

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 17, 2022

Ms. Ward called the meeting to order at 6 pm. in the library 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 6 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 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. O'Brien announced that this week is School Board Recognition Week and spoke about the hard work, dedication and commitment of our Board members to the education of children in our district. He stressed the difficult decisions they make, the many hours spent researching education issues, regulations and developing budgets in order to provide the best outcome for the community. Dr. O'Brien thanked the RPUFSD Board of Education members: Board President Ms. Jessica Ward, Vice President Mr. Michael Lisa, and Board Trustees Mrs. Susan Sullivan, Mr. Ed Casswell and Mrs. Erin Walsh. He presented each of them with a gift of appreciation.

Ms. Ward 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 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 September 19, 2022
- IV: Budget Transfer Summary** – September 2022
- V: Treasurer’s Reports** – September 2022
- VI: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer’s Report** – September 2022
- VII: Financials** - September 2022
- VIII: Internal Claims Audit Report** - September 2022
- IX: Committees on Special Education Schedules 10-17-22-A** as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to arrange for appropriate services, as indicated.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

X DONATION OF DEI SIGNAGE

Upon a motion 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 nineteen (19) diversity-equity-inclusion posters from Rocky Point resident, Ernestine Franco, valued at approximately \$130.00.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Ward thanked Ms. Franco for her generous donation.

XI LIVE LIKE SUSIE DONATION

Upon a motion 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 approves and accepts the donation on behalf of the Live Like Susie Scholarship, totaling \$400.00, as follows:

Eric Barbee \$400.00.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Ward thanked Mr. Barbee for his generous donation.

XII SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Upon a motion 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 approve for surplus the following attached lists of equipment.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XIII ADOPTION OF ROCKY POINT UFSD CODE OF CONDUCT
(SECOND READING)**

Upon a motion 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 adopts the following revised policy (second reading):

Rocky Point UFSD Code of Conduct

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIV 2021-2022 INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Upon a motion 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 Independent Auditors' Report with accompanying statements and schedules for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 as well as the Independent Auditors' Report on Extra-Classroom Activity Funds with accompanying statements and schedules for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, which have been submitted by the Board's external auditors, R.S. Abrams.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XV SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION CONTRACT SUMMER 2022
AND 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR - DDI**

Upon a motion 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 approves a tuition contract with Developmental Disabilities Institute (DDI) for special education students' instructional services for Summer 2022 and the 2022-23 school year, under applicable Individual Educational Programs, applicable law, and/or District Policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to execute said tuition contract, as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XVI AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
THE ROCKY POINT ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION**

Upon a motion 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 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, 2016, Stipulation of Settlement (PERB Case No. U-34442 & U-34 789 - Rocky Point UFSD.)

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

**XVII CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFIED LEAD EVALUATOR AND
EVALUATOR FOR TEACHERS
AND PRINCIPALS**

Upon a motion 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 hereby certifies Jacqueline Lawson 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 certification 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

XVIII PERSONNEL

Upon a motion 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 attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Ward congratulated the following employees on their appointments:

- Deidre Carroll – School Teacher Aide
- Ashli Gervasi – School Teacher Aide
- Nicole Dweck – School Teacher Aide
- Anastasia Nieves – School Teacher Aide
- Susan Connolly – School Teacher Aide
- John Giwojna – School Lunch Monitor
- Robert Richardson – School Lunch Monitor
- Erin Fichera – Food Service Worker
- Susan Wilson – Interim Executive Director for Curriculum, Technology and Innovation
- Michael Caggiano – Substitute Teacher

XX 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 once again opened the floor to questions/comments.

- Ms. Ruberto, President of the Sound Beach Civic Association, shared that they have created a short film documenting the history of Sound Beach for the community to enjoy. She presented the Board with a copy of the film. Ms. Ruberto also spoke of Ms. Ann Moran, the former Treasurer of the Sound Beach Civic Association, who recently passed away. She described her as a valued member of the community and a force to be reckoned with. Ms. Ruberto announced that they would holding a celebration of her lift on Saturday at 1p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park.
- Ms. Baldi spoke regarding the strategic planning virtual Town Hall meeting. She inquired as to how the company that participated was chosen. Dr. O’Brien explained that after researching several companies they were hired as part of grant funding. He clarified that they facilitate the process and provide unbiased data but that the District then decides on what areas to prioritize. Dr. O’Brien added that updates on the strategic plan will be shared at the upcoming November Board meeting.

There were no further questions/comments.

XXI ADJOURNMENT

At 7:22 p.m. Jessica Ward made a motion, and Michael Lisa seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly White
District Clerk