

**AGENDA**  
**ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**January 13, 2014**

**Reminder Regarding Public Comment:**

- Public comment at meetings of the Board shall be restricted to civil discourse, free from disparaging remarks or inferences toward any person or organization. Speakers who fail to observe this protocol will be ruled out of order.
- A period of time not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes, unless extended at any given meeting by resolution of the Board, shall be provided prior to Board action on the agenda. Said period of time shall be for the exclusive purpose of addressing items that are on the agenda before the Board at the meeting in question. Each speaker shall be limited to a maximum of three minutes. Speakers may not share, defer, or otherwise reallocate any or all of the three minutes afforded them.
- A period of time not to exceed thirty (30) minutes, unless extended at any given meeting by resolution of the Board, shall be provided subsequent to the completion of Board action on the agenda. Each speaker shall be limited to a maximum of three minutes. Speakers may not share, defer, or otherwise reallocate any or all of the three minutes afforded them.
- Speakers shall be ruled out of order if they attempt to speak about any specific student or employee, by name or title.

**I Meeting called to Order:**

Present: Michael Nofi, President  
Diane Burke, Vice President  
John Lessler, Trustee  
Scott Reh, Trustee  
Susan Sullivan, 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  
Patricia Jones, District Clerk

Absent:

**Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Superintendent's Report**

**II Minutes**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Minutes of the following Board of Education meeting be accepted as presented: **Regular Meeting, December 16, 2013.**

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

**III Budget Transfer Summary – December 2013**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the December 2013 Budget Transfer Summary.

Motion\_\_\_\_\_2<sup>nd</sup>\_\_\_\_\_Vote\_\_\_\_\_

**IV Tax Exemption for Eligible Veterans**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education opts into legislation (Assembly bill A00565 and Senate bill S00119) Alternative Veterans’ Exemption.

Motion\_\_\_\_\_2<sup>nd</sup>\_\_\_\_\_Vote\_\_\_\_\_

**V Donation from Rocky Point PTA – Author Visit - FJC**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the \$930.15 donation from the Rocky Point PTA to offset the cost of the *Salute to Seuss* author visit at the Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School.

**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 \$930.15 as a result of the donation from the Rocky Point PTA.

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

A2110 490 04 0000 \$930.15

Motion\_\_\_\_\_2<sup>nd</sup>\_\_\_\_\_Vote\_\_\_\_\_

**VI Personnel**

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

Motion\_\_\_\_\_2<sup>nd</sup>\_\_\_\_\_Vote\_\_\_\_\_

At \_\_\_\_\_ PM motion made and seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss \_\_\_\_\_.

Motion\_\_\_\_\_2<sup>nd</sup>\_\_\_\_\_Vote\_\_\_\_\_

**The Board returned to Open Session at \_\_\_\_\_**

**Adjournment**

I move that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_PM

Motion\_\_\_\_\_2<sup>nd</sup>\_\_\_\_\_Vote\_\_\_\_\_

**MINUTES**  
**ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**December 16, 2013**

Mrs. Burke called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. in the auditorium of the Rocky Point High School.

Present: Michael Nofi, President (arriving at 6:18 p.m.)  
Diane Burke, Vice President  
John Lessler, Trustee  
Susan Sullivan, 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  
Patricia Jones, District Clerk

Absent: Scott Reh, Trustee

**Executive Session**

At 6:11 p.m. Susan Sullivan made a motion and John Lessler seconded to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss confidential security and personnel matters pertaining to select employees.

All in favor – Motion carried 3-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:20 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Ring thanked the meeting attendees for coming out on such a cold evening so close to Christmas and for their patience in the Board's delayed return to Open Session from Executive Session.

Dr. Ring announced that the Varsity Cheerleaders, for the tenth consecutive time, have been named UCA Empire Regional Champions and will be traveling to Florida in February to compete at UCA Nationals in Orlando.

Dr. Ring also announced that Rocky Point High School principal, Mr. John DeBenedetto, welcomed a new addition to his family and was therefore unable to attend the meeting. In Mr. DeBenedetto's absence, Dr. Ring invited retiring high school librarian, Mrs. Patricia Bergel, to the podium in recognition and honor of twenty years of service to the students

of Rocky Point Schools. Reading from a prepared statement, Dr. Ring summarized Mrs. Bergel's career at Rocky Point Schools and thanked her for her dedicated service to students, faculty and staff. In closing, Dr. Ring, on behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. DeBenedetto, and the students and staff of Rocky Point High School, wished Mrs. Bergel a long and adventure-filled retirement and presented Mrs. Bergel with a retirement plaque in commemoration of her dedicated service.

Mrs. Bergel thanked Dr. Ring, the members of the Board of Education and her husband, Dr. Steve Bergel, for their support. Mrs. Bergel thanked Dr. Galvin and Mrs. Clifford for the opportunities they afforded her. Mrs. Bergel also thanked Mr. DeBenedetto, Mrs. Crossan and Mr. Gabriel, the teachers with whom she collaborated through the years, and her teacher aide, Mrs. Joanne Ely, her "right arm" for ten years in the high school library.

Dr. Ring invited Ms. Amy Agnesini to the podium in order to recognize two senior student-athletes awarded Suffolk Zone awards. Reading from a prepared statement, Ms. Agnesini explained that the Suffolk Zone of New York State AHPERD recognized high school seniors across the country for their outstanding leadership in physical education. The students, one female and one male from each high school, are selected by their physical education teachers based upon scholastic ability, leadership, physical education performance and their ability to be role models in class. Ms. Agnesini invited TJ Strazzeri and Reagan Lynch to the podium in recognition of their accomplishments.

**Dr. Ring, on behalf of Mr. John DeBenedetto, Principal, Rocky Point High School**

- Members of the High School Band and Singing Santas performed at the annual Town of Brookhaven Tree Lighting on December 6<sup>th</sup> and the Rocky Point Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The Singing Santas Annual Holiday Concert has been rescheduled due to inclement weather. The concert will be held on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to Mr. Bonomi for his hard work and dedication to the Singing Santas during the month of December.
- Members of the Art Honor Society have set up a holiday "Giving Tree" in the main office and are collecting gifts for families in need within the community.
- The Winter Concert will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup> and will feature performances by the Orchestra, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, Chorus, and the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Band.
- Second quarter progress reports will be posted on the portal on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- All ten fall varsity teams were recognized as New York State Scholar Athlete Teams for the third consecutive year.
- Five teams received the Section XI Sportsmanship Award: Varsity Football, JV Football, Golf, Girls Varsity Soccer and Girls Junior Varsity Soccer.
- Varsity Girls Soccer coach, John Mauceri, was awarded "Coach of the Year" by his league.

**Dr. Scott O'Brien, Principal, Rocky Point Middle School**

- Dr. O'Brien offered his congratulations to Mrs. Bergel and Mr. DeBenedetto.
- Author's Day was held on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to Mrs. O'Connell and the PTA for their generous support of the Author's Day program.
- The PTA hosted the second Middle School Book Fair of the year last week for all middle school students. Special thanks to the PTA and all parent volunteers for their support of this event.
- Congratulations to the students for their Winter Concert performances held this week under the direction of Ms. Schecher, Mr. Ragona, Mrs. Ruggiero, Mr. Butcher, Mrs. Donovan and Mrs. Gatto.
- Congratulations to the following teams and their coaches for being awarded Fall Season League Sportsmanship Awards: MS Football Blue (Coaches Anthony DiLorenzo and Dan Spallina); MS Boys Soccer (Coach Tom Rotanz) and MS Girls Tennis (Coach Scott Lindsay).
- During the month of December, students and staff continued to support our local community by collecting hundreds of new gifts as part of the Holiday Drive. Thank you to the guidance department for overseeing the project and helping to distribute the items to those in need in our community.
- The Robotics Club participated in the Robotics League Tournament earlier this month at Ronkonkoma Middle School. Under the direction of club advisors Mr. Moorman and Ms. Burns, two teams entered the tournament. Our team, Rocky Point Radical Robotix, took second place in the robot competition. This team also won another award as they placed first for "gracious professionalism" by earning five times as many votes as the second place team. Dr. O'Brien congratulated all on these impressive accomplishments.
- Progress reports will be posted to the portal on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The induction ceremony for eighth grade students into the National Junior Honor Society will take place on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the high school.

**Ms. Linda Towlen, Principal, Joseph A. Edgar School**

- On December 3<sup>rd</sup> members representing the New York Islanders visited JAE to share with students the importance of teamwork, a strong education and being a good citizen. Ms. Towlen extended special thanks to Ms. Maria Amoscato for planning this event.
- The first concert took place on December 9<sup>th</sup> in the high school auditorium. Ms. Towlen thanked Mr. Knapp for his work with the students along with the third grade chorus students, fourth and fifth grade intermediate chorus students and the fifth grade High Notes for their performances.
- The winter musical, "Dear Santa," will be presented on December 18<sup>th</sup> with performances by the High Notes.
- Students in Ms. Vieira's, Ms. Celentano's and Ms. Jackson's classes donated pajamas and Scholastic Book Clubs matched the donation with picture and chapter books. All donations were given to a local shelter.
- The kick-off for W.A.R.M. (We Are Reading More) was held on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Students are encouraged to read over the holiday recess and will have activities throughout January to encourage reading. Author Steven "the Dirtmeister"

Tomecek will present to students on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Towlen thanked the PTA, Mrs. DiGiovanni and the Shared Decision Making Team for their help and support of these events.

- Third grade students will take a ride on the *Polar Express* on December 20<sup>th</sup>. They will read the story and enjoy hot chocolate.
- The staff of JAE is again donating holiday packages to families in order to ensure that everyone has a wonderful holiday. Ms. Towlen thanked all of those who supported this effort. Student Council members have been volunteering their time and energy at the soup kitchen this month. They have also created the "Giving Tree" on display in the library. The tree is filled with donated mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks which will be given to a local church to benefit community members. Ms. Towlen thanked Mr. Yashowitz for his efforts with this endeavor.

**Mrs. Virginia Kelly-Gibbons, Principal, Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School**

- Mrs. Adamski and the FJC Angel Committee hosted an Angel Breakfast to garner staff support for families during this holiday season. Mrs. Adamski coordinated with JAE to organize the pajama drive. Mrs. Kelly-Gibbons invited the children to wear their favorite pajamas and join her and Dr. Herbert for a reading of "*The Polar Express*" in celebration of the successful pajama drive.
- Ms. Kenwood led the second grade chorus in the winter concern entitled "The FJC Penguin Palapalooza."
- Ms. Kenwood and Mr. Ventura have been busy practicing with the children for singing holiday favorites at the school-wide Winter Sing-A-Long scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Buonconsiglio and Mr. West have been adding to the festive spirit as kindergarten students will be donning red and green and wearing elf hats; first graders will be dressed all in white with snowflakes on their caps; and second graders will lead the way as penguins.
- Individual classes are hosting holiday celebrations during this last week of school and are eagerly awaiting carolers from the high school who plan to stroll the halls of FJC and spread good cheer and goodwill.
- Mrs. Pilkington-Kaler has invited all of the children to write letters to Santa as a Make-A-Wish fundraiser. Mrs. Kelly-Gibbons thanked Mrs. Pilkington-Kaler for her efforts with this project.

Mr. Nofi thanked the principals for their reports and invited meeting attendees to approach the microphone with questions and/or comments pertaining to agenda items.

- Patricia Scalone, President of the School-Related Professional Association, addressed agenda item XIII, Rejection of Arbitrator's Decision in Case No. 13 390 00878 13. Noting that the arbitrator, in his decision, ruled in favor of both the District and the SRP Association, Mrs. Scalone extended an invitation to the trustees to discuss the arbitrator's ruling with the Executive Board of the School-Related Professional Association before a final vote is executed on this resolution.
- Mrs. Ernestine Franco thanked the Board for providing agenda items and documents for review by the public on the Friday before the scheduled Monday

meetings. Mrs. Franco expressed frustration that she was unable to locate documents on the agenda that were referenced “as per the attached” for agenda item XIV. Mr. Nofi explained that the documents to which Mrs. Franco referred were confidential and not available for public review until the Board formally approved the resolution for this agenda item. Mrs. Franco also referenced agenda item XIII and shared that she was unable to understand the resolution as written. Mr. Nofi advised that this agenda item was personnel-related.

There were no further questions or comments.

#### **MINUTES**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Minutes of the following Board of Education meeting be accepted as presented: **Regular Meeting, November 25, 2013.**

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

#### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Upon a motion made by Susan Sullivan and seconded by John Lessler, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer’s Report for the month of November 2013 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

#### **EXTRA-CLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT TREASURER REPORT**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the Extra-Classroom Activity Treasurer Report for the month of November 2013 as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the Financial Reports for the month of November 2013, as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

#### **BUDGET TRANSFER SUMMARY – NOVEMBER 2013**

Upon a motion made by Susan Sullivan and seconded by John Lessler, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the November 2013 Budget Transfer Summary.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT – NOVEMBER 2013**

Upon a motion made by John Lessler 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 accepts the November 2013 Internal Claims Audit Report.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke and seconded by Susan Sullivan, 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

**SURPLUS TEXTBOOKS**

Upon a motion made by Susan Sullivan and seconded by John Lessler, 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 textbooks.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**ST. JAMES TUTORING - HOSPITAL-BASED INSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

Upon a motion made by John Lessler 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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with St. James Tutoring, Inc. for hospital-based instruction at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, per student, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**DONATION FROM ROCKY POINT PTA – FUNDS TO OFFSET COST OF MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIP**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the \$2,275.00 donation from the Rocky Point PTA to be used to offset the cost of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to New York City.

**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 \$2,275.00 as a result of the donation from the Rocky Point PTA.

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

A 2110 406 06 0000 \$2,275.00

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mr. Nofi thanked the PTA for its generous gift.

**DONATION FROM GREAT AMERICAN OPPORTUNITIES**

Upon a motion made by Susan Sullivan and seconded by John Lessler, the following resolution was offered:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the \$23.20 donation from Great American Opportunities in the amount of \$23.20, 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 \$23.20 as a result of the donation from Great American Opportunities.

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

A 2110 500 02 0000 \$23.20

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:50 p.m., Diane Burke made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session in order to discuss a confidential personnel matter relating to a specific employee. Mrs. Sullivan seconded the motion.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:23 p.m.

**REJECTION OF ARBITRATOR'S DECISION IN CASE NO. 13 390 00878 13 IN THE MATTER OF THE ARBITRATION BETWEEN THE ROCKY POINT SCHOOL-RELATED PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION AND THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Rocky Point School-Related Professional Association requested advisory arbitration of a grievance on behalf of a particular unit member;

**WHEREAS**, the arbitration, case number 13 390 00878, was held on Thursday, October 24, 2013, before Arbitrator Howard C. Edelman, Esq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board received the decision by Arbitrator Edelman dated November 20, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the decision is non-binding as per Article V, Third Step: Advisory Arbitration, of the collective bargaining agreement;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby rejects, in its entirety, the arbitrator's decision dated November 20, 2013 regarding case number 13 390 00878 13 between the Rocky Point School-Related Professional Association and the Rocky Point Union Free School District.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROCKY POINT UFSD AND THE ROCKY POINT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

Upon a motion made by Diane Burke and seconded by Susan Sullivan, 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 Board of Education of the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

**COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Upon a motion made by Susan Sullivan and seconded by John Lessler, 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 12-16-13-A and Schedule 12-16-13- B.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

## PERSONNEL

Upon a motion made by John Lessler 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 accepts the attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Mr. Nofi opened the floor to questions and/or comments from meeting attendees.

- Mrs. Intravaia requested specific guidelines pertaining to home teaching be put into place for circumstances in which a student is determined to be a “victim.” Mrs. Intravaia expressed her opinion that the current home school policy be revisited and revised. Mrs. Burke concurred with Mrs. Intravaia’s suggestion to revisit said policy. Mrs. Intravaia further requested that administrators and teachers refrain from saying “I know how you feel” in situations or circumstances of which they may not have first-hand experience.
- Mrs. Beth Dimino requested an overview of the protocol followed by the Board regarding its review and discussion of agenda items leading up to the monthly meetings. Mr. Nofi, Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Sullivan and Mr. Lessler each offered responses to Mrs. Dimino’s specific requests for this information. Following the Board’s response, Mrs. Dimino, along with Mr. Sean Callahan and Mrs. Ernestine Franco, expressed their opinions that not enough dialogue was taking place among the board members during the Board’s monthly meetings.
- Referencing the periodic updating of Board of Education Policies, Mr. Callahan asked if each policy was specifically discussed by the Board prior to being revised and/or updated. Mr. Nofi explained the policies are prepared in cooperation with policy services provided to the district by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), Erie 1 BOCES. Mr. Nofi further explained that the Board both comments upon and may make changes to each of the policies offered by BOCES prior to adoption by the Board if it is deemed necessary.
- Mrs. Jennifer Hoffman expressed her frustration with the FOIL process, indicating that several of her FOIL requests had been denied by the district. Mrs. Hoffman shared that she had been in contact with Mr. Robert Freeman of the Committee on Open Government concerning the denial of her FOIL requests. Mrs. Hoffman offered her opinion that matters before the Board should be discussed in open session. In response to Mrs. Hoffman’s question as to whether or not she should resubmit her previously denied FOIL requests, Dr. Ring explained in detail the appeal process for denied FOIL requests and invited Mrs. Hoffman to submit her appeal for a review which Dr. Ring will judge independently.
- Mrs. Sullivan commented that she does not care for the board meeting layout presently in place, specifically, the linear positioning of the Board of Education table. Mrs. Sullivan stated this format was not conducive to discussion among the board members when executing the agenda. In reference to a question addressed

to Mrs. Sullivan pertaining to communication of the Board with the public, Mrs. Sullivan commented “there is work to be done” in this area.

There were no further questions or comments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:45 p.m. a motion was made by Diane Burke and seconded by Susan Sullivan to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jones  
District Clerk

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# Budget Transfer Summary Report

## December 2013

| <b>From Account</b> |                              | <b>To Account</b> |                    |                            |               |                                   |
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| <b>Account #</b>    | <b>Description</b>           | <b>Amount</b>     | <b>Account #</b>   | <b>Description</b>         | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Reason</b>                     |
| A 2855 433 04 0000  | Official Fees                | \$945.00          | A 2855 530 04 0000 | Supplies                   | \$945.00      | Athletic Supplies                 |
| A 2855 433 04 0000  | Official Fees                | \$624.00          | A 2855 530 04 0000 | Supplies                   | \$624.00      | Athletic Supplies                 |
| A 1620 419 04 0000  | Fuel Oil                     | \$10,000.00       | A 1620 421 04 0000 | Propane Gas                | \$10,000.00   | New Hot Water Heating Method - HS |
| A 1620 160 99 0000  | Non Instructional Expenses   | \$46,851.25       | A 1621 404 04 0000 | Special Projects           | \$46,851.25   | Plumbing Reconstruction - HS      |
| A 1621 408 04 0000  | Emergency Unforeseen Repairs | \$5,000.00        | A 1621 400 04 0000 | Contractual                | \$5,000.00    | Heating Repairs                   |
| A 1620 418 04 0000  | Utilities                    | \$12,000.00       | A 1620 521 04 0000 | Custodial Supplies         | \$12,000.00   | Custodial Supplies                |
| A 2855 433 04 0000  | Official Fees                | \$707.75          | A 2855 530 04 0000 | Athletic Supplies          | \$707.75      | Athletic Supplies                 |
| A 2250 439 04 0000  | Special Ed. Contractual      | \$200.00          | A 2250 440 04 0000 | Conference Travel Expenses | \$200.00      | Training                          |
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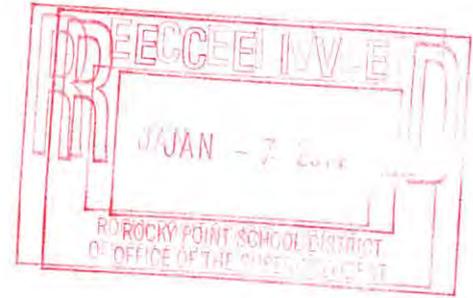


Town of Brookhaven  
Long Island

Edward P. Romaine, Supervisor

January 2, 2014

Dr. Michael Ring  
Rocky Point UFSD  
90 Rocky Point-Yaphank Road  
Rocky Point New York 11778



Re: Legislation to grant the Alternative Veteran tax Exemption (RP-458a) on behalf of the school district.

Pursuant to legislation (Assembly bill A00565 and Senate bill S001199) signed into law by the Governor on December 18, 2013, a School District may, by resolution authorize the Assessor to grant a tax exemption from school district real property taxes for veterans.

The Governing body of the school district must pass such resolution on or before March 1, 2014 for the proposed exemption to effect the December 2014 tax bill.

For your convenience I have enclosed a copy of the legislation. If you have any questions please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

James Ryan, MAI  
Sole Assessor

JR/mm

Encl.

Department of the Assessor  
James Ryan, Assessor

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**A00565 Summary:**

BILL NO A00565

SAME AS SAME AS [S01199](#)

SPONSOR Cusick (MS)

COSPNSR Ortiz, Abbate, Benedetto, Colton, Cook, Englebright, Millman, Schimminger, Titone, Roberts, Thiele, Zebrowski, Russell, Lupardo, Barrett, Simanowitz, Santabarbara, Perry

MLTSPNSR Boyland, Curran, Farrell, Hawley, Lopez P, Malliotakis, McDonough, Sweeney, Tenney

Amd S458-a, RPT L

Provides authorization to grant certain exemptions from real property tax for school districts to eligible veterans where such exemption is adopted by the governing body of the school district.

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**A00565 Text:**

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2013-2014 Regular Sessions

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(PREFILED)

January 9, 2013

Introduced by M. of A. CUSICK, ORTIZ, ABBATE, BENEDETTO, COLTON, COOK, ENGLEBRIGHT, MILLMAN, SCHIMMINGER, CASTRO, TITONE, ROBERTS, THIELE, ZEBROWSKI, RUSSELL, LUPARDO, BARRETT -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BOYLAND, FARRELL, HAWLEY, MALLIOTAKIS, TENNEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to authorizing certain exemptions from school district real property for veterans

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph (d) of subdivision  
2 2 of section 458-a of the real property tax law, subparagraph (i) as  
3 added by chapter 525 of the laws of 1984 and subparagraph (ii) as  
4 amended by chapter 256 of the laws of 2005 and as further amended by  
5 subdivision (b) of section 1 of part W of chapter 56 of the laws of  
6 2010, are amended to read as follows:  
7 (i) The exemption from taxation provided by this subdivision shall be  
8 applicable to county, city, town [and], village AND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
9 taxation[, but shall not be applicable to taxes levied for school  
10 purposes] IF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE

11 PROPERTY IS LOCATED, AFTER PUBLIC HEARINGS, ADOPTS A RESOLUTION PROVID-  
 12 ING SUCH EXEMPTION, THE PROCEDURE FOR SUCH HEARING AND RESOLUTION SHALL  
 13 BE CONDUCTED SEPARATELY FROM THE PROCEDURE FOR ANY HEARING AND LOCAL LAW  
 14 OR RESOLUTION CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH,  
 15 SUBDIVISION FOUR, PARAGRAPH (D) OF SUBDIVISION SIX AND PARAGRAPH (B) OF  
 16 SUBDIVISION SEVEN OF THIS SECTION.

17 (ii) Each county, city, town [or], village OR SCHOOL DISTRICT may  
 18 adopt a local law to reduce the maximum exemption allowable in para-  
 19 graphs (a), (b) and (c) of this subdivision to nine thousand dollars,  
 20 six thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, respectively, or six  
 21 thousand dollars, four thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars,

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
 [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 respectively. Each county, city, town, [or] village OR SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 2 is also authorized to adopt a local law to increase the maximum  
 3 exemption allowable in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this subdivision  
 4 to fifteen thousand dollars, ten thousand dollars and fifty thousand  
 5 dollars, respectively; eighteen thousand dollars, twelve thousand  
 6 dollars and sixty thousand dollars, respectively; twenty-one thousand  
 7 dollars, fourteen thousand dollars, and seventy thousand dollars,  
 8 respectively; twenty-four thousand dollars, sixteen thousand dollars,  
 9 and eighty thousand dollars, respectively; twenty-seven thousand  
 10 dollars, eighteen thousand dollars, and ninety thousand dollars, respec-  
 11 tively; thirty thousand dollars, twenty thousand dollars, and one  
 12 hundred thousand dollars, respectively; thirty-three thousand dollars,  
 13 twenty-two thousand dollars, and one hundred ten thousand dollars,  
 14 respectively; thirty-six thousand dollars, twenty-four thousand dollars,  
 15 and one hundred twenty thousand dollars, respectively. In addition, a  
 16 county, city, town [or], village OR SCHOOL DISTRICT which is a "high-ap-  
 17 preciation municipality" as defined in this subparagraph is authorized  
 18 to adopt a local law to increase the maximum exemption allowable in  
 19 paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this subdivision to thirty-nine thousand  
 20 dollars, twenty-six thousand dollars, and one hundred thirty thousand  
 21 dollars, respectively; forty-two thousand dollars, twenty-eight thousand  
 22 dollars, and one hundred forty thousand dollars, respectively; forty-  
 23 five thousand dollars, thirty thousand dollars and one hundred fifty  
 24 thousand dollars, respectively; forty-eight thousand dollars, thirty-two  
 25 thousand dollars and one hundred sixty thousand dollars, respectively;  
 26 fifty-one thousand dollars, thirty-four thousand dollars and one hundred  
 27 seventy thousand dollars, respectively; fifty-four thousand dollars,  
 28 thirty-six thousand dollars and one hundred eighty thousand dollars,  
 29 respectively. For purposes of this subparagraph, a "high-appreciation  
 30 municipality" means: (A) a special assessing unit that is a city, (B) a  
 31 county for which the commissioner has established a sales price differ-  
 32 ential factor for purposes of the STAR exemption authorized by section  
 33 four hundred twenty-five of this title in three consecutive years, and  
 34 (C) a city, town [or], village OR SCHOOL DISTRICT which is wholly or  
 35 partly located within such a county.

36 S 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 7 of section 458-a of the real prop-  
 37 erty tax law, as added by chapter 326 of the laws of 2000, is amended to  
 38 read as follows:

39 (b) A county, city, town, [or] village OR SCHOOL DISTRICT may adopt a  
 40 local law to include a Gold Star Parent within the definition of "quali-  
 41 fied owner", as provided in paragraph (c) of subdivision one of this  
 42 section, and to include property owned by a Gold Star Parent within the  
 43 definition of "qualifying residential real property" as provided in  
 44 paragraph (d) of subdivision one of this section, provided that such  
 45 property shall be the primary residence of the Gold Star Parent.

46 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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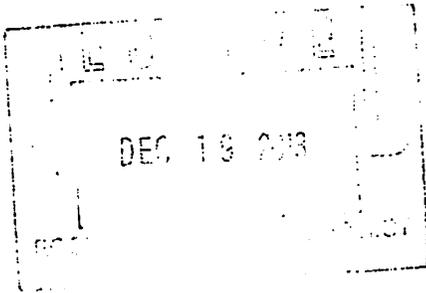
Attention Rocky Point Schools:

The Rocky Point PTA would like to donate a check in the amount of \$930.15 to help aid in the cost of the FJC author visit Salute to Seuss.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Hegggers", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kathi Hegggers  
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**Schedule 01-13-14-A Classified Staff**

| Name      |         | Position            | Bldg. | Salary          |        | Effective Date | Description/Comments   |
|-----------|---------|---------------------|-------|-----------------|--------|----------------|--|
|           |         |                     |       | Rate            | Amount |                |  |
| Abernethy | Laura   | School Teacher Aide | DW    | Annual - Step 0 | 14,481 | 1/14/14        | Full-time ten-month contractual appointment. New position. Salary pro-rated. |
| Rado      | Barbara | School Monitor      | JAE   | N/A             | N/A    | 2/12/14 EOB    | Unpaid medical leave of absence from 2/12/14 through 4/15/14.                |
| Walker    | Kenneth | Custodial Worker I  | FJC   | N/A             | N/A    | 12/30/13 EOB   | Resignation for personal reasons   |
|           |         |                     |       |                 |        |                |  |
|           |         |                     |       |                 |        |                |  |
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**Schedule 01-13-14-B Certified Staff**

| Name    | Position   | Bldg.  | Salary    |          | Effective Date | Description/Comments |   |
|---------|------------|--|-----------|----------|----------------|----------------------|---|
|         |            |  | Rate      | Amount   |                |                      |   |
| Hunt    | Jacqueline | Speech Language Pathologist -<br>Education of Speech and<br>Hearing Handicapped Children | HS/FJC/MS | N/A      | N/A            | 1/6/14               | Increase in part-time teaching appointment from .6 to .7 beginning 1/6/14.                          |
|         |            |  |           |          |                |                      |   |
| Schnall | Jessica    | School Library Media Specialist  | HS        | M-2      | 56,195         | 2/3/14               | Probationary appointment commencing 2/3/14 and ending 2/2/17. Replaces P. Bergel. Salary pro-rated. |
| Feeney  | Robert     | Interim Coordinator PreK-12<br>Instruction   | DO        | Per Diem | 500.00         | 1/14/14              | Interim conditional appointment beginning 1/14/14 and ending on 3/28/14.                            |
|         |            |  |           |          |                |                      |   |
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**Schedule 01-13-14-C Non-Teaching Substitutes**

| Name     |         | Position               | Bldg. | Salary |        | Effective Date | Description/Comments                             |
|----------|---------|------------------------|-------|--------|--------|----------------|--|
|          |         |                        |       | Rate   | Amount |                |  |
| Versheck | Erin    | Food Service Worker    | DW    | Hourly | 9.76   | 1/15/14        | 2013-2014 school year                            |
|          |         |                        |       |        |        |                |  |
| Klints   | Chelsea | Teacher Aide / Monitor | DW    | N/A    | N/A    | 11/29/13       | Inactivation of 2013-2014 substitute appointment |
| Badal    | Isabel  | Teacher Aide / Monitor | DW    | N/A    | N/A    | 12/17/13       | Inactivation of 2013-2014 substitute appointment |
|          |         |                        |       |        |        |                |  |
|          |         |                        |       |        |        |                |  |
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**Schedule 01-13-14-D Teaching Substitutes**

| Name     |         | Position                    | Bldg. | Salary |        | Effective Date | Description/Comments                             |
|----------|---------|-----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|----------------|--|
|          |         |                             |       | Rate   | Amount |                |  |
| Panzer   | Alba    | Per Diem Substitute Teacher | DW    | Daily  | 100.00 | 1/15/14        | 2013-2014 school year                            |
| Guercio  | Kristen | Per Diem Substitute Teacher | DW    | Daily  | 100.00 | 1/15/14        | 2013-2014 school year                            |
| Benowitz | Debra   | Per Diem Substitute Teacher | DW    | Daily  | 100.00 | 1/15/14        | 2013-2014 school year                            |
|          |         |                             |       |        |        |                |  |
| Aurisano | Anthony | Per Diem Substitute Teacher | DW    | N/A    | N/A    | 12/11/13       | Resignation for personal reasons                 |
| Harbes   | Shannon | Per Diem Substitute Teacher | DW    | N/A    | N/A    | 12/18/13       | Inactivation of substitute appointment 2013-2014 |
|          |         |                             |       |        |        |                |  |
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**Schedule 01-13-14-E Co-Curricular Positions 2013/2014**

| Name  |             | Position                             | Bldg. | Salary |            | Effective | Description/Comments                                 |
|---|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------|--------|------------|-----------|--|
|   |             |                                      |       | Rate   | Amount     | Date      |  |
| Nentwich  | Christopher | Social Studies Teacher               | HS    | Hourly | 20.00      | 9/1/13    | ICARE/SHARP/ALC/AHS Liaison 2013-2014 school year    |
| Kuhn  | Lori        | Elementary Education Teacher         | MS    | Hourly | 20.00      | 9/1/13    | ICARE/SHARP/ALC/AHS Liaison 2013-2014 school year    |
| Trapani   | Donna       | Elementary Education Teacher         | MS    | Hourly | 20.00      | 9/1/13    | ICARE/SHARP/ALC/AHS Liaison 2013-2014 school year    |
| Cox   | Jessica     | Elementary Education Teacher         | MS    | Hourly | 20.00      | 9/1/13    | ICARE/SHARP/ALC/AHS Liaison 2013-2014 school year    |
| Crerend   | Ashley      | Special Education Teacher            | MS    | Hourly | 20.00      | 9/1/13    | ICARE/SHARP/ALC/AHS Liaison 2013-2014 school year    |
| Grupinski   | Kristina    | Elementary Education Teacher         | MS    | Hourly | 20.00      | 9/1/13    | ICARE/SHARP/ALC/AHS Liaison 2013-2014 school year    |
|   |             |                                      |       |        |            |           |  |
| Strovink  | Eric        | Volunteer Assistant Varsity Baseball | DW    | N/A    | N/A        | 1/6/14    | Volunteer coaching appointment from 1/6/14 to 3/2/14 |
| Strovink  | Eric        | Assistant Varsity Baseball           | DW    | Annual | 4,463      | 3/3/14    | Coaching appointment 2013-2014 school year           |
| McGovern  | Ryan        | JV Lacrosse                          | DW    | N/A    | N/A        | 1/6/14    | Volunteer coaching appointment from 1/6/14 to 3/2/14 |
| McGovern  | Ryan        | JV Lacrosse                          | DW    | Annual | 4,332      | 3/3/14    | Coaching appointment 2013-2014 school year           |
|   |             |                                      |       |        |            |           |  |
| Werthner  | Serina      | SADD Club Advisor                    | DW    | Annual | 984.00     | 2/1/14    | 2013-2014 School Year (1/2 year pro-rated)           |
|   |             |                                      |       |        |            |           |  |
| Gatto   | Kelly       | Chaperone                            | DW    | Hourly | See below* | 11/21/13  | 2013-2014 school year                                |
|   |             |                                      |       |        |            |           |  |
| Gatto   | Kelly       | Band 9-10                            | DW    | Annual | 4,057      | 11/21/13  | 2013-2014 school year. Stipend pro-rated             |
| Gatto   | Kelly       | 6th Grade Band                       | DW    | Annual | 1,968      | 11/21/13  | 2013-2014 school year. Stipend pro-rated             |
|   |             |                                      |       |        |            |           |  |
| *Up to two hours: \$52.00; in excess of two hours: \$79.00; Junior/Senior Prom: \$52.00 per hour. |             |                                      |       |        |            |           |  |

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**Schedule 01-13-14-F Community Education**

| Name       |         | Position          | Bldg. | Salary |        | Effective Date | Description/Comments                      |
|------------|---------|-------------------|-------|--------|--------|----------------|---|
|            |         |                   |       | Rate   | Amount |                |   |
| Nemes      | Deanna  | Line Dancing      | DW    | Hourly | 40.00  | 4/1/14         | Community Education 2013-2014 school year |
| Nemes      | Deanna  | Healthy Eating    | DW    | Hourly | 40.00  | 4/1/14         | Community Education 2013-2014 school year |
| Delledonne | Barbara | Yoga              | DW    | Hourly | 40.00  | 4/1/14         | Community Education 2013-2014 school year |
| Higgins    | Meghan  | Zumba             | DW    | Hourly | 40.00  | 4/1/14         | Community Education 2013-2014 school year |
| Semryck    | Steve   | ABC's of Medicare | DW    | N/A    | N/A    | 4/1/14         | Community Education 2013-2014 school year |
| Hoglund    | Kenneth | The Program       | DW    | Hourly | 40.00  | 4/1/14         | Community Education 2013-2014 school year |
| Hoglund    | Kenneth | Breathe Well      | DW    | Hourly | 40.00  | 4/1/14         | Community Education 2013-2014 school year |
|            |         |                   |       |        |        |                |   |
|            |         |                   |       |        |        |                |   |
|            |         |                   |       |        |        |                |   |