

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
December 16, 2019

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
Gregory Amendola, Trustee
Edward Casswell, Trustee
Jessica Ward, Trustee
Scott O'Brien, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Susann Crossan Assistant Superintendent
Christopher Van Cott, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Kelly White, District Clerk

Absent:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6 p.m. a motion was made by Sean Callahan, and seconded by Jessica Ward, to go into Executive Session in order to discuss negotiations and confidential personnel matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. O'Brien wished the meeting attendees and their families a very Happy Holiday season.

Mrs. Sullivan read the public commenting procedure aloud and then opened the floor to the meeting attendees for questions/comments.

There were no questions/comments at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed below are presented as part of the Consent Agenda which can be adopted by the Board of Education under a single motion followed by a second and then a formal vote. The Consent Agenda items are listed below 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, November 18, 2019
- IV: Budget Transfer Summary** – November 2019
- V: Treasurer’s Reports** – November 2019
- VI: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer’s Report** – November 2019
- VII: Financials** – November 2019
- VIII: Internal Claims Audit Report** – November 2019
- IX: Committees on Special Education Schedules** 12-16-19-A and 12-16-19-B recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

X DR. JOHN HAGGERTY 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, the Board of Education approves and accepts the donation of behalf of the Dr. John Haggerty Memorial Scholarship, totaling \$100.00, as follows:

Louise Hannaway & Todd Grathwohl c/o Maureen Haggerty \$100.00

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Louise Hannaway and Todd Grathwohl for their donation.

XI LIVE LIKE SUSIE DONATION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves and accepts the donation on behalf of the Live Like Susie Scholarship, totaling \$50.00, as follows:

Eileen & Sal A. Spatarella \$50.00

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Eileen and Sal Spatarella for their donation.

XII DONATION FROM YOURCAUSE, LLC

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves and accepts the donation from YourCause, LLC, on behalf of Thomas Strazzeri, in the amount of \$35.00, as per the attached,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rocky Point Union Free School District hereby approved the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to increase the general fund budget by \$35.00 as a result of the donation.

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

A2110 500 03 0000 \$35.00

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XIII REVIEW AND RE-ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY NUMBERS 5621, 5672, 5681, 6550 AND 7554 (FIRST
READING)**

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 reviews and re-adopts the following policies (first reading):

- 5621 Accounting of Fixed Assets
- 5672 Information Security Breach and Notification
- 5681 School Safety Plans
- 6550 Leaves of Absence
- 7554 Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIV MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION 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, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute an Agreement between the District and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association for the purpose of permitting a one-time modification of Article XIX of the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education and the Rocky Point Teachers' Association.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XV AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PLACEMENT OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SROS) WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Rocky Point Union Free School District and the Suffolk County Police Department for the placement of School Resource Officers (SROs) within the School District.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVI RESOLUTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Scott O'Brien, to execute the attached Resolution Agreement between the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights and the Rocky Point Union Free School District on the matter of the pending charge pertaining to website accessibility.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVII PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE BID OF NASSAU COUNTY BOCES

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 approves the resolution to participate in the Nassau County BOCES Cooperative Bid for Tree Maintenance & Removal Service #19/20-007 through the bid expiration date of 5/23/2020, as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVIII THREE VILLAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR 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, that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with Three Village Central School District for special education students instructional services for the 2019-20 school year as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or District Policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIX SOUTH HUNTINGTON UFSD 2019-20 SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into a contract with South Huntington Union Free School District for special education students instructional services for the 2019-20 school year as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or District Policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XX PERSONNEL

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

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

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXI 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. Hyne asked the Board of Education to write a letter to elected officials on behalf of its community members in opposition to the proposed HPV mandate.
- Ms. Kelly inquired if the Board of Education could send informative literature to the community and/or possibly a poll to determine the feelings of the majority regarding the proposed HPV vaccine mandate.
- Dr. Pinkenburg shared his feelings regarding the benefits of the HPV vaccine. He added that we have a duty to protect all children.
- Ms. Antonucci spoke regarding the proposed HPV vaccine mandate. She urged the Board of Education to write a letter to oppose the mandate.
- Ms. Orofino referenced the vaccine mandate and stressed the importance of one's right to choose.
- Dr. Pinkenburg renewed his concern for children that could be at risk due to exposure.
- Ms. Nemes expressed her concern and experience regarding the negative effects of vaccines. She urged the Board of Education to write a letter in opposition of the proposed HPV mandate.

There were no further questions/comments.

Mrs. Sullivan thanked the meeting attendees for their comments. She shared that the Board of Education has decided not to write a letter to elected officials opposing the HPV mandate. She further explained that as seen in tonight's meeting, there are many different views. Therefore, they do not believe that they would be speaking for all of the community members in doing so. Mrs. Sullivan added that they would consider taking a poll of the community members' views into consideration.

Mrs. Sullivan wished everyone Happy Holidays.

XXII ADJOURNMENT

At 7:26 p.m. a motion was made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Gregory Amendola, to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White
District Clerk