

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
September 19, 2022

Ms. Ward called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Rocky Point High School.

Present: Jessica Ward, President
 Michael Lisa, Vice President
 Edward Casswell, Trustee
 Susan Sullivan, Trustee
 Erin Walsh, 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 5:30 p.m. a motion was made by Michael Lisa, and seconded by Susan Sullivan, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel issues.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Ward reminded the meeting attendees of the public comment procedures.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. O'Brien announced that Mr. Jachan Watkis, Director of MST, was named to the NYS commission that will take part in reviewing diploma requirements. He was one of only (18) members chosen from Long Island. The group is scheduled to meet monthly and provide a report, including recommendations, by the Summer of 2024. Dr. O'Brien congratulated Mr. Watkis on this accomplishment.

Dr. O'Brien shared that SCOPE Educational Services will be on site for a Saturday enrichment program. He added that the dates, times and details would be listed on the flyers to be sent out, as well as on our District website.

Dr. O'Brien commented on the success of the free K-12 enrichment classes, adding that most were at maximum enrollment, with some even having a waiting list.

Dr. O'Brien stated that the Five Year Strategic Planning process was underway. The survey opened on September 12 and is scheduled to close on September 23. He encouraged the community to participate and share their input by completing the survey, which takes about 10-15 minutes to complete. Dr. O'Brien added that an additional virtual forum would take place on October 3 at 6 p.m. He announced that using all of the feedback, a strategic plan would be developed by Winter of 2023.

Ms. Ward opened the floor to questions/comments regarding the agenda.

- Ms. Franco spoke once again regarding her disappointment that the District is no longer accepting book donations. She also commented on her dissatisfaction with the explanation that was provided as to how the change in decision was made without a public change in policy and how that was reflected in the minutes.

Ms. Ward once again explained that they conferred with legal counsel and confirmed that the verbiage in the existing general donations policy allows for the use of discretion by the Board of Education. Therefore, a change in policy is not required as they are acting within their powers as stated in the policy. She added that the Board of Education came to the decision as a group and agreed to leave the selection of books to the experts in the field which are the School Librarians (who also get their approvals from the Building Principal, followed by the Director of Humanities).

There were no further 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 Michael Lisa, and seconded by Susan Sullivan, 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 August 29, 2022
- IV: Budget Transfer Summary** – Year End, July and August 2022
- V: Treasurer’s Reports** –July and August 2022
- VI: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer’s Report** – June, July and August 2022
- VII: Financials** - June, July and August 2022
- VIII: Internal Claims Audit Report** – August 2022
- IX: Committees on Special Education Schedules 9-19-22-A and 9-19-22-B** as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

X PTA Donation of Photo Backdrops and Backdrop Banner Stands to FJC, JAE, MS and HS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the four (4) Step & Repeat (Photo backdrops) and the four (4) Voilamart Display Backdrop Banner Stands, valued at approximately \$175.00 and \$79.99 each, respectively, totaling \$1,019.96, from the Rocky Point PTA.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Ward thanked the PTA for their donation.

XI American Rescue Plan (“ARP”) Grant Amendments Resolution

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that up on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby affirms the attached grant amendments submitted to the New York State Education Department related to the American Rescue Plan (“ARP”) program funds.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XII Closing Inactive Scholarship Funds

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 and the District’s External Auditing Firm, the following inactive scholarship funds will be closed.

CM 2000	Allison Fisch Verado Scholarship	\$ 0.51
CM 2002	Ryan Caufield Scholarship	\$ 24.21
CM 2004	Kmart Scholarship	\$ 83.46
CM 2005	Target Scholarship HS JR	\$ 44.38
CM 2006	Target Scholarship JAE	\$ 272.94
CM 2007	Target Scholarship	\$ 110.69
CM 2015	Suffolk ASBO Scholarship	\$ 0.95

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, remaining account balances to be transferred into the General Fund as miscellaneous revenue.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIII Tax Levy

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the tax levy of \$53,608,209 for the 2022-23 fiscal year to be approved

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIV Approval of Building-Level Safety Plans

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and in accordance with Education Law §2801-a and Commissioner’s Regulation §155.17, the Board of Education hereby adopts the building-level safety plans as confidential documents and will submit said plans to the New York State Department of Education as required.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XV Center Moriches UFSD 2022-23 Special Education Contract

Upon a motion made by Erin Walsh, 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 enter into a contract with Center Moriches Union Free School District for special education students' instructional services for the 2022-2023 school year, as required under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or District Policy.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVI Adoption of Rocky Point UFSD Code of Conduct (first reading)

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 adopts the following revised policy (first reading):

Rocky Point UFSD Code of Conduct

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVII Award RFP #R23-04 Transportation Advisory & Consulting Services

Upon a motion made by Michael Lisa, 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 and appoints Transportation Advisory Services (TAS) for transportation advisory and consulting services in accordance with the scope of services submitted in response to the District's requests for proposal #R23-04 for the period 10/1/2022-11/30/2023.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVIII Agreement between the Board of Education and Charles Delargy

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute an Agreement between the District and Charles Delargy in accordance with the existing agreement the District and the Rocky Point Administrators Association.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIX Employment Agreement – Scott Warmbrand

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rocky Point UFSD approves the employment agreement between the Board of Education and Scott Warmbrand, Network and Systems Specialist II, and authorizes the president of the Board of Education to execute same on behalf of the Board of Education.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XX 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 Jonathon Rufa as a Qualified Lead Evaluator or Evaluator of classroom teachers and building principals and certifies having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8 NYC RR §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 5-0

XXI Personnel

Upon a motion made by Michael Lisa, 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 attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Ward congratulated the following employees on their appointments:

- Ms. Jacqueline Lawson – HS Assistant Principal
- Mr. Scott Warmbrand – Network and Systems Specialist II
- Ms. Kimberly Nobre – FJC Teaching Assistant
- Mr. Phillip Losquadro – School Teacher Aide
- Ms. Melissa Rhodes – Food Service Worker
- Ms. Patricia Leo-Thorstensen – Food Service Worker
- Ms. Heidi Sjoen – School Lunch Monitor
- Ms. Amy Wagner – FJC Hall Monitor
- Mr. Daniel Jenkins – Part-Time Guard

XXII New Business

Ms. Ward inquired of the trustees if there was any new business they wished to discuss.

There was no new business at this time.

Ms. Ward announced that the Legislative Committee would be meeting, starting in October and invited anyone that was interested to meet with her at the end of the meeting for further details.

Ms. Ward once again opened the floor to questions/comments.

- Ms. McCarthy inquired as to why school districts are exempt from having fire escapes on the second floor. Mr. Van Cott advised that per code, it is the same as a home, where it is not required. Ms. McCarthy suggested a senior trip take place to give the students something to look forward to. Dr. O'Brien stated that this was something they have already been discussing for the present school year. Ms. McCarthy added the recommendation of a girl's golf team. Ms. Ward invited Ms. McCarthy to attend the Shared Decision meetings to bring forth further input.
- Ms. Baldi shared concerns with the appointment of a specific employee.
- Ms. Ruberto reiterated her opposition to the District no longer accepting book donations. She added that she feels the policy should be amended formally due to the change and is not satisfied with the verbiage of the current policy.
- Ms. Kelly inquired why additional security measures have not been set in place besides limiting the points of entry. She also requested an update on a previously mentioned security concern with a vendor speaking to children at a school play. Ms. Kelly also shared her disapproval that the District is no longer accepting book donations.

There were no further questions/comments.

XXIII Adjournment

At 7:36 p.m. a motion was made by Michael Lisa, and seconded by Susan Sullivan, to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White
District Clerk

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