

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
March 15, 2021

Mrs. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. in the auditorium of Rocky Point High School.

Present: Susan Sullivan, President
Sean Callahan, Vice President
Gregory Amendola, Trustee (Arriving at 6:20 p.m.)
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 6:04 p.m. a motion was made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Jessica Ward, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 4-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Van Cott presented the second of three budget workshops. He advised that the final presentation would take place at the April 20th Board of Education meeting.

Topics of discussion were as follows:

- Continuation of Budget Review
 - ❖ Special Education
 - ❖ Instructional Support
 - ❖ Athletics
- Tax Cap
 - ❖ Consumer Price Index
 - ❖ Calculations
- Suggested Capital Reserve Proposition
- Important Upcoming Dates

Mr. Van Cott opened the floor to any questions/comments.

There were no questions/comments.

He also noted that the budget information is posted on the school website.

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 February 8, 2021; Special Meeting March 2, 2021
- IV BUDGET TRANSFER SUMMARY** – January and February 2021
- V: TREASURER’S REPORTS** – January and February 2021
- VI: EXTRA-CLASSROOM ACTIVITY ACCOUNT TREASURER’S REPORT** – January and February 2021
- VII: Financial Reports** – January and February 2021
- VIII: INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT** – January and February 2021
- IX: COMMITTEES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHEDULES 3-15-21-A and 3-15-21-B**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor - Motion carried 5 - 0

X DONATION FROM OHIO PYLE PRINTS, INC.

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 from Ohio Pyle Prints, Inc.

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 \$71.87 as a result of the donation from Ohio Pyle Prints. Inc.

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

A2110 500 03 0000 \$71.87

All in favor - Motion carried 5 – 0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Ohio Pyle for their donation.

XI DR. JOHN HAGGERTY SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

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 Dr. John Haggerty Memorial Scholarship, totaling \$1,440.00, as follows:

Maureen Haggerty	\$1,000
Robert/Elizabeth Lauritsen	\$100
Law Offices of Edmond C. Chakmakian, P.C.	\$100
Christine Joyce	\$40
Kathleen/Dominick Yovino	\$40
Michael/Jennifer Balamoti	\$40
William/Jean Carr	\$40
Carol Yovino	\$20
Tina/James Peterson	\$20
Jeffrey/Cynthia Stuart	\$20
John/Barbara Petino	\$20

All in favor - Motion carried 5 – 0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked all who donated.

XII MUNISTAT SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

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 \$250.00 donation from Munistat Services, Inc., to be deposited to the Scholarship Fund U9009.

All in favor - Motion carried 5 – 0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Munistat for their donation.

XIII 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 5 – 0

XIV CITIZENS CAMPAIGN FUND FOR THE ENVIRONMENT GRANT AWARD

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the award of \$2,500.00 from Citizens Campaign Fund for the Environment.

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 \$2,500.00 as a result of the award from the Citizens Campaign Fund for the Environment.

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

A2110 208 04 0000 \$2,500

All in favor - Motion carried 5 – 0

Mrs. Sullivan thanked Citizens Campaign Fund for their donation.

XV BID AWARD #21-10 CLOSED LOOP HEATING SYSTEM & STEAM BOILER WATER TREATMENT PROGRAMS AT FJC, JAE AND RPHS

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 awards Bid #21-10 Closed Loop Heating System & Steam Boiler Water Treatment Programs at FJC, JAE and RPHS to Garratt-Callahan Company, the overall lowest responsible bidder meeting bid specifications, as per the attached.

All in favor - Motion carried 5 - 0

XVI SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION CONTRACT – MILLER PLACE UFSD

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 a tuition contract with the Miller Place Union Free School District whereby the Rocky Point Union Free School District shall provide requested special education instruction services to Miller Place resident student(s) for the 2020-21 school year.

All in favor - Motion carried 5 – 0

XVII SEQRA (STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT) RESOLUTION – 2021 – 2022 CAPITAL PROJECT

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 Rocky Point Union Free School District Board of Education approves the following resolution:

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

WHEREAS, the proposed project includes

- Door Replacement at Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School
- Door Replacement and Floor Tile Replacement at Rocky Point Middle / High School

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

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

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

All in favor - Motion carried 5 – 0

**XVIII SEQRA (STATE ENVIRONMENT QUALITY REVIEW ACT)
RESOLUTION – DISTRICTWIDE TELEPHONE SYSTEM
REPLACEMENT**

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 Rocky Point Union Free School District Board of Education approves the following resolution:

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

WHEREAS, the proposed project includes

- District Wide Telephone System Replacement

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

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

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

All in favor - Motion carried 5 - 0

XIX 2020-2021 HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACTS

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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to enter into an agreement for health services for the 2020-2021 school year with the following districts:

- Riverhead Central School District
- Smithtown Central School District
- South Huntington Union Free School District
- West Islip Union Free School District

All in favor - Motion carried 5 - 0

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

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

WHEREAS, Labor Law section 27-c requires school districts to update existing District-Wide Safety Plans with Continuity of Operation procedures. The 2020-21 Safety Plan has been revised accordingly and has been posted to the District website to allow for a 30-day public comment period;

WHEREAS, no public comments were received by the District during the comment period;

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education will adopt the revised 2020-21 District-Wide Safety Plan and will post the final version to the district website.

All in favor - Motion carried 5 - 0

XXI ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY NUMBER 5633 (SECOND 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 adopts the following new policy (second reading):

- 5633 – Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms

All in favor - Motion carried 5 - 0

XXII RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FINAL 2021-2022 PROPERTY TAX CAP FORM

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 final Rocky Point Union Free School District Property Tax Cap form, as attached.

All in favor - Motion carried 5 - 0

XXIII OPTION TO EXTEND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH SHORE YOUTH COUNCIL

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 District is hereby authorized to extend the terms of the existing lease agreement with the North Shore Youth Council for five additional years. The renewed lease term will commence September 1, 2021 and run through August 31, 2026.

All in favor - Motion carried 5 - 0

XXIV RFP AWARD – CONSULTING SERVICES - STATE AID / STAC CLAIMS PROCESSING 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

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 appoints Edgewater Consulting, LLC for Consulting Services-State Aid/STAC Claims Processing in accordance with the scope of services submitted in response to the District's request for proposal for the 2021-2022 school year, as per the attached.

All in favor - Motion carried 5 - 0

XXV APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

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 hereby appoints Aaron Factor as Executive Director of Curriculum, Technology, and Innovation effective July 1, 2021 through July 1, 2025, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a corresponding Employment Agreement with Aaron Factor in the form and upon the terms and conditions approved by the Board of Education, as attached hereto.

All in favor - Motion carried 5 – 0

Mrs. Sullivan congratulated Mr. Factor on his new position and wished him continued success with the District.

XXVI PERSONNEL

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

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

All in favor - Motion carried 5 – 0

XXVII NEW BUSINESS

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

There was no new business.

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

- Ms. Nixdorf commented regarding the school's practice to include the Regents exam score as a fifth of the final course grade. Mrs. Sullivan and Dr. O'Brien advised that they are currently pending direction from the State to determine if Regents exams will be given this year. Mrs. Sullivan added that the Board of Education will discuss the possibility of excluding the Regents score as part of the course grade but noted that it does raise the student's final grade in some cases.

There were no further questions/comments.

XXVIII ADJOURNMENT

At 7:41 p.m. a motion was made by Ed Casswell, and seconded by Jessica Ward, to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor - Motion carried 5 - 0