

# Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District

May 7, 2014

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### Port Chester High School

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Present: Board of Education Trustees: Anne Capeci, Carolee Brakewood, Thomas Corbia, Jim Dreves, Robert Johnson

Also Present: Dr. Edward Klizsus, Superintendent of Schools, Maura McAward, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Frank Fanelli, Assistant Superintendent Grants/Personnel; District Treasurer Coleen Kotzur and Yvette Segal, District Clerk

Absent: Frank Sisca, School District Attorney (Sisca Sisca and Associates)

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The Board met for Executive Session at 6:00 pm to discuss personnel evaluations

Mrs. Capeci called the meeting to order at 7:12. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

#### **PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS**

Ms. Capeci announced Mr. Dreves' absence due to the birth of his granddaughter.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student awards were postponed and Dr. Klizsus introduced and congratulated the newly tenured teachers.

All tenured teachers were announced and congratulated by all Board members.

A break in the meeting was taken for a small celebration outside of room 229.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING 2014-2015 BUDGET**

With a motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Corbia and carried the meeting was moved into a Public Hearing.

Dr. Klizsus spoke about successful advocacy efforts made by the community, Board and administration. Many homeowners will see a decrease in their taxes.

Ms. Capeci thanked Dr. Klizsus and asked for public comment pertaining only to the budget.

Tom Ceruzzi, 84 Hobart Avenue is excited about the budget however would like to see the extra million dollars remain in the bank instead of spending it. Mr. Ceruzzi questioned the visibility of the parents of the children in the community. Mr. Ceruzzi spoke about teacher salaries in the District. He would not be inclined to be sympathetic towards teacher salaries moving forward.

Elizabeth Rotfeld of 105 Betsy Brown Rd said she sees the cost per pupil as the lowest in Westchester County as a disappointment. Mrs. Rotfeld expressed her passion for the students and thanked the Board for their efforts this year.

Deirdre Pascale, 5 May Place thanked the Board for their efforts. Mrs. Pascale stated that as a parent with three children in the District she is thankful for future opportunities for the children of Port Chester.

Rocco Latella, Grandview Ave. was in disbelief that residents are not being "squeezed" with the amount of taxes being paid.

Wendy Sabajos, community resident lives paycheck to paycheck will do everything to sacrifice for her children.

Mr. Dreves spoke about the tax cap and the repercussions of the tax cap.

Mr. Johnson added further clarification regarding the tax cap.

Mr. Corbia urged residents to learn more and educate themselves by attending the meetings.

Mr. Dreves stated "Taxes are based on property assessments".

Mrs. Brakewood explained the ethical responsibility of the Board

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried the Public Hearing was closed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tom Ceruzzi of 84 Hobart Avenue cautioned the future of Albany's financial state.

Reverend Washington applauded the citizens for asking questions. He spoke about his history in New Rochelle and current residence in Port Chester. Reverend Washington also addressed the diversity in the District and congratulated the Board for their efforts.

Tom Cerruzzi announced his sons off Broadway play.

Mrs. Pascale urged everyone to work together to be on the same side and attend the PTA meetings.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**Upon motion by Mr. Dreves, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried the following resolution was adopted:**

**A. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

**WHEREAS**, students, faculty and staff of the Port Chester Middle School have distinguished themselves for achieving excellence; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education endeavors to recognize publicly and honor its esteemed staff members and students for these successes; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is clear that the community is justifiably proud of these individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, these individuals present an exceptional and superior example for their colleagues, peers, and the community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education expresses its sincere thanks, appreciation, and admiration for excellence and achievement;

**AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education in meeting and assembled this seventh day of May, two thousand fourteen, hereby publicly acknowledges the outstanding accomplishments of its honorees.

**A High Score of "3" or Higher on Two New York State Program Assessments  
2012-2013**

Yanitza Acosta	Robert Ciosek	Bella Lovaglio	Karissa Sprague
Tinu Alex	Ryan Clark	Carol Magallon	Spencer Stark-Multer
Jeniffer Amezquita	Robert Cordova	Shannon Maguire	Derreck Suhul-Torres
Aldair Angel	Martin Coyt	Joel Millares	William Swallen
Autumn Antonio	Joselin Flores	Elizabeth Montemurro	Marissa Tauro
Jomar Arias	Anthony Garcia	Kana Muratake	Alex Torres
Juan Barragan	Nancy Garcia	Mami Muratake	Lizveth Torres
Natalia Bowie-Becerra	Colin Gillespie	Rebecca Mutz	Bryan Vasquez
Jailyn Boyette	John Gleason	Andrea Pantoja	Ricardo Vega
Laura Cardenas	Martha Gonzalez	Karmen Pantoja	Jose Vasquez
Rogelio Cardenas	Amore Gordon	Ishani Patel	Justin White
Nichollette Carpinello	Cameron Gutierrez	Paola Perez	Alicia Wilczewski
Nicholas Caruthers	Yovani Herrera	Kristiana Quintana	Fjolla Xhemajli
Jose Castrillo	Larabe Iqbal	James Repaci	Armond Yusi
Alex Cayetano	Anita Karas	Derek Rodriguez	Diana Zagastizado
Alejandra Chajon	Ammy Leos	Samantha Rodriguez	Elio Jimenez
Kaylee Chavez	Emily Loiaconi	Adriana Siquenza	Alina Ramos
Marysol Chu			

**Middle School Teachers**

**Math:** Brooke Magnotta, Paul Santavicca, Sari Shuster and Aida Velez

**Science:** Suzanne Berlingo, Charles Fulco, Jenna Garguilo, Arthur Tiedemann and Michael Watson

**ELA:** Brenda Burke, Laurie Halstead, Rebecca Mynio and Linda O'Connor

**Leadership**

Patrick Swift, Middle School Principal

Carlos Sanchez, Director of Curriculum and Assessment

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Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- B. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, pursuant to General Municipal Law § 6-p, authorize the District Treasurer to transfer an amount, not to exceed \$1,000,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the 2013-2014 fiscal year to the employee benefit accrued liability reserve.

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- C. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, pursuant to Education Law §3651(1a), authorize the District Treasurer to transfer an amount, not to exceed \$1,000,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the 2013-2014 fiscal year to a reserve for tax certioraris.

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- D. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, pursuant to General Municipal Law § 6-r, authorize the District Treasurer to transfer an amount, not to exceed \$1,500,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the 2013-2014 fiscal year to the retirement contribution reserve fund which was established September 15, 2005.

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- E. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District accept the following school-based grants from the Tamarack Tower Foundation:

School	Purpose	Amount
Park Avenue School	Using Lego Blocks to Build Math and Science Concepts	\$ 1, 995.95
Park Avenue School	Tablet Stations for Success	\$ 1, 200.00
Edison School	Language Development Improvement Grant	\$ 3,000.00

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- F. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the attendance to the following conferences as noted below:

	Name	Conference	Date	Amount	Funded
1	Fatima Barnett	May Network Team Institute	May 15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> 2014	\$346.00	General

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- G. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve and adopt the 2014-2015 calendar for 12-month employees.

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- H. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, at its discretion and in the best interest of the District, elects to forgo the written quote and bid requirements for the following professional service procurements in keeping with Policy 6700R – Purchasing Regulation.

1	Gladys Vera	Translator - Increase	\$10,000 increase	2013-2014 school year	Title III
2	All Access Music Program (Dream Jam Band)	Elementary Music Program - Increase	\$10,000 increase	2013-2014 school year	Extended Day
3	Velez Consulting	After School Director	\$5,000 Increase	2013-2014 school year	Extended Day
4	Sutherland Consulting	Homeless Liaison – Increase for services and Travel Reimbursement	\$5,000 Increase	2013-2014 school year	McKinney Vento-Homeless Student Grant

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- I. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District extend the lease agreement with the Japanese Educational Institute for the 2014 - 2015 school year for a total rental amount of \$152,190.00; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute said agreement.

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- J. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District accept the following \$10,000.00 school-based grants from the Verizon.

JFK	Responsive Classroom Consultant	\$ 5,000.00
JFK	JFK Garden	\$ 5,000.00

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- K. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District appoint the following individuals as Election Inspectors for the 2014 Annual School District Election and Budget Vote to be compensated at a rate of \$9 per hour:

1. Linda Kochanowicz
2. Kathy Latella

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- L. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District award the following competitive bid as noted below:

<b>Award To</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Basis for award</b>
Douglas Food Stores, Inc. dba. Douglas Equipment	Replacement of Kitchen Equipments	\$35,517.75	Lowest bid

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- M. WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services, adopting this Resolution to bid jointly in those supplies, commodities, materials and equipments set forth below.

Now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED**, that the Port Chester Union Free School District agrees with other school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Educational Services, Westchester County, New York adopting this in the joint bidding of the following:  
 Art Supplies, General School Supplies, Office Supplies, Fine Paper Supplies, Audio Visual Supplies & Equipment, Custodial Paper Supplies, Custodial Supplies, Graphing Calculators, Lumber Supplies, Laser & Ink Jet Toners, OEM, Laser & Ink Jet Toners, Compatibles, Trash Liners, Microcomputer Hardware, Office & Classroom Furniture

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall remain in effect until: (DATES below) and

<b>Bid Title</b>	<b>Anticipated effective dates:</b>
Art Supplies	6.01.14 – 5.31.15
General School Supplies	5.01.14 – 4.30.15
Office Supplies	5.01.14 – 10.30.14; 11.01.14 – 4.30.15
Fine Paper Supplies	5.01.14 – 7.31.14, 8.01.14 – 10.31.14, 11.01.14 – 1.31.15, 2.01.15 – 4.30.15
Audio Visual Supplies & Equipment	9.01.14 – 8.31.15
Bakery Goods	9.01.14 – 8.31.15
Cafeteria Food Supplies	9.01.14 – 8.31.15
Custodial Paper Supplies	6.01.14 – 11.30.14, 12.01.14 – 5.31.15
Custodial Supplies	4.01.14 – 3.31.15
Graphing Calculators	1.01.14 – 12.31.14
Lumber Supplies	9.01.14 – 8.31.15
Laser & Ink Jet Toners, OEM	6.01.14 – 12.31.14, 1.01.15 – 5.31.15
Laser & Ink Jet Toners, Compatibles	6.01.14 – 12.31.14, 1.01.15 – 5.31.15
Trash Liners	6.01.14 – 11.30.14, 12.01.14 – 5.31.15
Microcomputer Hardware	7.01.14 – 6.30.15
Office & Classroom Furniture	6.01.14 – 5.31.15

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that it is agreed that the specifications as presented will be used, and that this Board agrees to bid its required amount of said commodities jointly with other participating school districts in Southern Westchester and the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services. The recommendation of the Purchasing Steering Committee will be considered when this Board acts on the purchase of said Commodities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Journal News in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 to the General Municipal Law.

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Corbia and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**N. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District authorize the school District Treasurer to complete budgetary transfers and pay bill schedules and payrolls for all funds, and Payrolls. Said bill schedules, payrolls, and transfers will be approved by the Board of Education at the first available board meeting.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Upon motion by Mr. Corbia, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the following donation was approved:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the donation of a Telescope (Celestron) from Nikki Shapiro, valued at \$399.00 for the students of Port Chester High School.

Value: \$399.00

#### REQUEST FOR ACTION

The Superintendent recommends action on the following matters. Resolved that

Upon Motion from Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried items 1-30 were approved.

1. Cristina Alampi having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School, effective September 1, 2014. Mrs. Alampi received a B.S. Degree from Barry University and a M.S. Degree from Nova Southeastern University. Mrs. Alampi holds Professional Certification in the area of Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) effective September 1, 2011, and Professional Certification in the area of English to Speakers of Other Languages effective September 1, 2011.
2. Kathryn Albero having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School, effective September 1, 2014. Mrs. Albero received a B.A. Degree from the University of New Hampshire and a M.S. Degree from Pace University. Mrs. Albero holds Initial Certification in the area of Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) effective February 1, 2011.
3. Deborah Ankeles having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Speech Therapist at King Street School, effective September 1, 2014. Ms. Ankeles received a B.S. Degree from Binghamton University and a M.A. Degree from Long Island University. Ms. Ankeles holds Initial Certification in the area of Speech and Language Disabilities effective September 1, 2008.
4. Diantha Barone having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as English Teacher at the High School, effective September 1, 2014. Mrs. Barone received a B.A. Degree and a M.S.T. Degree from Pace University and a M.A. Degree from Seton Hall University. Mrs. Barone holds Professional Certification in the area of English Language Arts 7-12 effective February 1, 2012.
5. Daniel Bologna having performed his duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Assistant Director in the Special Education Department, effective July 1, 2014. Mr. Bologna received a B.S. Degree from Mercy College, a M.S. Degree and a Professional Diploma in School Administration from the College of New Rochelle. Mr. Bologna holds Permanent Certification in the area of School District Administrator effective September 1, 2000 and Permanent Certification in the area of Special Education effective September 1, 1990.
6. Alicia Cammilleri having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Elementary Teacher at Edison School, effective September 1, 2014. Mrs. Cammilleri received a B.S. Degree from SUNY Cortland and a M.S. Degree from Dowling College. Mrs. Cammilleri holds Permanent Certification in the area of Pre Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 effective February 1, 2009.

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7. Megan Capiello having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School, effective September 1, 2014. Mrs. Capiello received a B.A. Degree and a M.P.S. Degree from Manhattanville College. Mrs. Capiello holds Initial Certification in the area of Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) effective February 1, 2012 and Initial Certification in the area of Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) effective February 1, 2012.
8. Kevin Clark having performed his duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Special Education Teacher at the High School, effective September 1, 2014. Mr. Clark received a B.A. Degree from Stony Brook University and a M.A. Degree from Mercy College. Mr. Clark holds Professional Certification in the area of Students with Disabilities Grades 7-12 – Social Studies effective February 1, 2013 and Professional Certification in the area of Social Studies 7-12 effective February 1, 2013.
9. Elizabeth Curley having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School, effective September 1, 2014. Mrs. Curley received a B.S. Degree from SUNY Oneonta and a M.S. Degree from the College of New Rochelle. Mrs. Curley holds Permanent Certification in the area of Reading effective September 1, 2003, Permanent Certification in Nursery, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 effective September 1, 1978 and Initial Certification in English to Speakers of Other Languages effective September 1, 2012.
10. Jennifer Curti having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School, effective September 1, 2014. Ms. Curti received a B.S. Degree from Pace University and a M.P.S. Degree from Manhattanville College. Ms. Curti holds Initial Certification in the area of Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) effective September 1, 2009.
11. Leidy Cuzon having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School, effective September 1, 2014. Ms. Cuzon received a B.S. Degree and a M.S. Degree from St. Thomas Aquinas College. Ms. Cuzon holds Professional Certification in the area of Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) effective September 1, 2013, Initial Certification in the area of Bilingual Education effective September 1, 2012 and Initial Certification in the area of Literacy (Birth-Grade 6) effective September 1, 2009.
12. Krista DiBernardo having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School, effective September 1, 2014. Ms. DiBernardo received a B.F.A. Degree and a M.A.T. Degree from Manhattanville College. Ms. DiBernardo holds Initial Certification in the area of Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) effective September 1, 2013.
13. Danielle DiFiore having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Elementary Teacher at King Street School, effective September 1, 2014. Mrs. DiFiore received a B.S. Degree and a M.S. Degree from Mercy College. Mrs. DiFiore holds Initial Certification in the area of Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) effective September 1, 2011.
14. Teresa Florindi having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Social Studies Teacher at the Middle School, effective September 1, 2014. Ms. Florindi received a B.A. Degree from Binghamton University and a M.A. Degree from Hunter College. Ms. Florindi holds Initial Certification in the area of Social Studies 7-12 effective September 1, 2011.
15. Ana Maria Ford having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as School Psychologist at the High School, effective September 1, 2014. Mrs. Ford received a B.A. Degree from Binghamton University and an M.S.Ed. Degree from CUNY Queens College. Mrs. Ford holds Permanent Certification in the area of School Psychologist effective February 1, 2014 and Permanent Certification in the area of Bilingual Education effective February 1, 2014.
16. Jenna Garguilo having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Science Teacher at the Middle School, effective September 1, 2014. Ms. Garguilo received a B.S. Degree from SUNY Oswego and a M.A.T. Degree from Manhattanville College. Ms. Garguilo holds Initial Certification in the area of Biology (Grades 5-9) effective September 1, 2011, Initial Certification in the area of Biology 7-12 effective September 1, 2011, Initial Certification in the area of General Science (Grades 5-9) effective September 1, 2011 and Initial Certification in the area of General Science 7-12 effective September 1, 2011.
17. Katherine Gentile having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Science Teacher at the Middle School, effective September 1, 2014. Ms. Gentile received a B.A. Degree and an M.S.Ed. Degree from Lehigh University. Ms. Gentile holds Initial Certification in the area of Biology 7-12 effective September 1, 2010 and Initial Certification in the area of General Science 7-12 effective February 1, 2012.

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18. Jennifer Iasillo having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Speech Therapist at the Middle and High Schools, effective September 1, 2014. Mrs. Iasillo received a B.S. Degree and a M.S. Degree from Ithaca College. Mrs. Iasillo holds Initial Certification in the area of Speech and Language Disabilities effective September 1, 2011.
19. Alexander Lepes having performed his duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Mathematics Teacher at the High School, effective September 1, 2014. Mr. Lepes received a B.A. Degree from Rhode Island College and a M.A. Degree from Lehman College. Mr. Lepes holds Professional Certification in the area of Mathematics 7-12 effective September 1, 2013.
20. Mirjana Lezaja having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Elementary Teacher at Edison School, effective September 1, 2014. Ms. Lezaja received a B.A. Degree and a M.A. Degree from Hofstra University. Ms. Lezaja holds Professional Certification in the area of Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) effective September 1, 2013, Professional Certification in the area of Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) effective September 1, 2013 and Initial Certification in Literacy (Birth-Grade 6) effective February 1, 2011.
21. Adrienne Mecca having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Director for Special Education in the District, effective July 1, 2014. Mrs. Mecca received a B.A. Degree from the College of New Rochelle, a M.P.S. Degree from Manhattan College and a Certificate of Advanced Study in School Leadership from SUNY New Paltz. Mrs. Mecca holds Professional Certification in the area of School District Leader effective February 1, 2010, Permanent Certification in area of School Psychologist effective February 1, 1996, Permanent Certification in the area of Blind and Partially Sighted effective September 1, 2003 and Permanent Certification in area of Special Education effective September 1, 1979.
22. Crista Minicozzi having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Special Education Teacher at the High School, effective September 1, 2014. Ms. Minicozzi received a B.A. Degree from Syracuse University and a M.S. Degree from SUNY New Paltz. Ms. Minicozzi holds Initial Certification in the area of Students with Disabilities Grades 7-12 - English effective September 1, 2010 and Initial Certification in the area of English Language Arts 7-12 effective September 1, 2009.
23. Sara Morabito having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Elementary Teacher at the Middle School, effective September 1, 2014. Ms. Morabito received a B.A. Degree and a M.P.S. Degree from Manhattanville College. Ms. Morabito holds Initial Certification in the area of Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) effective September 1, 2010, Initial Certification in the area of Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) effective September 1, 2010, Initial Certification in the area of Students with Disabilities (Birth-Grade 2) effective September 1, 2012, Initial Certification in the area of Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) effective September 1, 2012 and Initial Certification in the area of Literacy (Birth-Grade 6) effective September 1, 2012.
24. Diana Pennino having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School, effective September 1, 2014. Ms. Pennino received a B.A. Degree and a M.S. Degree from Pace University. Ms. Pennino holds Professional Certification in the area of Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) effective September 1, 2010 and Professional Certification in the area of Literacy (Birth-Grade 6) effective September 1, 2010.
25. Heather Rinello having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Elementary Teacher at Edison School, effective September 1, 2014. Mrs. Rinello received a B.A. Degree from Mercy College and a M.A. Degree from the College of New Rochelle. Mrs. Rinello holds Professional Certification in the area of Literacy (Birth-Grade 6) effective September 1, 2011 and Initial Certification in the area of Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) effective September 1, 2011.
26. Carmen Rosario-Parker having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as School Social Worker in the District, effective September 1, 2014. Mrs. Parker received a B.S.W. Degree from Mercy College and a M.S.W. Degree from New York University. Mrs. Parker holds Provisional Certification in the area of School Social Worker effective September 1, 2009.
27. Vanessa Sanchez having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Elementary Teacher at Park Avenue School, effective September 1, 2014. Ms. Sanchez received a B.A. Degree and a M.S.E. Degree from Manhattanville College. Ms. Sanchez holds Initial Certification in the area of Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) effective September 1, 2010 and Initial Certification in the area of Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) effective September 1, 2010.
28. Paul Santavicca having performed his duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Mathematics Teacher at the Middle School, effective September 1, 2014. Mr. Santavicca received a B.A. Degree and a M.A. Degree from Marist College. Mr. Santavicca holds Initial Certification in the area of Mathematics 7-12 effective September 1, 2011.

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- 29. Janine Skelly having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Special Education Teacher at Edison School, effective September 1, 2014. Mrs. Skelly received a B.A. Degree from SUNY Purchase, a B.A. Degree and a M.A. Degree from Manhattanville College. Mrs. Skelly holds Permanent Certification in the area of Special Education effective September 1, 1996, Permanent Certification in the area of Reading effective September 1, 1996 and Permanent Certification in Nursery, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 effective September 1, 1997.
- 30. Ivan Tolentino having performed his duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted tenure as Elementary Principal at the Edison School, effective July 1, 2014. Mr. Tolentino received a B.S. Degree from Florida State University, a M.S.T. Degree and an M.S.Ed. Degree from Pace University. Mr. Tolentino holds Permanent Certification in the area of School District Administrator effective September 1, 2004, Permanent Certification in the area of Bilingual Education effective September 1, 2007 and Permanent Certification in the area of Pre Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 effective February 1, 2004.

**Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Corbia and carried Items 31 – 52 were approved:**

- 31. The retirement of Carl Cairo, Physical Education Teacher at the High School, be accepted effective June 30, 2014. Mr. Cairo will have served the District for 41 years. We wish Carl and his family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
- 32. Elizabeth Florencio, Brooklyn, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Veronica Ruiz as Special Education Teacher at Park Avenue School, beginning approximately May 1, 2014 through June 27, 2014 at an anticipated daily rate of \$125.
- 33. Mark Fiore, Harrison, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Jenna Broems as English Teacher at the Middle School effective approximately May 12, 2014 through June 27, 2014 at an anticipated daily rate of \$125.
- 34. Brody Davis, Rye Brook, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teaching Assistant to replace Andrea Naselli as Teaching Assistant at John F. Kennedy School, beginning approximately April 21, 2014 through May 29, 2014 at an anticipated daily rate of \$100.
- 35. The Request for Action for the August 29, 2013 Board Agenda be amended to include the following item:  

A Family Medical Leave of Absence be granted to Carmen Rosario-Parker, Social Worker for the District, beginning approximately September 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013. The Family Medical Leave of Absence will be without pay; but benefits will continue to a maximum of 12 weeks.  
She will not advance in seniority nor will said leave be counted for longevity purposes.
- 36. The Request for Action for the September 25, 2013 Board Agenda be amended to include the following item:  

Daniella Roman, Ardsley, New York be approved for a half-year leave replacement appointment as Science Teacher, at 98% of Step 1-Level 1 (pro-rated) of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective approximately September 16, 2013 through January 31, 2014. Ms. Roman received a B.S. Degree from Iona College. Ms. Roman received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment September 13, 2013. Her assignment will be at the High School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Kimberly Keener who will be on a Maternity Leave of Absence.
- 37. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2013-2014 school year:  

Ana Amador	Breakfast Program Monitor – Edison School	\$23 per hour	
Maria O'Brien	Elementary Science Assistant – Park Avenue School	42 per hour	
- 38. The following individual(s) receive in-service credit, as follows:  

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Semester</u>
Michelle Santucci	Dealing With Parents: Fostering Positive Relationships	3	The New York Center for Teacher Development, Inc.	Winter '14
Michelle Santucci	The Respectful Student	3	The New York Center for Teacher Development, Inc.	Winter '14
- 39. The following individual(s) be approved to serve as Substitute Teacher(s)/Teacher Assistant(s)//Tutor(s)//Intern(s)//Student Teacher(s)//Volunteer(s)/ on an as-needed basis for the 2013-2014 school year. They are either Fingerprint Cleared, "Grandfathered" in or on a twenty day emergency basis:



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- 40. A change of status be approved for Joan Carriero, Port Chester, New York as Permanent Sr. Office Assistant (Auto. Syst.) 37.5 hours/week, 10-months, Step 8 to Permanent Sr. Office Assistant (Auto. Syst.) 37.5 hours/week, 12-months, Step 9 effective July 1, 2014. Her assignment will remain at the Port Chester Middle School.
- 41. Return from a Leave of Absence be approved for Darlene Noriega, Rye Brook New York, effective April 7, 2014. Mrs. Noriega shall resume the position of Teacher Aide Computer Lab, Step 8. Her assignment will remain at John F. Kennedy Magnet School.
- 42. Jennifer Lopriore, Harrison, New York, be approved for a Temporary appointment as Teacher Aide (1:1), Step 1, Grade I, effective April 21, 2014 – June 26, 2014 (30 hours/week) at a rate of \$20.88/hour. Her assignment is King Street School Special Education. Ms. Lopriore is NYS Fingerprint Cleared.
- 43. A change of status be approved for Christian Cassone, Rye Brook, New York from Temporary Teacher Aide, Step 1, Grade III (10-months, 30 hours/week) to Probationary Teacher Aide, Step 1, Grade III (10-months, 30 hours/week) effective May 8, 2014. His assignment will remain at Edison School Special Education.
- 44. John Michael Concha, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a Temporary appointment as Teacher Aide (1:1), Step 1, Grade II, effective May 8, 2014 – June 26, 2014 (30 hours/week) at a rate of \$18.66/hour. His assignment is Park Avenue School Special Education. Mr. Concha is NYS Fingerprint Cleared.
- 45. The resignation of David Yourman, Special Education Teacher Aide, Park Avenue School, be accepted the end of business on April 25, 2014.
- 46. The resignation of Jeffrey Harris, Special Education Teacher Aide, Middle School, be accepted the end of business on May 16, 2014.
- 47. The following individuals be approved as Teacher Aide, Lunch Monitor, Hall Monitor (when required) or Clerical Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective April 10, 2014 – June 30, 2014 unless otherwise noted. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

Valerie Candreva  
 John Concha \$16.43/hour (Effective April 28, 2014 – May 7, 2014)  
 Anthony Federici \$16.43/hour (Effective May 16, 2014 – June 26, 2014)

- 48. Philip Mutino, Rye Brook, New York, be approved as Substitute Breakfast Monitor at a rate of \$23/hour effective April 21, 2014 at John F. Kennedy Magnet School.
- 49. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$48,721.75, Schedule #13, dated April 29, 2014 be approved for the 2013-2014 school year.
- 50. Warrants #30, including in-between checks, dated April 24, 2014, be approved:

General Fund	\$1,444,805.82
Federal Fund	86,110.89
Cafeteria Fund	155,879.89
Trust & Agency Fund	180,188.24
Capital Fund	0

- 51. Warrants #31 and #32, including in-between checks, dated May 7, 2014, be approved:

General Fund	\$909,996.42
Federal Fund	12,973.95
Cafeteria Fund	720.00
Trust & Agency Fund	1,483,475.42
Capital Fund	0

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52. The following payrolls be approved:

General Fund – April 10, 2014	\$1,771,235.42
General Fund – April 16, 2014	72,698.20
General Fund – April 25, 2014	1,765,329.58
Federal Fund – April 10, 2014	104,168.35
Federal Fund – April 25, 2014	102,935.85

**BOARD OF EDUCATION ISSUES**

Mr. Fanelli presented an update on Residency Verification. He explained the various steps involved in uncovering students who allegedly do not have a valid Port Chester addresses. Mr. Fanelli also made a comparison to the Greenwich and Ossining School District verification processes. Total students after 1,027 checks resulted in a total of 8 students who left the District.

In summary

1. We have a very high mobility rate within the Village of Port Chester.
2. Physical checks are the most effective way to verify residency.
3. Any child who sleeps in Port Chester must receive an education by Law regardless of their living conditions.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE**

Mr. Johnson attended the King Street Founders Night. As Mr. Johnson is a Trustee on the Westchester School Boards Association, he attended a legislative advocacy meeting. He welcomed the Spain exchange students to Port Chester.

Mr. Dreves congratulated the teachers who received tenure. Mr. Dreves announced the birth of his new granddaughter who was born earlier in the evening. The NAACP meeting held earlier in the day went very well. He and other Board members attended the National Honor Society night.

Mr. Corbia congratulated the National Honor Society members and attended several athletic events. Mr. Corbia encouraged community members to come to meetings to become more educated.

Mrs. Brakewood congratulated the teachers who received tenure. Mrs. Brakewood reminded community members to watch the recent League of Women Voters debate with BOE candidates.

Ms. Capeci announced that Cheerleading is now an official sport. The King Street School Concert was excellent.

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Dreves the meeting was moved into Executive Session at 9:26 pm.