# MINUTES ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING April 16, 2018

Mrs. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7 pm in the auditorium of Rocky Point High School.

Present: Susan Sullivan, President

Sean Callahan, Trustee Edward Casswell, Trustee Joseph Coniglione, 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, District Clerk

Absent: Scott Reh, Vice President

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Ring welcomed the meeting attendees and provided a couple of reminders. The first was the Annual Budget Hearing which takes place on May 1 in the high school auditorium at 7:00 pm. The second was the Annual Budget Vote and Election that will be on May 15 in the high school gymnasium from 7am – 9pm. Dr. Ring encouraged all to attend and cast their votes.

Mrs. Sullivan opened the floor to the meeting attendees for questions/comments.

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 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 Joseph Coniglione 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 March 19, 2018

IV Budget Transfer Summary – March 2018

V: Treasurer's Reports – March 2018

VI: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer's Report – March 2018

VII: Financial Reports – March 2018

VIII: Internal Claims Audit Report – March 2018

**IX:** Committees on Special Education Schedule 4-16-18-A and 4-16-18-B as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

Discussion ensued

Motion carried 3-0 Sean Callahan abstained

### X RITA E. SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP

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 \$1,000 scholarship donation from Roger and Susan Sullivan.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Dr. Ring extended his gratitude to Roger and Susan Sullivan for their generous donation.

### XI LIVE LIKE SUSIE SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves and accepts the donation on behalf of the Live Like Susie Scholarship, totaling \$25.00, as follows:

Catherine and Brendan Duffy \$25.00

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Catherine and Brendan Duffy for their donation.

#### XII DONATION FROM GREAT AMERICAN OPPORTUNITIES

Upon a motion made by Joseph Coniglione and seconded by Edward Casswell, 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 from Great American Opportunities in the amount of \$11.20, as per the attached

**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 \$11.20 as a result of the donation.

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

A2110 500 02 0000 (JAE) \$11.20

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Great American Opportunities for their donation.

#### XIII ROCKY POINT PTA DONATION FOR HS GRADUATION

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, that the Board of Education accepts the \$300.00 donation from the Rocky Point PTA.

**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 \$300.00 as a result of the donation from the Rocky Point PTA.

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

A2110 435 03 0000 \$300.00

## XIV CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – BOND ISSUE RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (JAE) – CONTRACT NO. 3 – HVAC RECONSTRUCTION (WALSH MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC.)

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept and approve the attached change order for a credit in the amount of \$19,796.84, pertaining to the Bond Issue Related Capital Improvements at JAE – Contract No. 3 – HVAC Reconstruction (Walsh Mechanical Contractors, Inc).

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

### XV RESOLUTION TO AWARD A BID – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PHASE 2A - SED NO: 58-02-09-02-0-006-018 (FJC)

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education award the Capital Improvements contracts as follows:

Contract No. 1: General Construction

Irwin Contracting, Inc. \$178,850.00

Contract No. 3: HVAC Reconstruction

Hi Tech Air Conditioning Service, Inc. \$157,260.00

Contract No. 4: Electrical Reconstruction

Palace Electrical Contractors \$ 64,000.00

**RECAP:** 

Contract #1 – General Construction \$178,850 Contract #3 – HVAC Reconstruction \$157,260 Contract #4 – Electrical Reconstruction \$ 64,000

Total of All Recommended Awards: \$400,110

### XVI 2018-2019 BOCES COOPERATIVE BIDDING SERVICES PURCHASING CONTRACT

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, that the Board of Education approves the Resolution to participate in the BOCES Cooperative Bidding Purchasing Program for the 2018-19 Fiscal Year on an "as needed" basis per the attached Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program Resolution (A).

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

### XVII SPECIAL EDUCATION SUMMER 2018 CONTRACT – CENTER MORICHES UFSD

Upon a motion made by Sean Callahan and seconded by Joseph Coniglione, 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 Center Moriches Union Free School District for special education students participation in the Center Moriches 2018 Summer Special Education Program as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, an/or District Policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

### XVIII RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education adopts the Rocky Point Union Free School District Budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year pursuant to the Education Law Section 1716 in the amount of \$86,128,785 and the Property Tax Report Card, as attached.

Discussion ensued

Motion carried 3-1 Sean Callahan opposed

### XIX ADOPTION OF THE 2018-19 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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 adopts the 2018-2019 school calendar as presented.

Discussion ensued

Motion carried 3-1 Sean Callahan opposed

## XX RESIGNATION OF ROBYN TSIOKOS FROM THE COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION (COMM. REG. SUBCHAPTER P, PART 200)

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that in accordance with Commissioner's Regulations, Part 200, each Board of Education shall appoint a Committee/Subcommittee on Special Education in accordance with the provisions of the Education Law, Section 4402. The following person and position shall be removed due to resignation for the 2017-2018 school year:

Chairperson Robyn Tsiokos

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in accordance with Commissioner's Regulations, Part 200, each Board of Education shall appoint a Committee on Preschool Special Education. The following person and position shall be removed due to resignation for the 2017-2018 school year:

Chairperson Robyn Tsiokos

### XXI COMMITTEES/SUBCOMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION (COMM. REG. SUBCHAPTER P, PART 200)

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that in accordance with Commissioner's Regulations, Part 200, each Board of Education shall appoint a Committee/Subcommittee on Special Education in accordance with the provisions of the Education Law, Section 4402. The following persons and positions are recommended for Board of Education approval for the 2017-2018 school year:

Chairperson Krista Legge Parent Member Jenny Anderson

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in accordance with Commissioner's Regulations, Part 200, each Board of Education shall appoint a Committee on Preschool Special Education. The following persons and positions are recommended for Board of Education approval for the 2017-2018 school year:

Chairperson Krista Legge
Parent Member Jenny Anderson

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

## XXII APPOINTMENT OF POLL CLERKS; TELLERS; SUBSTITUTE TELLERS AND SUBSTITUTE POLL CLERKS FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE/ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 15, 2018

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoints Poll Clerks; Tellers and Substitute Poll Clerks and Tellers at an hourly rate of \$12.50 as per the attached list:

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

A motion was made by Sean Callahan and seconded by Edward Casswell to proceed with the open comments portion of the meeting prior to going into executive session.

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

- Ms. Franco inquired as to the specific budget numbers being discussed at the meeting.
   Mr. Hilton confirmed that the tax levy number that was mentioned when discussing the the 2018-2019 school district budget and property tax report card resolution was \$51,166,218.
- Dr. Pinkenburg thanked the Board of Education for making a motion to proceed with the
  public comment portion of the meeting prior to entering into executive session.
  He commented on written materials from the National Association of School
  Psychologists referencing security. Dr. Pinkenburg provided a copy of the materials to
  the Board for their review. He also mentioned the need for improved communication
  regarding security protocols. Dr. Pinkenburg expressed his wish to increase the number
  of opportunities for competitions for the Science Research students in the middle school.
- Ms. Fregeau announced the tentative meeting date of the Security Meeting which is taking place on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at North Shore Public Library. She added that COPE Office James Hansen will be presenting. Ms. Fregeau also announced, as a follow up to previous concerns from the public, that whomever reports an incident will be allowed to remain anonymous as long as either the COPE Officer or herself are aware of who is providing the information. She inquired if the information on the meeting could be posted somewhere. Dr. Ring advised her to email the flyer to his attention and it would be posted in the Virtual Backpack section of the school website.
- Mr. K. Leardi commented on his concerns in regards to how excused and unexcused absences are determined. He suggested a change to the existing school policy.
- Ms. Leardi requested the reevaluation of the attendance policy in regards to what
  qualifies as an excused absence. She suggested some possible solutions to a particular
  issue that many students are facing.
  - Mr. Casswell commended Mr. K. Leardi on his high regard and continued dedication to school attendance.
- Ms. Ruberto asked Mr. Callahan to clarify the monies previously discussed in regards to the 2018-2019 school district budget and property tax report card resolution. He explained that he voted against maintaining the budget tax levy. Mr. Callahan added that the resolution still passed as a result of a majority vote from the remaining Board of Education members in attendance.
- Dr. Pinkenburg expressed his concerns as to the effects of additional security at school
  entrances. Mrs. Sullivan reiterated that no decisions have been made as to what additional
  security measures will be in place. She added that additional security was one of the
  many recommended improvements discussed at the Health & Safety Committee meeting.
  Mrs. Sullivan stated that the goal is to make the schools safer. Dr. Pinkenburg inquired as

to the availability of the minutes from the Health & Safety Committee meeting. Dr. Ring stated that the minutes will be posted to the website once they are approved.

There were no further questions/comments.

#### XXIII NEW BUSINESS

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

Mr. Callahan commented on the surplus amount that is carrying over each year in regards to the yearbook clubs for both the middle school and high school. He asked that they look into reducing that number.

Mr. Callahan announced that there is splintering in areas of the wood railing located behind the locker room at the rear of the middle school building. Mrs. Sullivan added that she saw the damaged wood as well and agreed that it poses a safety concern. Dr. Ring stated that the issue would be looked into.

### XXIV PERSONNEL

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education tables the attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

### XXV EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Sean Callahan and seconded by Joseph Coniglione to enter into executive session to discuss confidential personnel matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

The Board returned to open session at 9:37 pm.

### XXVI PERSONNEL

a.) Upon a motion made by Joseph Coniglione and seconded by Sean Callahan, the following resolution was made:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education separate Schedule B, Line 1 of the Personnel agenda as a separate item.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Education accepts Schedule B, Line 1 of the attached Personnel agenda.

Motion defeated 1-3 Sean Callahan opposed Edward Casswell opposed Joseph Coniglione opposed

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Education accepts the remainder of the attached Personnel agenda.

All in favor - Motion carried 4-0

#### XXVII ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sean Callahan at 9:38 p.m., and seconded by Joseph Coniglione to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White

District Clerk