

**MINUTES**  
**ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**November 18, 2019**

Mrs. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. in the auditorium of Rocky Point High School.

Present: Susan Sullivan, President  
Sean Callahan Vice President  
Gregory Amendola, Trustee  
Edward Casswell Trustee  
Jessica Ward, Trustee  
Scott O'Brien Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Susann Crossan, Assistant Superintendent  
Christopher Van Cott, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Kelly White, District Clerk

Absent:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 5 p.m. a motion was made by Sean Callahan, and seconded by Jessica Ward, to go into Executive Session in order to discuss negotiations and personnel matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:03 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. O'Brien invited Dr. Gibbons to the podium to begin.

**PRINCIPALS' REPORTS & RECOGNITIONS**

**DR. VIRGINIA GIBBONS, PRINCIPAL, FRANK J. CARASITI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- Dr. Gibbons thanked Ms. Lauren Czajkowski for organizing their UNICEF trick-or-treat donations and collecting \$950.00 in donations. She commented that they were very excited to make a difference for people around the world.
- FJC had a successful emergency evacuation drill on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Dr. Gibbons thanked the High School for being such gracious hosts.

- Yojo taught students about bullying during a wonderful assembly presentation. Dr. Gibbons thanked the PTA for hosting the event.
- The Rocky Point / Sound Beach Fire Department made their annual visit to teach the kindergarten students about fire safety. Dr. Gibbons noted that the students loved the trucks.
- Veteran's Day Assembly for Second Grade - On November 8<sup>th</sup> Sgt. Joe Cognitore and the veterans, invited by their students, gathered in the gym to speak about their service to their country. Dr. Gibbons thanked Mrs. Iberger for coordinating the Veteran's Day assembly and the second grade teachers for participating and providing stars and writing to honor our service men and women. She added that the second grade students welcomed family and veterans with pride and smiles. Mr. Hollborn ended the program by leading the students in a touching song honoring our veterans. The names of the honored veterans can be seen in the VFW Hall.

**Dr. Gibbons announced some upcoming events:**

- On November 20<sup>th</sup> kindergarten will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> day of school with music, math, and themed centers.
- On November 27<sup>th</sup> the second grade classes will assemble in the gymnasium for the Native American presentation from the Shinecock Nation. Dr. Gibbons stated that the event will highlight the thankful spirit of the season. She thanked the PTA for planning such a memorable experience.
- FJC Annual Food Drive – Dr. Gibbons thanked Mrs. Adamski, who is once again organizing the collection of food and sundries. The Second Grade Service Squad will sort the snack food which will be shared with our families.
- Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. She thanked all of our parents for partnering with them in providing their children with a successful school experience.
- Angel Breakfast – She thanked Mrs. Adamski and Mrs. DiGennaro and many staff helpers for organizing their annual Angel Breakfast, created to help our FJC families experience a very happy holiday.
- Winter Wonderland Sing-a-Long - On Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> FJC students will participate in our Winter Wonderland Sing-a-Long. Ms. Kenwood is busy teaching students their songs.
- Polar Express Day – It has become a tradition at FJC to celebrate the Polar Express. Students are invited to wear their pajamas on December 20<sup>th</sup> as Mrs. Leary and Dr. Gibbons read the classic story.

Dr. Gibbons congratulated Mrs. Linda Tobiassen on her retirement. She thanked her for 20 years of service and dedication. Dr. Gibbons described Ms. Tobiassen's role as a teacher's aide as an integral part of the classroom. She shared kind words from fellow employees who described Mrs. Tobiassen not only as a good friend, but an avid baker. Dr. Gibbons commented that Mrs. Tobiassen acted as the students' everyday support to help them be their best self. She wished Mrs. Tobiassen well in her retirement as she enjoys her time alongside her husband Kenny, sons Kevin and Eric, daughters Lori and Renee and grandson Taylor.

Finally, Dr. Gibbons wished all of our families a very Happy Thanksgiving on behalf of the FJC staff.

### **MS. LINDA MURPHY, PRINCIPAL, JOSEPH A. EDGAR SCHOOL**

- Ms. Murphy stated that they have had a great month at JAE. She added that they celebrated our veterans with a wonderful assembly program on November 8<sup>th</sup>, which involved the fifth-grade students and their veteran guests along with many special guests. Ms. Murphy thanked Ms. Boyle, Ms. Beretta and Mr. Knapp for their work and support of the students for this event. She also thanked the members of the Fifth Grade High Notes for their performance, the technology club for their video and the student council for all of their work. Patriotic songs were performed, essays were read and each service member was given a personal letter of thanks from a student. She offered a heartfelt thank you to our veterans for attending and for their service.
- Ms. Murphy commented on another successful event which was their fourth grade "Baby Scarecrow Project", which is in support of Kids in Need. Each fourth grader created a baby scarecrow. The scarecrows were on display in the fourth-grade hallways. This year they raised \$573.00 for the Kids in Need Fund. Ms. Murphy thanked the fourth-grade teachers, students and parents and a special thanks to Ms. Licata for her support and leadership in this worthwhile project.

### **Ms. Murphy mentioned some upcoming events:**

- Parent teacher conferences will be held December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. She added that this is a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's academic performance with their teacher.
- JAE's winter concert will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the high school auditorium.

Ms. Murphy congratulated Ms. Michela McLoughlin on her retirement after over 21 years of service. She added that Ms. McLoughlin began as a part time lunch monitor in September of 1998 at the Frank J. Carasiti school after being with the IRS for the previous 21 years. She then worked as a teacher's aide and settled into the main office at the Joseph A. Edgar school in 2007. Ms. Murphy described Ms. McLoughlin as a person that loves to have fun as well as a concerned listener and someone who is great at organization. Ms. Murphy shared kind words from coworkers who described Ms. McLoughlin as one of a kind, having a great sense of humor, someone who could always provide a good laugh, one who is kind, patient and one who would always lend a listening ear. They also shared that they would miss her great stories about her travels and eventful weekends. Many of them referred to her as the go to person as she was always eager to help both students and colleagues. Ms. McLoughlin will continue to spend her leisure time traveling with her husband Jim and son Jimmy. Ms. Murphy wished her all the best in her retirement.

Ms. Murphy wished everyone a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

### **MR. JAMES MOELLER, PRINCIPAL, ROCKY POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Mr. Moeller began with congratulating Michela and Linda on their retirements.

- Mr. Moeller commented that September opening took off without any glitches. He added, back on September 20<sup>th</sup>, we culminated our spirit week with our middle school pep rally to garner support for our athletic teams who were playing that weekend. He thanked Mrs. Spallina and Mrs. Russo. As in the past, the staff, the middle school devised a PBIS skit that brought our students through the decades of the 1950's, 60's and 80's. They learned the Rocky Point Pride way was a far more effective way of behaving through our various settings of the middle school. Mr. Moeller gave a special thanks to Mr. Connelly, Ms. Cox, Mrs. Donadoni, Mr. Havranek, Mr. Mauceri, Ms. Shanahan, Mrs. Callahan, Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Aguila, Ms. Grillo, and Mr. Centrone, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Guinther for Tony Award worthy performances.
- Mr. Moeller expressed his congratulations to the 47 newest members of the Rocky Point Middle School National Junior Honor Society chapter. He added that the ceremony was held on Thursday, October 10. Mr. Moeller stated that these students have maintained academic averages of 92.5 or higher in the five major academics, in addition to excelling in areas of character, service, citizenship, and leadership. Last year's eighth grade class selected, Mrs. Kristen Labianca as their choice for Teacher of the Year. Mr. Moeller extended his congratulations to Mrs. Labianca, as she certainly is a deserving choice. He also thanked Mrs. Callahan for organizing that very special night as the National Junior Honor Society Advisor.

- Mr. Moeller announced that on Halloween we held our third annual scarecrow advisory event. All advisories designed and created their own scarecrow which were displayed in our court yard. The event enhances team building and spurs some friendly competition among our teaching teams. On that same date, the PTA graciously organized an Anti-Bully Assembly Dialed Action Bike Stunts a BMX team to spread their message, as well as, provide some pretty amazing stunts in our middle school gym.
- Mr. Moeller stated that last year, the middle school started a new mental health initiative beginning with staff training. This initiative is called Project Presence under the direction of Dr. Josh Hendricksen. Staff members have participated in several trainings and then Dr. Hendrickson assists with its implementation through coaching sessions in the actual classrooms. We are entering year two and many of our teachers are now beginning to turn key stress reducing practices- such as breathing and stretching activities as routines within their classrooms. It is a fantastic method to address Social Emotional Learning and the response has been very positive. Counseling staff were also present and available during lunch periods during mental health week on October 7-11.
- Mr. Moeller announced that on November 7, the middle school held its first Veteran's Day ceremony to honor the sacrifices made by the men and women who have and continue to serve in our nation's armed forces. Under the leadership of Mr. Mauceri, an 8<sup>th</sup> Social Studies teacher, we honored our veterans from the Rocky Point VFW, as well as the Stony Brook VA who were in attendance. The building had a patriotic vibe as students from each grade level wore clothing that was red, white and blue. Spectators and guests were treated to several patriotic musical numbers performed by our own middle school Select Chorus, as well as members of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade band and orchestra. The event featured several student speeches that addressed what the topic of: "What makes America Great?". Mr. Mauceri presented our veterans with boxes of letters composed by middle school students, thanking them for their service. Our very own Mrs. Denice Shaughnessy was honored with a plaque for the years of service she has dedicated to the United States Army. Mr. Moeller thanked the Music Department for partnering with Mr. Mauceri to help make this a very special event, as well as, Mrs. Dawn Callahan for recruiting the National Junior Honor Society members to compose essays. An additional thank you was made to the Social Studies Department for their work initiating the letter writing campaign to our veterans.
- As in the past, Suffolk Country Police Officer, George Lynaugh is speaking to our students about respecting Diversity and discussing components of Hate Crimes in grade level classes. Later in the month of November and December he will do full assemblies about the dangers of vaping and cyber bullying-internet safety.
- Mr. Moeller commented on how it seems impossible to believe that fall sports have already concluded and our winter one season is already two weeks under way. Athletics continue to be tremendously popular at the middle school. He thanked the Board of Education and Mr. Delargy for continued support of maintaining two boys basketball and two girls volleyball teams to maximize participation as well as the winter Cheer Competition Team.

- Lastly Mr. Moeller added that the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter ended on 11/8 and grades were posted on 11/15.

Mr. Moeller wished everyone a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.

### **MR. JONATHAN HART, PRINCIPAL, ROCKY POINT HIGH SCHOOL**

Mr. Hart congratulated Ms. McLoughlin and Ms. Tobiassen on their retirement.

Mr. Hart reviewed some of the events that have occurred so far this year.

- On September 20<sup>th</sup> the pep rally for juniors and seniors took place. Mr. Hart thanked Ms. Eilers, Ms. Alfredson, Mr. Capell as well as the class advisors: Mr. Meier, Mr. Nentwich, Ms. Meadows and Mr. Eichler for all of their assistance with the event. All of the sports teams were recognized along with our band. Juniors and seniors performed dance skits as part of our Powder Puff event.
- September 21<sup>st</sup> was our homecoming parade which featured clubs, food trucks, a photo booth and more. It was a great turnout and a fantastic day for students and staff. Mr. Hart thanked Mr. Gabriel and Mr. Delargy for all of their planning.
- Mr. Hart thanked Ms. Schecher and the marching band on their outstanding performance at Mitchell Field. He commented on the positive atmosphere as our students cheered on the other schools that participated.
- Mr. Hart announced that national bullying prevention week was 10/6 – 10/10. The school's mental health team led by Mrs. Mangogna pushed into health classes to discuss mental illnesses and the goal of ending the negative stigma that is attached. Mr. Hart thanked Mrs. Kinsky, Mrs. Zaffino, Mrs. Mangogna and Ms. Kloska for their efforts.
- Human Rights Club raised over \$150 to donate to the Pacer's National Bullying Prevention Center
- Mr. Hart stated that the SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Club led our students to embrace Red Ribbon Week. Mrs. Werthner and student club members rallied their peers as well as staff to make a pledge to embrace positive life choices and to stay clear of dangerous decisions.
- The STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art and Mathematics) Exposition led by Mr. Factor took place on 11/7.
- The Pocket Theater Production of *We Will Be Famous* occurred on 11/8 and 11/9. The show, led by Ms. Donovan and Ms. Mancini, involved actors, stage crew, student directors and show announcers. The play, which dealt with teenage pressures, relationships and mental illness, was successful as always.
- Today, on 11/18, a blood drive took place, led by the Interact Club.

- Mr. Hart announced that varsity football made the playoffs with a 5-3 record for the season. They lost to Sayville in the playoff game.
- Mr. Hart also noted that the varsity field hockey team had a successful season which ended as the runner up in the Suffolk County Championship.
- Mr. Hart congratulated James Curley who qualified for the State Finals in cross country. James competed in 3” of snow in Plattsburgh over the weekend.
- On November 15<sup>th</sup> the Veterans Assembly took place. Mr. Hart sent a special thanks to Mr. Acritelli for his tireless work on the Veteran’s Wall of Honor. Along with the members of the History Honor Society and Varsity Club, Mr. Acritelli had approximately 50 plaques added to the wall.

Mr. Hart mentioned a few upcoming events:

- December 5<sup>th</sup> – Spring Driver’s Education Registration
- December 6<sup>th</sup> – Last day to purchase a yearbook
- December 10<sup>th</sup> – College Information Night
- December 19<sup>th</sup> - Winter Concert

Mr. Hart announced a few of our outstanding students and invited them to the podium to celebrate their recognitions:

- Judith Hammarth – PSAT Commendation
- Bernard Tenreiro – Recognized by the Town of Brookhaven Hispanic Advisory Board for academic excellence, holding a current average of 97.5
- Daniela Grimard – Recognized by the Town of Brookhaven Hispanic Advisory Board for academic excellence, holding a current average of 95.8

Mr. Hart invited Ms. Amy Schecher to the podium.

### **MS. AMY SCHECHER, MUSIC CHAIRPERSON**

Ms. Schecher welcomed the meeting attendees and thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to recognize and honor the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who have been named All County Musicians. Ms. Schecher stated that the students participated this past Friday in outstanding performances with select honor ensembles including the All County Mixed Chorus and the All County Treble Chorus. She expressed how proud she was of all the students and noted that they represent the best musicians in Suffolk County. Ms. Schecher called the following students to the podium.

### **PERFORMING WITH THE ALL COUNTY TREBLE CHOIR**

Gabby Bush  
Molly Lambert

## **PERFORMING WITH THE ALL COUNTY MIXED CHOIR**

Grace Benedetto  
Daniela Grimard  
Molly Infranco

Ms. Schecher also recognized Gabby Bush for being named an All State Alternate and Molly Lambert who was named an All State Vocalist. Molly will perform with the All State Treble Chorus at the Eastman Theater in Rochester, NY on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Schecher wished Molly all the best as she represents Rocky Point at the NYSSMA All State festival.

Mr. Hart invited Mr. Delargy to the podium.

## **MR. CHARLES DELARGY, DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH, ATHLETICS, AND INTRAMURALS**

Mr. Delargy extended his congratulations to the retirees.

Mr. Delargy then announced the two recipients of the Suffolk County Zone Award, Gary Russin and Clare Levy. These players achieved excellence in athletics as well as academics. They act as role models and leaders to their peers.

Mr. Delargy listed some of their accolades:

- Gary Russin – Member of the Football team, Debate Club, Athletes Helping Athletes, Compassion without Borders, Live Like Susie, President of the National Honor Society, President of the History Honor Society, Sigma Award recipient, and an AP Scholar with a GPA of 96.14
- Clare Levy – Captain of the Soccer team, Captain of the Basketball team, Captain of the Lacrosse team, a member of Athletes Helping Athletes, a coach for youth soccer and lacrosse programs, a 3 sport athlete, has signed on to play Division 1 lacrosse at Stony Brook University and is an AP Scholar with a GPA of 94.42

Mr. Delargy invited Clare Levy up to the podium to accept her prestigious award (Gary Russin was unable to attend).

Mr. Moeller came to the podium to recognize a student that could not attend, Jules Vieira. She has organized fundraisers, donated her time and even donated her own items to help raise funds for KIN ( Kids in Need). Mr. Moeller described Jules as a pleasure to have in class, kind, patient and someone who works well with her peers. He thanked Jules for always being humble and kind.

Mr. Hart wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.



## **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-IX CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan, and seconded by Jessica Ward, 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, October 21, 2019
- IV: Budget Transfer Summary** – October 2019
- V: Treasurer’s Reports** – October 2019
- VI Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer’s Report** – October 2019
- VII: Financials** – October 2019
- VIII: Internal Claims Audit Report** – October 2019
- IX: Committees on Special Education Schedules** 11-18-19-A and 11-18-19-B recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

### **X DONATION FROM OHIOPYLE PRINTS, INC.**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve and accept the donation from Ohiopyle Prints, Inc..

**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 \$66.89 as a result of the donation from Ohiopyle Prints, Inc.

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

A2110 500 03 0000 (HS)      \$66.89

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Ohiopyle Prints for their donation.

**XI                      ROCKY POINT PTA DONATION FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FIELD TRIP  
TRANSPORTATION (JAE)**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the \$1,500.00 donation from the Rocky Point PTA, 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 \$1,500.00 as a result of the donation from the Rocky Point PTA.

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

A211 0406 0200 00    \$1,500.00

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked the PTA for their donation.

**XII                      SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve for surplus the following lists of attached equipment.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XIII                      GRANTING OF TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN EXEMPTIONS FOR  
2019-20**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education grants any/all of the following exemptions in accordance with the previously approved limits:

- RP 467 Partial Exemption for Seniors
- RP 459C Limited Income Disability Exemption
- RP 458A Alternative Veterans Exemption
- RP 458B Cold War Veterans Exemption
- RP 446C Fire/Ambulance Workers Exemption

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XIV SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR CONTRACT**

Upon a motion made by Jessica Ward, 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 Sachem Central School District for special education students instructional services for the 2019-2020 school year as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or District Policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XV COMSEWOGUE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2019-2020 CONTRACT**

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Gregory Amendola, 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 Comsewogue School District for special education students instructional services for the 2019-2020 school year as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or District Policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XVI SHOREHAM – WADING RIVER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR CONTRACT**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that 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 students instructional services for the 2019-20 school year as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or District Policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XVII CHANGE ORDER NO. 1- BOND ISSUE-PHASE 2-REBID SED NO.: 58-02-09-02-0-006-019 (FJC) CONTRACT #4-ELECTRICAL RECONSTRUCTION-ROLAND’S ELECTRIC, INC.**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept and approve the attached change order for a credit in the amount of \$4,400.00, pertaining to the Bond Issue-Phase 2-REBID-Contract #4-Electrical Reconstruction (Roland’s Electric, Inc.) as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XVIII MUNICIPAL ADVISOR SERVICES AGREEMENT – MUNISTAT**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the Municipal Advisor Services Agreement with Munistat for Bond Refunding Services, as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XIX AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND A TENURED STAFF MEMBER**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a Stipulation dated October 28, 2019 between the District and a tenured staff member nunc pro tunc in order to resolve all outstanding personnel matters relating to the status of the tenured employee; and it is

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the Letter of Resignation dated October 28, 2019 of said tenured staff member effective immediately.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XX MOTION TO DESTROY BALLOTS CAST, SPOILED AND UNUSED AT THE MAY 21,2019 ANNUAL DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Education Law Section 2034, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District Clerk to destroy all of the ballots cast, spoiled and unused at the May 21, 2019 Annual District Budget Vote and Board of Education Election, no earlier than November 18, 2019.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XXI PERSONNEL**

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan, and seconded by Jessica Ward, 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 5-0

## XXII NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Sullivan inquired of the trustees if there was any new business they wished to discuss.

There was no new business.

Once again Mrs. Sullivan invited the meeting attendees for questions/comments.

- Ms. Weisman shared her feelings on the high value of art classes in a students' curriculum. She requested that art be available to 7<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Mr. Lisa suggested that chrome books be implemented to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. He also inquired if there had been any discussions regarding the number of contracted hours in the school day.

Mr. Callahan explained that there have been extensive discussions. He further explained that any suggested changes can not be considered until teacher contract negotiations begin.

Mr. Lisa asked the Board of Education their opinions on school field trips.

Mrs. Sullivan advised that all members of the Board of Education are in favor of school field trips.

- Miss Weisman asked the Board of Education to consider making art classes available to 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. She shared that art helps her to express her creativity as well as lowering stress.

Dr. O'Brien thanked Miss Weisman for sharing. He noted that he shares the same views and advised that they will look into the request.

- Ms. Alabi inquired as to the status of the school field trips.

Dr. O'Brien stated that there have not been any field trips canceled at this time. He added that there have been some changes but all scheduled trips are still running.

- Ms. Treudler asked that the date of the junior prom be reconsidered in the future as it conflicts with the SAT exam.

Dr. O'Brien shared that the dates of events such as the junior prom are planned out a year in advance, before the SAT schedule is available. He noted that other events such as the AP exams take place on Fridays in May as well and need to be considered when creating the calendar. Dr. O'Brien added that the SAT offers numerous dates for the exam. Dr. O'Brien advised that he would take this request into consideration.

There were no further questions/comments.

**XXIII            ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:03 p.m. Sean Callahan made a motion, and Ed Callahan seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White  
District Clerk