies will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> during periods one and two for juniors and seniors. Guest speakers will discuss how Congress has helped First Responders as well as remembering the victims of the World Trade Center attacks.
- Mr. DeBenedetto thanked head custodian Steve Benes and the custodial staff for their dedicated work during the summer months. All interior construction projects have been completed and the building is ready for students and staff.
- Mr. DeBenedetto extended his gratitude to the Rocky Point community for the warm welcome he has received and noted he is looking forward to a successful year at the Rocky Point High School

### **Dr. Scott O'Brien, Principal, Rocky Point Middle School**

- Dr. O'Brien thanked the secretarial staff and the custodial staff for their dedicated work during the summer months to ensure everything is set and ready for the first day of school.
- New sixth grade students received their schedules during the third annual 6<sup>th</sup> grade middle school "Welcome Back Social" that was held on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The students were afforded the opportunity to review their schedules, locate their classrooms and set up and organize their lockers. Guidance counselors were available to assist students and parents with any scheduling questions. Dr. O'Brien thanked the PTA and PTA vice president Ms. Betty Loughran for the most-successful Outback Barbeque and Ice Cream Social.
- Both seventh and eighth grade students had the opportunity to visit their classrooms and lockers on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Open House is scheduled for Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for grades six, seven and eight.
- Dr. O'Brien extended a warm welcome to new high school principal John DeBenedetto and Joseph A. Edgar principal Linda Towlen.

**Ms. Linda Towlen, Principal, Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School**

- Ms. Towlen shared her excitement to begin the school year as principal of JAE and thanked the staff and community members for their warm welcome.
- Ms. Towlen thanked the custodial and secretarial staff members for their hard work and dedication in preparing the building and instructional supplies to start the new school year. As a result, the building is beautiful and all of the supplies have been checked in.
- The Third Grade Social will be held on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2:00 p.m. Students and parents will be able to come to school to locate their classrooms and meet new friends. Ice pops will be served in the cafeteria. Ms. Towlen thanked the PTA for its support of this event.
- On the first day of school third graders will report to the “new” gym to meet their teachers. The fourth graders will meet their teachers in the “old” gym and the fifth graders will go directly to their classrooms.
- “Principal Teas” will be hosted in September to afford parents the opportunity to meet Ms. Towlen.
- Open School Nights are scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in grade level order.
- During the week of September 24<sup>th</sup>, JAE will celebrate Spirit Week. Special events will be planned for each day.

**Mrs. Virginia Kelly-Gibbons, Principal, Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School**

- The building is ready to welcome both new and returning students for the 2012-2013 school year.
- Kindergarten Orientation was held on August 21<sup>st</sup>. The students and their families were able to meet the teachers, take a bus ride and learn about a typical day in kindergarten. School nurse, Ms. Guardino, and the secretary to the principal, Ms. Mood, explained pertinent procedures. Following orientation, the Kindergarten Social took place. The children enjoyed the new playground and ate ices as they listened to Mrs. Kelly-Gibbons’ reading of *Marley Goes to School*.
- The teachers have set up their classrooms in preparation for the new school year. Mrs. Kelly-Gibbons extended her appreciation to the custodial and secretarial staffs for working diligently during the summer months to ensure everything was ready for the first day of school. Mrs. Kelly-Gibbons thanked Mrs. Osmanski for decorating the main office and lobby with a festive flair.
- Beginning in September, during morning announcements, a vocabulary word of the week will be introduced to the students.
- Annual Open Houses will take place on September 19<sup>th</sup> for kindergarten, September 25<sup>th</sup> for first grade and September 27<sup>th</sup> for second grade.
- Mrs. Kelly-Gibbons extended her gratitude to the PTA for all they do for the children each and every year.

Mr. Nofi thanked everyone for their reports. Mr. Nofi opened the floor to any questions or comments from meeting attendees.

There were no questions or comments.

Mr. Nofi asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding clarification or explanation of any of the items contained on the meeting's agenda. As there were none, Mr. Nofi requested a motion to move all of the remaining agenda items as one item.

Upon a motion made by Scott Reh and seconded by Kathleen Heggers, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that all remaining agenda items, Minutes (Item II) through Personnel (Item XVI) be approved as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0

## **MINUTES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Minutes of the following Board of Education meetings be accepted as presented: **Regular Meeting, June 18, 2012 and Organizational Meeting, July 12, 2012.**

## **TREASURER'S REPORTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Reports for the months of June 2012 and July 2012.

## **EXTRA-CLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT TREASURER REPORT**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the Extra-Classroom Activity Treasurer Report for the month of July 2012 as presented.

## **BUDGET TRANSFER SUMMARY – JUNE 2012**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the June 2012 Budget Transfer Summary Report.

## **INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT – JULY 2012**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the July 2012 Internal Claims Audit Report

## **CLAIMS SERVICE BUREAU AGREEMENT**

**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 execute the Claims Service Bureau Claims Service Agreement for the 2012-2013 school year.

**SEQRA RESOLUTION-2007 EXCEL AID & 2011 CAPITAL RESERVE  
PROJECT – FRANK J. CARASITI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SED #58-02-09-02-  
0-006-015**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2007 Excel Aid & 2011 Capital Reserve Project SEQRA Notice of Determination of Non-Significance as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District is the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Process for the purpose of required determinations respecting the proposed Capital Improvement Projects as follows:

- A. PLAYGROUND RECONSTRUCTION**
- B. TOILET PANEL REPLACEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, in 1995 amendments were made to the SEQRA Regulation (Part 617) to classify projects which will be excluded from the requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (Type 11 Actions). The projects mentioned above are now classified as Type II Actions as determined by 6NYCRR§617.5 and

**WHEREAS**, these projects fall under the following categories:

- A. Routine Maintenance and Repair 6NYCRR§617.5 (c) (1): Maintenance or repair involving no substantial change in an existing facility.
- B. Replace or Rehabilitation 6NYCRR§617.5 (c) (2): Replacement or rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kin, on the same site, unless the work exceeds a threshold for a Type 1 action in 6NYCRR§617.4.

**THEREFORE**, as the lead agency for the SEQRA determination, all the above referenced projects fall under Categories “A” or “B” above. The procedure for Type 11 Actions, with regard to the SEQRA Process for Capital Projects noted above is “No Additional Required Action under 6NYCRR§617.5(a)”.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION 2012-2013 CONTRACT – CENTER MORICHES UFSD**

**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 participation in the Center Moriches High Cost Program for the 2012-2013 school year as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or district policy.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION 2012-2013 CONTRACT – SHOREHAM-WADING RIVER CSD**

**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 student services for the 2012-2013 school year as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or district policy.

***TIME FOR KIDS DONATION***

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of 1,450 *TIME for Kids* student subscriptions to the Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School and Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School, paid from a voucher issued as a result of a postcard campaign sponsored by the PTA, valued at \$5,800.00.

**DONATION - A+ SCHOOL REWARDS FROM STOP & SHOP**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves and accepts the donation from Stop & Shop and the A+ School Rewards Program in the amount of \$143.76, 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 \$143.76 as a result of the donation from Stop & Shop and the A+ School Rewards Program.

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

A 2110 500 02 0000 (JAE)    \$129.76  
A 2110 500 06 0000 (MS)    \$ 14.00

**REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY NUMBERS 1338, 7522, 7420, 7512 (*SECOND READING WAIVED*)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby moves the adoption of the following Board of Education Policies (*second reading waived*):

1338 Duties of the School Physician/Nurse Practitioner  
7522 Concussion Management  
7420 Sports and the Athletic Program  
7512 Student Physicals

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AND THE ROCKY POINT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

**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 execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association for the purpose of adding clubs that shall become part of Schedule B of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association effective September 1, 2012, as per the attached.

**COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/PRESCHOOL SPECIAL  
EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education votes to arrange for appropriate services pursuant to the recommendations of Schedule 8-27-12-A and Schedule 8-27-12-B.

**PERSONNEL**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the attached Personnel changes.

Mr. Nofi once again opened the floor for any additional questions or comments from meeting attendees.

There were no questions or comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:19 p.m. a motion was made by Kathleen Hegggers and seconded by Scott Reh for the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Jones  
District Clerk