MINUTES ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AUGUST 25, 2008

Members Present:

Also Present:

Joseph Sanseverino Margaret Smith Edward Darcey Diane Burke Michael Nofi Carla L. D'Ambrosio, Ed.D. David Pearl, Esq.

At 6:05 PM, a regular public meeting of the Board of Education was called to order in the social studies office of the Rocky Point High School by Mr. Sanseverino.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:07 PM, a motion was made by Edward Darcey and seconded by Margaret Smith to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss particular personnel matters and contract negotiations with David Pearl, Esq., school district attorney.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

At 7:30 PM, a motion was made by Michael Nofi and seconded by Diane Burke to end Executive Session and re-convene to Open Session in the auditorium of the high school.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Sanseverino called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Joseph Sanseverino, President Margaret Smith, Vice President Edward Darcey, Trustee Diane Burke, Trustee Michael Nofi, Trustee Carla L. D'Ambrosio Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools Sherry J. Alessandro, Ed.D., Asst. Supt. for HR/Administration Patricia Jones, District Clerk

Mr. Sanseverino welcomed all in attendance to the evening's meeting and extended an invitation for comments and/or concerns from meeting attendees.

- Mrs. King announced that her son had graduated from Rocky Point High School and wished to extend her gratitude to Mr. Caulfield, Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Crossan for their continuous "open door" policy and their willingness to answer all questions and concerns regarding her son. Mrs. King also expressed her appreciation to the members of the Board of Education and Dr. D'Ambrosio for the overall positive experience the school district offered to all students and their parents.
- Mr. Sanseverino thanked Mrs. King for her kind words and expressed his appreciation, on behalf of the board members, for same.

There were no further questions or comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

• Dr. D'Ambrosio welcomed all in attendance to the first meeting of the 2008/2009 school year. With reference to capital projects, Dr. D'Ambrosio reported that all items, including roofing and siding at the Frank J. Carasiti building, locker replacements, new age-appropriate cubbies at Joseph A. Edgar, erection of acoustical panels, etc., were successfully completed on-time. Dr. D'Ambrosio extended her appreciation to the custodial staffs of each of the buildings for their hard work and dedication.

Mr. William Caulfield, principal, Rocky Point High School:

- The high school is "all set and ready to go" for the 2008-2009 school year and the faculty and staff is looking forward to the start of the new school year.
- The students' schedules have been completed and sent out through the mail. Mr. Caulfield congratulated Mrs. Annette Sclafani and her staff for their efforts in achieving this goal.
- Mr. Caulfield thanked Mrs. King for her comments during the public forum portion of the meeting.

Dr. Joseph Centamore, principal, Rocky Point Middle School:

- Dr. Centamore thanked Peter Scalcione and his crew for the tremendous job they accomplished in getting the middle school ready for the new school year.
- This school year marks the seventh year the Middle School has been in existence. Middle school teachers have been setting-up their classrooms in anticipation of welcoming the students to the 2008/2009 school year.
- Dr. Centamore extended his wishes to all for a great year.

Ms. Carol Tvelia, principal, Joseph A. Edgar School:

• Mrs. Tvelia welcomed back everyone and confirmed that the Joseph A. Edgar school building was set and ready to go for the 2008-2009 school year.

Dr. Scott O'Brien, principal, Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School:

- Dr. O'Brien announced that this year two-hundred and fifty students would be attending kindergarten.
- Dr. O'Brien thanked the PTA for its continuous support of all the programs at the elementary school.
- This year, seventy-two Pre-K students would be attending the Pre-K program, double the amount from last year. This increase in participants would increase Pre-K classes from two to four.
- Dr. O'Brien extended his congratulations to parents and students for their contributions in helping to make the Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School a "High Performance School" as acknowledged by the New York State Education Department.
- Dr. O'Brien noted that his building was also all set and ready to go for the 2008/2009 school year and extended his gratitude to the custodial staff members for their hard work.

MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Margaret Smith and seconded by Edward Darcey, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the following Board of Education meeting be accepted as presented: **Regular Meeting, August 7, 2008**.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Upon a motion made by Edward Darcey and seconded by Michael Nofi, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Reports for the month of May 2008, as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

EXTRA-CLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT TREASURER REPORT

Upon a motion made by Michael Nofi and seconded by Diane Burke, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Extra-Classroom Activity Treasurer Reports for the month of May 2008, as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke and seconded by Margaret Smith, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Financial Reports for the month of May 2008, as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

BUDGET TRANSFER

Upon a motion made by Margaret Smith and seconded by Edward Darcey, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the May 2008 Budget Transfer Summary.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

YEAR-END BUDGET TRANSFER

Upon a motion made by Edward Darcey and seconded by Michael Nofi, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the year-end budget transfers in the total amount of \$2,120,919.00. A breakdown of the \$2,120,919.00 budget transfer has been included.

Mr. Sanseverino made note that the budget transfer monies did not represent additional spending monies made by the district but only a transfer of monies already budgeted.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

TUITION CONTRACTS – SPECIAL EDUCATION

Upon a motion made by Michael Nofi and seconded by Diane Burke, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves three (3) contracts between Rocky Point Schools and Miller Place and East Moriches Schools, for students to attend the Rocky Point Schools special education classes for the 2008-2009 school year.

Contract 1 – Miller Place - \$8,000 Contract 2 - Miller Place - \$32,500 Contract 3 - East Moriches - \$13,100

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

BID AWARD #09-04 GENERAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE 2008-09

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke and seconded by Margaret Smith, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards bid number 09-04 General Building Maintenance to DGS Enterprise as the lowest possible responsible bidder, meeting bid specifications, as per the attached analysis.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

BID AWARD #09-06 SERVING LINES - JAE

Upon a motion made by Margaret Smith and seconded by Edward Darcey, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards bid number 09-06 Serving Lines-JAE to Bar-Boy Products Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder, meeting bid specifications, as per the attached analysis.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

BID AWARD #09-07 DISH MACHINE

Upon a motion made by Edward Darcey and seconded by Michael Nofi, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards bid number 09-07 Dish Machine to Bar-Boy Products Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder, meeting bid specifications, as per the attached analysis.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

SURPLUS ITEMS

Upon a motion made by Michael Nofi and seconded by Diane Burke, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves for surplus the attached list.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

BOOSTER CLUB DONATION

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke and seconded by Margaret Smith, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the \$1000.00 donation from the Booster Club to defray the cost of the boys lacrosse team state championship rings.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rocky Point Union Free School District hereby approves the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to increase the general fund budget by \$1000.00 as a result of the donation from the Booster Club.

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

A2855530040000 \$1000.00

Mr. Sanseverino, on behalf of all of the members of the Board of Education, extended his gratitude to the Booster Club for this very generous donation.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon a motion made by Margaret Smith and seconded by Edward Darcey, the following resolution was offered:

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 8-25-08-A and 8-25-08-B.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

PERSONNEL

Upon a motion made by Edward Darcey and seconded by Michael Nofi, 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

AMENDED ANNUAL APPOINTMENT - AUTHORIZATION TO INVEST DISTRICT FUNDS

Upon a motion made by Michael Nofi and seconded by Diane Burke, the following resolution was offered:

Due to the appointment of Dr. Michael Ring, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, the following appointment and resolution made on July 2, 2008 at the Annual Organization Meeting be amended further as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Dr. Michael Ring, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, be authorized to invest district funds effective September 8, 2008 for the remainder of the school year 2008-2009.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Sanseverino, on behalf of the members of the Board of Education, extended a warm welcome to Dr. Ring and congratulated Dr. Ring on his appointment to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations.

Mr. Sanseverino asked if there were any questions or comments before the board moved to Executive Session.

- Mrs. King asked for clarification and follow-up information regarding the 8th grade ELA test scores.
- Mrs. King asked for an explanation concerning the elimination of the position of English coordinator and expressed her dismay with this personnel change.
- Dr. D'Ambrosio noted that the ELA scores were only recently released and, as such, she did not have the detailed information Mrs. King was requesting readily available. Dr. D'Ambrosio made mention that Rocky Point students did better overall this year than last year. In response to Mrs. King's second inquiry, Dr.

D'Ambrosio explained that the elimination of the position of English coordinator was a result of budgetary constraints and assured Mrs. King that the combined efforts of building administrators would help alleviate any void resulting from the elimination of the position. Dr. D'Ambrosio thanked Mrs. King for her comments.

- Ms. Jenny Andersson-Fabricatore identified herself as both a first-time board of
 education meeting attendee and parent of a child with special needs. She asked for
 an overview of the district's philosophy concerning children with disabilities. Dr.
 D'Ambrosio assured Ms. Andersson-Fabricatore that the district embraces
 students with disabilities and that many programs are in place throughout the
 district to address their specific needs. Dr. D'Ambrosio noted that the Rocky
 Point School District constantly strives to ensure the success of all students
 enrolled.
- Ms. Andersson-Fabricatore asked for a more specific explanation of due process for special education students and parents. Dr. D'Ambrosio advised that the placement of special education students is determined at CSE meetings, under the law, and not specifically by the board of education.
- Mr. Sanseverino noted that the school district has always been and will continue to be receptive to students with disabilities. Mr. Sanseverino suggested that Ms. Andersson-Fabricatore contact Eileen Manitta, Director of Special Education, in order to further discuss her specific questions and concerns.
- Mr. Jerry Cimisi and Ms. Joann Tiranno-Cimisi informed the board members that their daughter was an eighth grade student attending the Rocky Point Middle School. Mr. Cimisi and Ms. Tiranno-Cimisi expressed their dissatisfaction with their daughter's lunch period placement. It was explained to the parents that this placement resulted from their daughter's participation in both the honors classes and the music program and the restraints placed by the master schedule. Following extensive discussion, Dr. D'Ambrosio thanked Mr. Cimisi and Ms. Tiranno-Cimisi for their comments and suggested that they make a private appointment with administration in order to brainstorm the issue and discuss in further detail, at Ms. Tiranno-Cimisi's request, the options of home schooling and independent study.

At 8:20 PM, a motion was made by Diane Burke and seconded by Margaret Smith to go into executive session to discuss particular personnel matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jones District Clerk

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:50 PM, a motion was made by Margaret Smith and seconded by Michael Nofi for the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

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