MINUTES ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING February 8, 2021

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 adjourn to Executive Session to discuss contractual and personnel issues.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Upon a motion made by Gregory Amendola, and seconded by Ed Casswell, the Board adjourned Executive Session at 6 p.m. to attend the Budget Workshop presented by Christopher Van Cott.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

At 6:20 p.m., upon completion of the Budget Workshop, a motion was made by Sean Callahan, and seconded by Jessica Ward, for the Board to return to Executive Session to continue their discussions regarding contractual and personnel matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. O'Brien announced that in the late fall of 2019, we lost Mike Bowler. He added that many have shared positive experiences that they had with Mr. Bowler over his teaching, administrative and coaching careers. Dr. O'Brien shared some positive information that was received from the NYSPHSAA and National Federation of High Schools. He explained that last school year, Coach Bowler was named NYS Coach of the Year for Boys Lacrosse. He also just received word that Coach Bowler has been named 2020 National Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Coaches Association. He was one of twenty-three high school coaches from across the country to receive this honor. Dr. O'Brien expressed what an amazing accomplishment this was for such a great man.

Mrs. Sullivan expressed what a pleasure it was to be able to work with Mr. Bowler for over 40 years. She added that this award was well-deserved as he was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Sullivan opened the floor to questions/comments regarding the agenda.

There were no questions/comments.

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. On the following page 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 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, January 11, 2021
- **IV: Budget Transfer Summary** December 2020
- V: Treasurer's Reports December 2020
- VI: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer's Report December 2020
- VII: Financial Reports December 2020
- VIII: Internal Claims Audit Report December 2020
- IX: Committees on Special Education Schedules 2-8-21-A and 2-8-21-B, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor - Motion carried 5-0

X DONATION OF IN-EAR WIRED HEADPHONE EARBUDS

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 accepts the donation of 300 pairs of In-Ear Wired Headphone Earbuds from the Rocky Point Rotary Club, valued at approximately \$350.

All in favor - Motion carried 5 - 0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked the Rotary Club for their donation.

XI TEAM ROCKY POINT HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

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 approves and accepts the \$114.00 TEAM Rocky Point High School Scholarship donation from BSN Sports, to be deposited to the Scholarship Fund U9023.

All in favor - Motion carried 5 - 0

XII RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PROPERTY TAX CAP FORM

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 approves the preliminary Rocky Point Union Free School District Property Tax Cap Form, as attached.

All in favor - Motion carried 5 - 0

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

BE IT RESOLVED that items **XIII** – **XXVI** be approved as presented.

All in favor - Motion carried 5 - 0

XIII PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE BID OF NASSAU COUNTY BOCES

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the resolution to participate in the Nassau County BOCES Cooperative Bid for Computer Hardware, Software, Networking and Supplies #20/21-026 through the bid expiration date of 9/24/2021, as per the attached.

XIV 2020-2021 HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to enter into an agreement for health services for the 2020-2021 school year with the following districts:

Uniondale Union Free School District Middle Country Central School District

XV SHOREHAM-WADING RIVER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR CONTRACT

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 students' instructional services for the 2020-21 school year as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or District Policy.

XVI RFP AWARD-EQUIPMENT MUNICIPAL LEASE PURCHASE

WHEREAS, the Rocky Point Union Free School District (the "District"), Suffolk County, New York solicited proposals from various financial institutions for the financing of various vehicles and equipment anticipated to be acquired by the District during each of the next three fiscal years, commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, based upon the responses received by the District and an evaluation of the various financing alternatives prepared by the District's Financial Advisor, Munistat Services, Inc., the District now desires to accept the proposal of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JPMorgan"); which represents the proposal that was most responsive to the requirements of the District's solicitation; and

WHEREAS, prior to entering into one or more installment purchase contracts to finance the cost of acquiring said vehicles and equipment, the District is required to obtain the approval of the qualified voters of the District to acquire and finance said vehicles and equipment; and

WHEREAS, following voter approval, the Board of Education will be required to authorize one or more installment purchase contracts to finance the cost of acquiring said vehicles and equipment and to set the final terms related thereto, such terms to be determined in accordance with the provisions set forth in the JPMorgan proposal.

NOW THEREFORE, The Board of Education of The Rocky Point Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York, hereby resolves (by a majority vote of all the members of said Board) as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District (the "District"), Suffolk County, New York hereby determines that the financing of the various vehicles and equipment with one or more installment purchase contracts is the most cost effective method of financing said vehicles and equipment by the District.

Section 2. The Board of Education hereby accepts the proposal of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JPMorgan") to provide financing for various vehicles and equipment, anticipated to be acquired by the District during each of the next three fiscal years, commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

Section 3. The Board of Education hereby further determines that the District shall not enter into an installment purchase contract, which shall be approved by the Board and reflect the terms and conditions determined in accordance with the provisions of the JPMorgan proposal, to finance the cost of acquiring said vehicles and equipment without first obtaining the approval of the qualified voters of the District to acquire and finance said vehicles and equipment;

Section 4. The President of the Board of Education, Vice President of the Board of Education, Superintendent and/or the Assistant Superintendent are hereby authorized to take any and all other actions necessary or desirable in connection with the intent of this resolution.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately

XVII SEQRA (STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT) RESOLUTION – SMART SCHOOLS BOND ACT, PROJECT #3

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Rocky Point Union Free School District Board of Education approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District is considering improvements District Wide for the Rocky Point UFSD and

WHEREAS, the proposed project includes

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Installation of ductless split systems into existing wiring closets. Work will include electrical and miscellaneous general construction.

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(a), "Actions or classes of actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section are not subject to review under this Part, except as otherwise provided in this section. These actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment or are otherwise precluded from environmental review under Environmental Consideration Law, Article 8. The actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section apply to all agencies"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5(c) (1) & (2) the "maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure of facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading to meet building or fire codes ... ", are Type II actions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, after review of the proposed action, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by John A. Grillo Architect PC, hereby determines that the proposed projects are Type II Actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5(c) (1) & (2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

XVIII INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' SINGLE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Independent Auditors' Single Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, which has been submitted by our external auditors, R.S. Abrams.

XIX ADOPTION IN FULL OF THE ADVISORY OPINION AND AWARD OF ARBITRATOR PHILIP MAIER, ESQ.

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts in full the Advisory Opinion and Award of Arbitrator Philip Maier, Esq. handed down the 25th day of January, 2021 denying the grievance lodged in relation to contractual services allegedly provided during the 2019-2020 school year's spring recess.

XX MODIFICATION TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT – KRISTEN WHITE

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 First Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated February 8, 2021, between the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District and Ms. Kristen White, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services.

XXI ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY NUMBER 5633 (FIRST READING)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopts the following new policy (first reading):

• 5633 – Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms

XXII REVISION OF THE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED SCHOOL-LEVEL DISTRICT SAFETY PLAN

WHEREAS; Labor Law section 27-c requires school districts to update existing District-Wide Safety Plans with Continuity of Operation procedures. The 2021-22 Safety Plan has been revised accordingly and will be posted to the District website for a 30-day public comment period.

RESOLVED; following the 30-day comment period, it is anticipated the Rocky Point U.F.S.D. Board of Education will adopt the revised 2021-22 District-Wide Safety Plan at the March 15, 2021 public meeting and will post final version to the district website.

XXIII APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF REGISTRATION; CHIEF INSPECTOR; POLL CLERKS AND TELLERS FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 18, 2021 AND APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR THE SPECIAL VOTER REGISTRATION TO BE HELD ON MAY 11, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoints the Board of Registration; Poll Clerks; Tellers and Substitute Poll Clerks and Tellers at an hourly rate of \$14.00 and Chief Inspector at an hourly rate of \$15.00 position as per the attached list.

XXIV ANNUAL MEETING (BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Annual Meeting (Budget Vote and Trustee Election) of the Rocky Point Union Free School District, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York be conducted on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 2017 of the Education Law, a Public Hearing for the purpose of discussion of the expenditure of funds and the budgeting thereof be held at 7:00 PM on May 4, 2021 at the Rocky Point High School, Rocky Point, New York and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legal Notice of the Public Hearing and Annual Meeting, as required by law, be published in the *LONG ISLAND BUSINESS NEWS*, on April 2, April 16, April 30 and May 14 and in *THE VILLAGE BEACON RECORD* on April 1, April 15, April 29 and May 13 and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legal Notice of the Annual Meeting (Budget Vote and Trustee Election), as required by law, be published in the *LONG ISLAND BUSINESS NEWS*, April 2, April 16, April 30 and May 14 and in *THE VILLAGE BEACON RECORD* on April 1, April 15, April 29 and May 13 and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following location is hereby designated as the polling place:

Rocky Point High School Gymnasium; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, in addition to the legal publication in four editions of each of the two above-mentioned newspapers, will send a notice with all information relative to the date and time of the vote and election to all residents within the District, and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the residents of the Rocky Point Union Free School District may register to vote for School District Meetings at the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on any day that the office is open, and on the evening of May 11, 2020 until 9:00 PM. However, such registration may not take place less than five (5) days preceding any School District Meeting, and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is authorized to assign the necessary personnel to function as Election Inspectors, and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the final tally of votes shall be held at the Rocky Point High School, 82 Rocky Point-Yaphank Road, Rocky Point, New York at 9:00 PM on the evening of the election as soon thereafter as the election inspectors can certify as to the necessary information.

XXV ADOPTION OF THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented.

XXVI PERSONNEL

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

XXVII 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.

• Miss Ward spoke regarding enlarging the list of English electives being offered for the 2021-2022 school year.

There were no further questions/comments.

XXVIII ADJOURNMENT

At 7:16 p.m. a motion was made by Jessica Ward, and seconded by Sean Callahan, to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan wished the meeting attendees an enjoyable vacation.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White District Clerk