

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 9, 2017

Mrs. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm in the auditorium of Rocky Point High School.

Present: Susan Sullivan, President
Scott Reh, Vice President
Sean Callahan, Trustee
Edward Casswell 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
Kelly White, Assistant District Clerk

Absent: Melissa Brown, Trustee
Patricia Jones, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:35 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Callahan and seconded by Mr. Casswell to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss confidential personnel matters pertaining to select employees and ongoing confidential legal matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Sullivan announced that the Board was returning from Executive Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Sullivan invited Dr. Ring to begin with the Superintendent's Report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Ring began by announcing a procedural change to the board meetings going into effect this year. He advised that there will no longer be reports by the principals at each Board of Education meeting. However, the principals will participate in the student and staff recognitions that occur at the November, March and May meetings of the Board of Education each year.

Dr. Ring extended congratulations to the Rocky Point Middle School on their outstanding achievements throughout the year. Dr. Ring commended Dr. O'Brien and Mr. Moeller for receiving the prestigious honor of People of the Year in the field of Education from the

Village Beacon Record newspaper. He stated how well-deserved this recognition was and thanked them for their great work and dedication to Rocky Point Schools.

Dr. Ring thanked the Buildings and Grounds crew for doing a great job with snow removal over the weekend. Their effective preparation of the parking lots allowed the district's schools to open on a regular schedule on Monday.

Dr. Ring invited Mrs. Wilson to the podium in order to begin with the Smart Schools Presentation.

Mrs. Wilson introduced herself and acknowledged the members of the Technology Committee in attendance who worked diligently on this endeavor: Laurie Varriale, Anthony Nobre, and BOE Trustee Mr. Callahan who joined since the last presentation.

Mrs. Wilson provided a thorough overview utilizing a PowerPoint presentation as she touched upon the following areas:

- Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014
- Areas of Possible Investment
- Rocky Point Allocation of Monies
- What Are the Steps?
- Smart Schools IT Considerations
- Our Stakeholders
- Committee Recommendations
- Phase I – Wired Network Update and Installation of a Wireless Network
- Phase II – Classroom/Lab Equipment Upgrades
- Comment Period – 30-day comment period for community members to provide input on the district's Smart Schools Bond Act Preliminary Plan and date of upcoming technology meetings.

Mrs. Wilson asked if there were any questions or comments from the meeting attendees. There were none.

Mrs. Sullivan then opened the floor to questions and/or comments by meeting attendees. There were no questions/comments at this time.

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 Scott Reh and seconded by Edward Casswell, 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 19, 2016

IV: Committees on Special Education Schedules 1-9-17-A and 1-9-17-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 SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

Upon a motion made by Edward Casswell and seconded by Sean Callahan, 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 on behalf of the Live Like Susie Scholarship totaling \$500.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

VI APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ROCKY POINT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan and seconded by Scott Reh, 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 execute an Agreement between the Board of Education and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association for the purpose of one time exception allowing use of a personal day contingent to a holiday as per the attached

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

VII SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION REGARDING AMENDMENT OF EDUCATION LAW SECTION 3031- REASONS FOR DENIAL OF TENURE

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

WHEREAS, the decision of the Hon. Robelini on the matter of DeBenedetto vs. Rocky Point UFSD dated October 31, 2016 determined that the Education Law Section 3031 reasons denying the Petitioner tenure need to be amended to encompass reference to APPR rationales under the terms of an Education Law Section 3012 c; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education at its regular December 2016 meeting approved a resolution authorizing Board President Sullivan to forward to the petitioner and his counsel the amended correspondence setting forth the reasons supporting the Board of Education's reasons, as amended, for the denial of tenure to the probationary building administrator and, furthermore, set January 9, 2017 as the date for final determination by the Board of Education regarding the tenure status of the aforementioned administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds it necessary to revise the date for said final determination;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a final determination on the matter of the administrator's tenure status will be rendered at the Board of Education's regular February 2017 meeting to be conducted on February 6, 2017.

Motion carried 3-0
Mr. Casswell abstained

VIII STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Upon a motion made by Edward Casswell and seconded by Sean Callahan, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOVLED, that the Board of Education has considered the request for a contract between Rocky Point Schools and Mr. Scott Sussman for his children, Alyssa Morgan Sussman, grade 10, and Kacey Rebecca Sussman, grade 9, to attend the Rocky Point Union Free School District tuition-free for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year beginning on January 30, 2017 and ending on June 23, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves this request.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

IX PERSONNEL

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan and seconded by Scott Reh, 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

Mrs. Sullivan inquired of the trustees if there was any new business they wished to discuss. There was no new business at this time.

Mrs. Sullivan once again invited the meeting attendees to come forth with any questions/comments.

- Ms. Kelly introduced herself as a resident of the RPUSD for the last eleven years. Her daughter began attending a Rocky Point School this year which prompted her to learn more about the programs that are being offered. She expressed her interest in broadening the grades in which STEM is available to students. Ms. Kelly inquired of the Board if there were any programs in place to set up funding for these programs. She also suggested that music programs begin in the third grade. Ms. Kelly offered her time to volunteer to help initiate these changes. Dr. Ring welcomed her interest and proposed that Ms. Kelly leave her contact information with the District Clerk to enable the Director of MST to reach out to her and discuss the inquiry in further detail. Mrs. Wilson also extended an invitation for Ms. Kelly to attend the technology meetings to give her further insight.

There were no further questions/comments.

X ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Mr. Callahan and seconded by Mr. Reh, the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White
Assistant District Clerk