MINUTES ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING August 23, 2021

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

Present: Susan Sullivan, President

Edward Casswell, Trustee Michael Lisa, 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: Sean Callahan, Vice President

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5 p.m. a motion was made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Jessica Ward, to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. O'Brien invited Mr. Jason Westerlund to the podium to speak regarding the retirement of Ms. Ann Castro-Crowell.

Mr. Westerlund invited Ms. Castro-Crowell to join him at the podium. He explained that Ms. Castro-Crowell has been a reading teacher at FJC and last year taught a second grade class. She took on the technology challenge and used her many years of experience, incorporating academic games and had virtual teacher conferences. Ms. Castro-Crowell is described as a constant light, always smiling, having a bubbly personality, always displaying professionalism and having a genuine heart. She has developed sincere relationships with both students and staff. Ms. Castro-Crowell has touched the lives and hearts of so many. Mr. Westerlund wished her good health and good times in her retirement.

Mrs. Sullivan reminded the meeting attendees of the procedure regarding public comment.

Dr. O'Brien commented on the strong first impression that Ms. Castro-Crowell made when she was interviewed for the job. He wished her the best in her retirement and stated that she would be missed.

Dr. O'Brien reviewed the proposed opening plan

- Return to full in-person learning (5) days a week (no virtual option)
- Guidance has been and will continue to be received from SCDOH, CDC, NYSED and APP
- Training on proper hygiene and safety procedures for students and staff
- Enhanced cleaning will continue utilizing the extra custodial staff hired
- Daily temperature checks and screening questionnaires will no longer be needed
- Instructional Model
 - Virtual program will no longer be offered
 - ➤ No change to arrival or dismissal time
 - > Specials will once again take place in special area settings
 - Lunch will take place in the cafeteria as well as overflow locations. Individual desks will be spaced 6'apart
 - > Chromebooks issued to all students K-12
 - ➤ Hallway and gym lockers will be available for student use with the option to carry schoolbags
- Classrooms have reduced number of students to maintain a social distance of 3' when possible. Additional class sections were created to reduce class size.
- All clubs, sports and extracurricular activities will resume
- Face coverings are not mandatory when outside for recess, physical education, etc.
- Face coverings are mandatory when on the bus except for those who are medically exempt
- Contact tracing is required by law

Dr. O'Brien inquired with the Board of Education if there were any questions.

Ms. Ward asked how learning takes place for those who are quarantined or otherwise out of school if virtual is not an option. Dr. O'Brien advised that students who are not able to attend would follow the google classroom for assignments.

Ms. Ward also asked what it would take to maintain a 6' distance to avoid quarantine. Dr. O'Brien stated that last year they asked all special area teachers to teach a full class. They also removed all furniture not completely necessary to allow for adequate room. Dr. O'Brien added that if the hybrid mask option was considered, it could lead to higher quarantine numbers.

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

There were no questions/comments.

Mrs. Sullivan welcomed the following new appointed employees:

- Lindsey Estevez ENL Teacher FJC
- Gabriella Serpico ENL Teacher JAE
- Sara Fisher Special Education Teacher JAE
- Ryan Stern Mathematics Teacher HS

Mrs. Sullivan congratulated Ms. Ann Castro-Crowell on her retirement.

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-VI Consent Agenda Items

Upon a motion made by Jessica Ward, and seconded by Ed 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 June 14, 2021; Organizational Meeting / Regular Business Meeting July 8, 2021; Special Meeting July 27, 2021;
- IV: Treasurer's Reports June 2021
- V: Internal Claims Audit Report June and July 2021
- VI: Committees on Special Education Schedules 8-23-21-A and 8-23-21-B as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

VII Donation from Southwestern Fundraising (Formerly Great American)

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Michael Lisa, 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 Southwestern Fundraising in the amount of \$38.00, 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 \$38.00 as a result of the donation.

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

A 2110 500 03 0000 \$38.00

VIII Rocky Point PTA Donation of Picnic Tables, 65" Television, Chromecast and Mounting Hardware

Upon a motion made by Michael Lisa, 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 two (2) SuperSaver Commercial Round Picnic Table, one (1) VIZIO 65" Class V-Series LED 4K UDH SmartCast TV (with 4-year Geek Squad Protection), one (1) Chromecast with Google TV-4K – Snow (with 4-year Geek Squad Protection) and one (1) TV mounting bracket form the Rocky Point PTA, valued at approximately \$2,555.00.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked the PTA for their very generous donation.

IX Donation A+ Rewards from Stop & Shop (Ahold)

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 and accepts the donations from Stop & Shop (Ahold) and the A+ School Rewards program in the amount of \$447.77 and \$803.40, 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 \$1,251.17 as a result of the donations from Stop & Shop (Ahold) and the A+ School Rewards program.

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

A 2110 500 01 0000 (FJC) \$447.77 A 2020 500 03 0000 (HS) \$803.40

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Stop & Shop for their donation.

X Donation from Ohiopyle Prints, Inc.

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Michael Lisa, 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 Ohiopyle Prints, Inc.

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 \$19.46 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:

A 2110 500 03 0000 \$19.46

XI Surplus Books

Upon a motion made by Michael Lisa, 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 following attached list.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XII 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 lists of equipment.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XIII Adoption and Review/Re-Adoption of Board of Education Policy Numbers 3410, 5220, 5410, 5681, 7110, 6219 and 5640 (Second Reading)

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopts and reviews/re-adopts the following policies (second reading):

- 3410 Code of Conduct on School Property
- 5220 District Investments
- 5410 Purchasing
- 5681 School Safety Plans
- 7110 Rocky Point School District's Comprehensive Attendance Plan
- 6219 Registration and Professional Development Learning
- 5640 Smoking, Tobacco, and Cannabis (Marijuana) Use

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XIV Adoption of Board of Education Policy Number 5350 (first reading)

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the following policy (first reading)

• 5350 Payroll & Overtime

XV Participation in Cooperative Bid of Nassau County BOCES

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 Nassau County BOCES Cooperative Bid for Tree Maintenance & Removal Services #19/20-007 through the bid expiration date of 5/23/2022, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XVI Bid Award #21-08 Boiler Maintenance & Repair Contract Extension for 2021-22

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Michael Lisa, 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 Commercial Instrumentation Services for Boiler Maintenance & Repair for the period of 9/1/21 - 8/31/22, at no additional cost, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XVII Award-RFQ #IT22-04 Rocky Point UFSD WiFi Upper Turf/Press Box

Upon a motion made by Michael Lisa, 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 #IT22-04 Rocky Point UFSD WiFi Upper Turf/Press Box to CORE, BTS, the lowest responsible bidder meeting bid specifications, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XVIII Award – RFP #R22-04 Sensory Room Packages

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 awards RFP #R22-04 Sensory Room Packages to Fun and Function, as per the attached.

XIX Family Integrated Consulting & Resources / Project Presence Proposal

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

WHEREAS, the United States federal government enacted the American Rescue Plan (ARP) of 2021, Public Law 117-2 on March 11, 2021;

WHEREAS, the ARP provides financial assistance to States and school districts to sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation's students;

WHEREAS, the District has developed a multi-year plan reflecting initiatives in accordance with the requirements of ARP which includes the need to provide evidence-based strategies to address students' social, emotional, mental health and academic needs;

WHEREAS, the District has utilized Family Integrated Consulting & Resources, a provider of said services, and it is desirous to maintain and further expand the relationship with this vendor;

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached proposal from Family Integrated Consulting & Resources as a sole source proprietor of a comprehensive integrated social, emotional, learning program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the proposal will be funded by the ARP and can be terminated by either party.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XX North Shore Youth Council Proposal

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

WHEREAS, the United States federal government enacted the American Rescue Plan (ARP) of 2021, Public Law 117-2 on March 11, 2021;

WHEREAS, the ARP provides financial assistance to States and school districts to sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation's students;

WHEREAS, the District has developed a multi-year reflecting initiatives in accordance with the requirements of ARP which includes the need to provide evidence-based strategies to address students' social, emotional, mental health and academic needs;

WHEREAS, the District utilized North Shore Youth Council, a provider of said services, and is desirous to reestablish an agreement with this vendor;

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached proposal from the North Shore Youth Council to provide student counseling and support services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the proposal will be funded by the ARP and can be terminated by either party.

XXI Claims Service Bureau 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 execute the Claims Service Bureau Agreement for the 2021-22 school year, to continue service for active claims preceding 7/1/2020.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XXII Supplement to Bond Counsel Letter of Engagement 2021-22

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the President of the Board is authorized to execute the 2021-22 supplemental letter of engagement with Hawkins, Delafield & Wood to serve as bond counsel in relation to the District's lease purchase of copy machines, network switches and firewall upgrades.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XXIII Acceptance of NYS Comptroller's Audit Report and District's Corrective Action Plan

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the New York State Comptroller's Audit Repot1 entitled "Overtime 2021 M-080" for the period July 1, 2017 through April 30, 2019;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts the attached Corrective Action Plan (CAP) as prepared by the Business Office in response to the audit above. As required by Commissioner's Regulation Section I 70.12(e)(4), the District's CAP has been submitted to the Office of the New York State Comptroller.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XXIV Approval of 2021-22 Building-Level Safety Plans

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, in accordance with Education Law §2801-a and Commissioner's Regulation §155.17, the Board of Education hereby adopts the 2021-22 building-level safety plans as confidential documents and will submit said plans to the New York State Department of Education as required.

XXV Recertification of Qualified Lead Evaluator and Evaluator for Teachers and Principals

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby recertifies Dr. Michael Sherer as a Qualified Lead Evaluator or Evaluator of classroom teachers and building principals and certifies having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8 NYCRR §30-2.9. This recertification has been issued in accordance with the process for certifying lead evaluators and evaluators described in the district's Annual Professional Performance Review Plan

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XXVI Agreement between the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point Administrators' Association

Upon a motion made by Michael Lisa, 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 Administrators' Association for the purpose of modifying the March 21, 2026 Stipulation of Settlement (PERB Case No. U-34442 & U-34789 – Rocky Point UFSD).

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

XXVII Agreement between the Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point Teachers' 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, 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).

Motion carried 3-1 Ed Casswell opposed

XXVIII Personnel

Upon a motion made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Michael Lisa, 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.

XXIX 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. Olivo advocated for parental choice regarding mask wearing, She discussed the abusive nature of a mask mandate for children.
- Mr. Pinkenburg discussed the benefits of a mask mandate including a lower quarantine rate.
- A gentleman commented on accommodations for people who are medically unable to wear a mask. He also mentioned school funding and its link to CRT.
- Miss Luce stressed the important consequences that exist without mask mandates such as the effects on immune compromised people.
- Ms. Siefert noted the effectiveness of physical distancing and mask wearing. She
 also asked for a plan for special education students with accommodations who are
 quarantined.
- A woman spoke regarding the importance of parental choice when it comes to children wearing masks. She stated that it has created a serious emotional pandemic.
- Ms. Sarlo referred to a petition illustrating the number of parents that would consider home schooling their children if mask and vaccine mandates are put in place. She discussed negative social effects of mask wearing.
- Ms. Daphne stated that masks are highly effective when worn properly.
- Ms. Cea advocated for parental choice in regards to mask wearing. She noted the
 extended length of time that children are wearing them and the dirty condition of
 their mask throughout the day.
- Mr. Contes commented on the negative effects of mask wearing including reduced oxygen intake. He stressed that children learn better without masks.
- Miss Danielle urged the Board to relinquish control and allow parental choice regarding mask wearing. She noted that children need to see their teachers' faces.
- Ms. Cameron thanked the Board for considering community input before rendering a decision. She also urged them to question the recommendations in order to explain why they are being made.

• Mr. Ford advocated for parental choice. He also inquired about the quarantine room protocols for students who have symptoms at school. Dr. O'Brien stated that the isolation rooms would continue to be used this year as needed.

Upon a motion made by Susan Sullivan, and seconded by Ed Casswell, the public comment portion of the meeting was extended.

- Ms. Cozzolino-Baldi recommended the hybrid model for mask wearing(wearing them only in high traffic areas) and commented that current data supports many different views. She also advised that many would be pulling their children from schools if there are mandates.
- A gentleman spoke of freedom and the ability to fight back. He advocated for parental choice, noting the dangers of mask wearing for children.
- Miss Andrea commented on the political nature of mask mandates, noting that they are discriminatory. She stressed the importance of parental choice.
- Miss Antoinette asked that the Board of Education back the parents in the fight against mandates and support parental choice.
- Miss Laura suggested the possibility of placing all masked children within the same classes.
- Ms. Morgan shared her feelings that mask mandates are child abuse and asked for parental choice.
- Ms. Walsh noted the low rates of COVID-19 in children and asked the Board of Education to continue to advocate for the children.
- Ms. McEvoy discussed the positives associated with the hybrid mask policy. She stressed the importance of seeing the childrens' faces from a teacher's perspective. She also noted the importance of mask usage when within close proximity to others.
- Ms. Kelly addressed DEI and asked if there was a plan in place as of yet. She also thanked the Board for the new clubs that are available. Ms. Kelly commented on the positive effects of mask wearing.
- A gentleman spoke regarding the importance of freedom and the importance of parental choice.
- A gentleman referred to data regarding hospital admissions as it related to obsesity. He shared his feelings regarding the importance of freedom to choice.
- A woman stated that the job of the Board of Education is to educate children and not to mandate masks or vaccines. She added that there is no room for politics in the classroom.

There were no further questions/comments.

XXX Adjournment

A motion was made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Michael Lisa, to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White District Clerk