# MINUTES ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING June 14, 2021

Mrs. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of Rocky Point High School.

Present: Susan Sullivan, President

Sean Callahan, Vice President 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: Gregory Amendola, Trustee

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6 p.m. a motion was made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Jessica Ward, to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and confidential legal matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

The Board returned to open session at 7:06 p.m.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. O'Brien began by acknowledging and extending his sincere gratitude to Rocky Point staff member, Mr. David Cook. Mr. Cook was working in the cafeteria when he noticed a student was choking. He sprang into action and performed the Heimlich Maneuver. Mr. Cook's quick response and decisive action saved Ms. Avery Ward's life. Dr. O'Brien called Mr. Cook, Avery and Ms. Ward to the podium and presented Mr. Cook with a certificate to signify the community's gratitude.

Mr. Delargy congratulated Mr. Cook on his heroic efforts. He began speaking regarding Mrs. Rose Monz and her upcoming retirement. Mr. Delargy described her as someone who made her job part of her life. She worked under five Athletic Directors during her 27 years in Rocky Point. Mrs. Monz fielded endless text messages from coaches and was always happy to help. She is also described as generous, reliable, determined, thoughtful, compassionate and having a tremendous work ethic. Mrs. Monz will be enjoying more time with her husband Ken, their two children, Erica and Ken Jr. and their six grandchildren. Mr. Delargy wished Mrs. Monz a happy retirement and commented on how much she is loved and will be missed.

Mr. Hart congratulated Mrs. Monz on her retirement and noted the impact that her inspirational quotes had on everyone each day. He added that her friendly demeanor and the way she treated people will be greatly missed.

Mr. Hart spoke regarding Mrs. Lisa Volpe's upcoming retirement and commented on how he tried to talk her out of it on several occasions. Mrs. Volpe first crossed paths with Dr. Herbert and Dr. O'Brien when she came to the Frank J. Carasiti School as part of a fundraiser for Long Island Marine Moms which she founded along with her sister. As a mom of four sons who were active in the military she created this group to lend support to other families. Mrs. Volpe started working at FJC in 2006 when her son entered kindergarten. She then came to the High School in 2018. Here, she quickly gained the respect and affection from both staff and students. Mrs. Volpe is described by colleagues as dedicated, sincere, genuine, encouraging, good natured, supportive, artistic, kind and a hard worker with a sweet tooth. Mr. Hart congratulated Mrs. Volpe on her retirement and thanked her for many years of service.

Mr. Scott Bullis spoke regarding Ms. Patricia Gibaldi who has worked in the Rocky Point School District for 43 years. She began as a substitute in 1978, started working part time in 1981 and became a full time teacher's aide in 1986. Ms. Gibaldi is described as having a legendary work ethic, extremely hard working and always there to help both staff and students. She is loyal, selfless, gentle, resilient, has a positive attitude and the patience of a saint. Mr. Bullis explained the tremendous care that she put into knitting not only for her students but for staff members as well as newborns in their families. Ms. Gibaldi went above and beyond in her duties. Mr. Bullis noted that her kindness will never be forgotten. He wished Ms. Gibaldi a happy retirement.

Dr. O'Brien congratulated Mrs. Monz, Mrs. Volpe and Mrs. Gibaldi on their retirement. He then thanked Board Trustee Mr. Gregory Amendola who will be completing his term at the end of the month. Dr. O'Brien noted his invaluable insight and countless hours of hard work.

Dr. O'Brien informed the honorees and those in the audience that the business portion of the meeting was about to begin and they may want to take this opportunity to take their guests home.

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 May 18, 2021; Special Meeting June 3, 2021

IV Budget Transfer Summary – May 2021

V: Treasurer's Reports – May 2021

VI: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer's Report – May 2021

VII: Financial Reports – May 2021

VIII: Internal Claims Audit Report – May 2021

**IX:** Committees on Special Education Schedules 6-14-21-A and 6-14-21-B as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

#### X SOUND BEACH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

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 approves and accepts the scholarship donation from Sound Beach Music Inc. in the amount of \$500.00, to be deposited to the Scholarship Account U9016.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Sound Beach Music for their donation.

#### XI KENNETH J. EDWARDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

Upon a motion made by Ed 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 and accepts the donation on behalf of the Kenneth J. Edwards Memorial Scholarship from William Edwards Jr. and Sherri Edwards in the amount of \$200.00, James and Debra Kidney in the amount of \$50.00, Robert and Valerie DeRosa in the amount of \$100.00 and Susan Conners in the amount of \$100.00, to be deposited to the Scholarship Fund U9003.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked all those who donated.

#### XII SURPLUS BOOKS

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 approves for surplus the books on the following attached list.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

#### XIII SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

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 approves for surplus the following attached list of equipment.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

## XIV APPROVAL OF PHASE I AMENDMENT OF THE SMART SCHOOLS INVESTMENT PLAN BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Upon a motion made by Ed 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 hereby approves Phase I Amendment of the Smart Schools Bond Act Investment Plan as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

### XV ADOPTION OF THE 2021-2026 ROCKY POINT UFSD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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 adopts the 2021-2026 Professional Development Plan.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

### XVI RFP #R19-02 MEDICAID CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR 2021-22

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 renews the agreement with Zycron Industries, LLC for Medicaid Consultant Services for the 2021-2022 fiscal year at no additional cost as per the attached.

## XVII RFP #R21-03 – STAFFING SERVICES FOR RN SUBSTITUTES CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR 2021-22

Upon a motion made by Ed 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 renews the Agreement with Homecare Therapies LLC / dba Horizon Healthcare Staffing, Health Source Group and Serene Services, Inc. / dba Serene Home Nursing Agency for the 2021- 2022 fiscal year, as per the attached, with the understanding that substitute nurses will be sought from the lowest priced provider first.

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All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

### XVIII BID #21-03 – FOOD SERVICE REFRIGERATION REPAIR CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR 2021-22

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 renews the Agreement with Pro Cold East, Inc. / dba Refrigeration Utilities for Food Service Refrigeration Repair for the 2021-22 fiscal year, at no additional cost, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

## XIX BID AWARD #21-06 – ELECTRICAL SERVICES CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR 2021-22

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 renews the Agreement with New York Trenchless, Inc. for Electrical Services for the 2021-22 fiscal year, at no additional cost, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

### XX RFP #22-01 AWARDS – EDUCATIONAL, BEHAVIORAL & RELATED SERVICES FOR 2021-2022

Upon a motion made by Ed 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 appoints the attached list of providers for various Special Education Services, in accordance with the scope of services submitted in response to the District's requests for proposal, as per the attached. Where multiple firms are approved for the same service, every effort will be made to assign the work to the lowest cost provider first, in accordance with the requirements of each student's IEP or 504 plan.

### XXI AWARD-RFQ #IT22-01 DISTRICT WIDE FIREWALL UPGRADE & ADDITION TO THE CENTRAL FIREWALL

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 award RFQ #IT22-01 District Wide Firewall Upgrade & Addition to the Central Firewall to CORE, BTS, the lowest responsible bidder meeting bid specifications, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

## XXII AWARD-RFQ #IT22-02 CORE SWITCH REPLACEMENT AT FRANK J. CARASITI AND JOSEPH A. EDGAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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 award RFQ #IT22-02 Core Switch Replacement at Frank J. Carasiti and Joseph A. Edgar Elementary Schools to CORE, BTS, the lowest responsible bidder meeting bid specifications, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

#### XXIII BID AWARD #22-03 LAND CLEARING / TREE WORK SERVICES

Upon a motion made by Ed 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 awards Bid #22-03 Land Clearing / Truck Work Services to Gallino & Sons Trucking, Inc., the overall lowest responsible bidder meeting bid specifications, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

#### **XXIV**

RESOLUTION OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK (THE "SCHOOL DISTRICT") AUTHORIZING ONE OR MORE INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACTS WITH JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. OR ITS WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OR AFFILIATE AND MAKING CERTAIN OTHER DETERMINATIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the "School District") has heretofore determined to acquire certain vehicles and equipment for use by the District; and

WHEREAS, the School District has heretofore determined that the most economical and efficient means of acquiring said vehicles and equipment is pursuant to a lease purchase or installment purchase of the equipment; and

WHEREAS, following the review of proposals received by the School District, the Board of Education adopted a resolution on February 8, 2021 accepting the proposal of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JPMorgan"); which represented the proposal that was most responsive to the requirements of the District's solicitation; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 18, 2021, a majority of the voters of the School District voting at the Annual District Meeting and Election approved the acquisition and financing of said vehicles and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is now 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, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by a majority vote of all the members of said Board) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, the Assistant Superintendent for Business and/or District Treasurer (collectively the "Authorized Representatives" and individually, the "Authorized Representative"), acting on behalf of the School District and with the advice of counsel, are hereby authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver one or more lease purchase agreements (the "Equipment Lease") with JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., or its wholly-owned subsidiary or affiliate (the "Lessor"). The Authorized Representatives are hereby further authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver such other documents relating to the Equipment Lease (including, but not limited to, escrow agreements), as the Authorized Representatives deem necessary and appropriate with the advice of counsel. All other related contracts, riders, certificates, schedules, amendments and agreements necessary and incidental to the Equipment Lease are hereby authorized, and such documents shall be filed in the office of the District Clerk and made available for public inspection.

Section 2. The aggregate original principal amount of the Equipment Lease shall not exceed \$279,000 and shall bear interest and mature as set forth in the Equipment Lease.

Section 3. The School District's obligations under the Equipment Lease shall be subject to annual appropriation or renewal by the Board of Education of the School District as set forth in each Equipment Lease and the School District's obligations under the Equipment Lease shall not constitute a general obligation of the School District or indebtedness under the Constitution or laws of the State of New York.

Section 4. The Authorized Representatives are hereby authorized to take any and all other actions necessary in connection with the Agreement, the Equipment Lease, and all matters related thereto.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

#### XXV LONG ISLAND NUTRITION DIRECTORS COOPERATIVE BID – 2021-2022 PARTICIPATION

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 approves the resolution to participate in the Long Island Nutrition Directors Cooperative Bid for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

#### XXVI STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education has considered the request for a contract between Rocky Point Schools and Stasia and Ashley McKenzie for their children, Sophia McKenzie (grade 1), Grayson McKenzie (grade 2) and Jordan McKenzie (grade 8) to remain in the Rocky Point Union Free School District tuition-free for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year beginning on May 14, 2021 and ending on June 25, 2021.

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

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

## XXVII SPECIAL EDUCATION 2021-22 CONTRACT – NYSARC INC. – SUFFOLK (AHRC)

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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with NYSARC Inc. – Suffolk (AHRC) for special education instructional services for the 2021-2022 school year as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or District Policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

#### XXVIII EPI PEN USAGE – GENERAL RELEASE FORM

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached General Release form between the District and its transportation carrier, First Student Inc., for the administration of epinephrine injection(s) on school buses and/or vans to students with the authorization of a licensed health care provider and signed consent from their parent/guardian.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** said parent/guardian will agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Rocky Point Union Free School District, its officials, employees and agents and First Student Inc., its affiliates, employees, designated personnel and agents from any and all liability for damages or injury resulting directly or indirectly from this authorization including, but not limited to, negligence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute the General Release firm.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

## XXIX TERRACES ON THE SOUND PROPERTY ASSOCIATION PRIVATE ROAD TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT 2021-2022

Upon a motion made by Ed 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 authorizes the Assistant Superintendent of Business to enter into an Agreement with Terraces on the Sound Property Association for District pupil transportation services on private roads within the community, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

#### XXX 2021-2022 OMNI RENEWAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute The Omni Group Renewal Services Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year, at the rate of \$35.00 per participant account.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

### XXXI AGREEMENTS FOR UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN SERVICES FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to enter into Agreements with Step by Step Early Learning Center, Little Rascals and Trinity Lutheran Nursery School for Universal Pre-Kindergarten services for the 2021-2022 school year, as per the attached.

## XXXII AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ROCKY POINT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (A.)

Upon a motion made by Ed 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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute an Agreement between the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association for the purpose of department chair persons in one (1) Special Area Chairperson (Library K-12, Art K-12)

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

## XXXIII AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ROCKY POINT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (B.)

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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute an Agreement between the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association for the purpose of department chair persons at the elementary level in science (K-2 and 3-5) and math (K-2, 3-5).

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

## XXXIV AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ROCKY POINT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (C.)

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 an agreement between the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association for four (4) building-level special education facilitators (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12).

## XXXV AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ROCKY POINT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (D.)

Upon a motion made by Ed 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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute an agreement between the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association for the purpose of department chair persons in ENL/LOTE (K-12), Science (6-12), English (6-12), Social Studies (6-12) and Math (6-12).

Mr. Callahan and Ms. Ward opposed Motion failed 2-2

### XXXVI MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE ROCKY POINT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association for the purpose of adding two (2) clubs that shall become part of Schedule B of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association effective July 1, 2021 as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

# AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ROCKY POINT SCHOOL-RELATED PROFESSIONALS' ASSOCIATION

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 approves an Agreement for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 between the Rocky Point School-Related Professionals' Association and the Rocky Point Union Free School District.

#### XXXVIII PERSONNEL

Upon a motion made by Ed 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 accepts the attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

#### XXXIX NEW BUSINESS

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

There was no new business.

Mrs. Sullivan congratulated the following new staff members on their appointments:

Mr. Jachan Watkis - Director of MST

Ms. Jessica Spitz – HS Music Teacher

Ms. Emily Lamia - MS Music Teacher

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

- Ms. Lombardi-Curtin thanked the Board and Superintendent for their efforts in
  getting the children back into the school buildings. She spoke regarding proactive
  action to stop the mask and vaccine mandates. Ms. Lombardi-Curtin asked that the
  Board support these efforts as they are shared by many other parents in the
  community.
- Ms. Walsh thanked the Superintendent for the joint letter that was sent to the Governor and NYSDOH. She asked the school board to continue to advocate for the children and stop the mask mandate.
- Ms. Baldi thanked the Superintendent for the joint letter. She asked that the Superintendents stand together against the mask mandate. Ms. Baldi also suggested team building exercises at recess to combat the negative social effects of social distancing.
- Ms. Drago thanked the Superintendent and Board of Education for their efforts. She
  expressed concerns with disciplinary action due to not adhering to mask-wearing
  guidelines. Ms. Drago also discussed some negative associations with wearing a
  mask. Dr. O'Brien advised that he addressed the concern brought to his attention that
  occurred on the bus. He added that he also reached out to all (4) building Principals
  who were all very receptive to the conversation regarding flexibility with mask
  breaks.

- Ms. Solano thanked the Board and the Superintendent and provided information regarding a recent survey she conducted. The survey included the percentage of parents that would consider homeschooling if mask and vaccine mandates were in place.
- Ms. Kelly discussed the number of lives lost in the pandemic. She also spoke regarding years of research being required in order to provide long term effects of vaccines. Ms. Kelly discussed CRT being introduced into the curriculum and the need for discussions to occur in order to achieve change.

Dr. O'Brien thanked the meeting attendees for coming out. He commented on what a challenging year it had been. Dr. O'Brien shared his appreciation for the way everyone united in order to get the children back into school. He reviewed some of the major achievements such as K-5 students who attended school in-person 5 days per week for the entire school year, followed by the remaining grades who began attending 5 days in the Fall. Additionally, he noted the full virtual option that was offered throughout the year. Dr. O'Brien expressed his gratitude for the students and staff that stayed home when they were not feeling well as well as those who quarantined when required in order to allow our doors to remain open.

#### XL ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 p.m. a motion was made by Sean Callahan, and seconded by Ed Casswell, to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White District Clerk