

MINUTES
ROCKY POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
February 6, 2023

Ms. Ward called the meeting to order at 5:25 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 5:25 p.m. a motion was made by Erin Walsh, and seconded by Michael Lisa, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

At 5:57 p.m. a motion was made by Susan Sullivan, and seconded by Michael Lisa, to adjourn Executive Session in order to attend the Budget Workshop presented by Christopher Van Cott.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

At 6:20 p.m., upon completion of the Budget Workshop, a motion was made by Erin Walsh, and seconded by Susan Sullivan, for the Board to return to Executive Session to continue their discussions regarding confidential legal and personnel matters.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. O'Brien announced that as the Strategic Planning process progresses, the Steering Committee has met several times. They have been analyzing data from the community survey, focus groups and virtual town hall. The committee includes members of administration, parents, teachers, students and community members. They have been outlining priorities and focusing on key objectives as the plan which is set to launch in the coming weeks, is finalized. Dr. O'Brien reminded the meeting attendees that the updated information and timeline can be found on the school website, labeled Rocky Point Strategic Plan.

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

- Ms. Franco inquired as to the process for policy readings and how often the Time Out Room under Policy #7619 was utilized. Ms. Ward explained that all new and readopted policies require two readings at Board of Education meetings before being accepted. Dr. O'Brien shared that the time out rooms are used at the elementary level on an as needed basis when students need a space to re-group.

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 January 9, 2023
- IV: Budget Transfer Summary** – December 2022
- V: Treasurer's Reports** – December 2022
- VI: Extra-Classroom Activity Account Treasurer's Report** – December 2022
- VII: Financials** - December 2022
- VIII: Internal Claims Audit Report** – December 2022
- IX: Committees on Special Education Schedules 2-06-23-A and 2-06-23-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 FOR CHALLENGE DAY

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 accept the \$1,500.00 donation from the Rocky Point PTA for Challenge Day.

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 \$1,500.00 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:

A2110400030000 \$1,500.00

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Ward thanked the PTA for their continued and generous support.

XI LIVE LIKE SUSIE DONATION

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 approves and accepts the donation on behalf of the Live Like Susie Scholarship, totaling \$500.00, as follows:

Maura McHugh-Andrews/Gerard D. Andrews \$500.00.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Ward thanked the Andrews family for their support.

XII AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ("ARP") GRANT AMENDMENTS RESOLUTION

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 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

XIII NYS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & HISTORIC PRESERVATION “CONNECT KIDS” FUNDING AWARD

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

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the District hereby accepts a funding award in the amount of \$21,360.00 from the NYS Department of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation "Connect Kids" program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, said funding will be utilized to offset the costs associated with a 7th grade field trip experience to “Wild Play” at Jones Beach State Park scheduled for June 8, 2023.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Ward thanked Mrs. Meyers for securing the grants for the field trip for the 7th graders.

XIV SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

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 approves for surplus the following attached lists of equipment.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XV REVISION AND RE-ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY NUMBERS 7350 AND 7619 (FIRST READING)

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 re-adopts the following revised policies (first reading):

- 7350 Corporal Punishment/Emergency Interventions
- 7619 Use of Time Out Rooms

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVI SUBMISSION OF THE UPDATED ROCKY POINT UFSD ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW PLAN IN COMPLIANCE WITH EDUCATION LAW SECTION 3012-D AS AMENDED BY THE LAWS OF 2019 AND SUBPART 30-3 OF THE RULES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

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 of the Rocky Point Union Free School District hereby approves the updated Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Plan in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d as amended by the Laws of 2019 and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to file the foregoing LEA Certification Form, Removal of Grade 4 Science Assurances Form, and the Removal of US History Regents Assurances Form certifying the update to the Rocky Point UFSD APPR Plan.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVII RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY PROPERTY TAX CAP FORM

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 the preliminary 2023-2024 Rocky Point Union Free School District Property Tax Cap Form, as attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XVIII INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' SINGLE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

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 Independent Auditor's Single Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, which has been submitted by our external auditors, R.S. Abrams.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XIX ADOPTION OF THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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 adopts the 2023-2024 school calendar as presented.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XX 2022-2023 HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACT-MIDDLE COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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 authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to enter into an agreement for health services for the 2022-2023 school year with the following district: Middle Country Central School District.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXI EDUCATIONAL DATA NY/LONG ISLAND COOPERATIVE SERVICES 2023-24

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 authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business to enter into an agreement with Educational Data Services, Inc. for participation in cooperative bids for the purchase of supplies, materials, and equipment for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXII AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ROCKY POINT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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 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 Teachers' Association for the purpose of amending Appendix B as per the attached.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

XXIII PERSONNEL

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 accepts the attached Personnel changes.

All in favor – Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Ward congratulated the following employees on their appointments:

- Ms. Samantha Masterson – School Lunch Monitor
- Ms. Phyllis Early – School Lunch Monitor
- Ms. Isabel Mach – School Teacher Aide
- Ms. Kellyanne Carbone – School Teacher Aide
- Ms. Emily Boocock – Food Service Worker
- Mr. James Moeller – High School Principal

XXIV 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. Kelly inquired if there were any policy changes regarding security during events such as the play. Dr. O'Brien explained that the play is open to the public as opposed to during school hours where contractors are required to check-in in order to gain building access. Ms. Kelly asked if armed guards are included in the strategic plan. Ms. Ward advised that the plan had not yet been finalized. Dr. O'Brien added that an increase in number of security guards has been included in the Strategic Plan but armed guards have not.
- Ms. Zipfel shared her concerns over the parking during drop-off and pick-up for the Scope Enrichment Program at the Middle School on the weekends. Ms. Ward advised that there were some large fundraiser and sporting events occurring that contributed to the additional traffic. Dr. O'Brien discussed the success of the program and stated he would look into the parking issue. Ms. Zipfel inquired if teachers are required to be CPR certified. Dr. O'Brien shared that it is not a requirement but that voluntary CPR training classes are offered for District employees.

- Mr. Ford expressed his concerns that students in grades 6-12 will be sharing the bus next year due to the restructured day. He asked if the decision to implement this could be revisited. Ms. Ward explained that the MS and HS students sharing the bus routes was the most efficient way to allow for a 9-period day. She also shared that middle school and high school students are currently on the same buses in many instances such as when students attend extra help in the morning or afternoon as well as when they take any of the late buses. Dr. O'Brien reiterated that it was a necessity in order to be able to extend the school day. He added that an additional bus route has been added to compensate for the increased volume of students.

There were no further questions/comments.

XXV ADJOURNMENT

At 7:37 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