

Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District

April 9th 2014

Regular Meeting Minutes

Port Chester Middle School

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

Also Present: Dr. Edward Klizus, 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)

Mrs. Capeci called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS

Mrs. Capeci announced the privilege of having two legislators present -- Senator George Latimer and State Assemblyman Steve Otis.

Senator Latimer saluted the community members for their tremendous advocacy efforts. He noted that our government does respond to pressure.

Assemblyman Otis also spoke to specifics such as a needed increased support needed in Port Chester Schools. He stated that he will continue to support the school district.

Dr. Klizus read resolutions A and B and presented the student recognitions.

Dr. Klizus presented the 2014-2015 proposed budget.

Ms. McAward gave a presentation to the community on property taxes and navigating the website to obtain information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kraut, Port Chester Resident and PC Music Chair, announced the 70th Band Night on June 6th.

Mr. John Reeves of 325 King Street expressed his desire to see more African American staff members within the District. He does not feel there is an adequate number currently employed within District and asked the Board for a stronger Affirmative Action program.

Mrs. Jessica Rivera of 262 Madison Avenue thanked the Board for their efforts regarding the budget. On behalf of the JFK parents, Mrs. Rivera thanked the Board for reinstating a school psychologist. As of March 31st, the JFK PTA membership is over 600 parents. Mrs. Rivera thanked Mr. Johnson for attending the JFK PTA meeting. Mrs. Rivera expressed her concern for STEM programming and asked the Board to take a deep look at in its current state across the District.

Mrs. Joan Thomas of 420 Elm Street congratulated the students and staff of Urinetown for a job well done while also expressing her disappointment that her daughter was not permitted to attend the school cast party. As the President of the NAACP she expressed the disappointment with the District in what she believes and the NAACP believes to be a lack of diversity within District employees.

Virginia Ellis, President of the Teachers Union for Port Chester expressed thanks to the Board for the way the budget dollars were allocated to the students and faculty.

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TREASURERS REPORT

Upon Motion by Mr. Corbia, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried the February Treasurers report was approved.

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TREASURERS REPORT

2/28/2014

	GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS	
BOOK BALANCE							
BEGINNING OF MONTH	24,688,303.35	673,821.99	134,325.34	130,141.13	335,324.04	25,961,915.85	
Receipts							
Revenues	14,430,579.51	7,419.89	20,446.09	8.47	21,789.47		
Interfund Transfers		170,824.70	255,309.55				
Sales Tax Receipts			49.17				
Accounts Receivable	123,307.00				752.30		
Reimbursement of Expense	311,058.83						
Total Receipts	14,864,945.34	178,244.59	275,804.81	8.47	22,541.77	15,341,544.98	
Disbursements							
Warrant #22	865,059.52	9,872.50	2,711.03		600.00		
Warrant #23	1,293,093.32	52,897.78	720.00		13,325.21		
Warrant #24	740,628.19				3,725.21		
Payroll 2/14/14	2,006,509.00	88,403.35	3,529.58				
Payroll 2/28/14	1,960,362.33	81,421.35	1,779.97				
Coach's Payroll 2/22/13	88,409.16	1,000.00					
Accounts Payable							
Interfund Transfers	426,134.25						
Total Disbursements	7,380,195.77	233,594.98	8,740.58	-	17,650.42	7,640,181.75	
BOOK BALANCE							
END OF MONTH	32,173,052.92	618,471.60	401,389.57	130,149.60	340,215.39	33,663,279.08	
	GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS	
CASH - BANK BALANCES							
	Rates						
Chase Bank	0.100%	171,828.52	205,842.41	106,013.41	53,199.08		
TD Bank	0.200%	275,992.41					
Hudson Valley Bank	0.047%	2,474.45					
Webster Bank	0.168%	4,743,098.16	407,343.10		1,947.89		
PC Credit Union	0.140%				148,386.99		
MBIA - C.L.A.S.S.	0.035%	13,159,032.68	39,299.98	195,547.16	24,136.19		
Scholarship Invest	various				136,681.43		
Signature Bank	0.350%	13,992,455.22					
TOTAL CASH - BANK BALANCES		32,173,052.92	618,471.60	401,389.57	130,149.60	340,215.39	33,663,279.08



Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer

4/2/2014

Date

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

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

WHEREAS, students and staff of Port Chester Middle School and Port Chester High School have distinguished themselves with Winterguard achievements and as ambassadors for the district; 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 artistic excellence;

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

PCMS Winterguard Newtown High School March 1 st 2014 Score 59.1 – Third Place	PCMS Winterguard Norwalk High School March 15 th 2014 Score 71.4 – Third Place	PCMS Winterguard Jonathan Law High School March 22 nd 2014 Score 74.4 – First Place	PCMS Winterguard MAC Championships Western Connecticut University March 29 th 2014 Score 77.9 – Third Place		
PCHS Winterguard Brookfield High School February 1 st 2014 Score 56.65 Fourth Place	PCHS Winterguard Trumbull High School February 8 th 2014 Score 63.52 Second Place	PCHS Winterguard Newtown High School March 1 st 2014 Score 77.56 Third Place	PCHS Winterguard Norwalk High School March 15 th 2014 Score 77.26 Third Place	PCHS Winterguard Jonathan Law High School March 22 nd 2014 Score 80.08 Third Place	PCHS Winterguard MAC Championships Western CT University March 29 th 2014 Score 83.55 Fourth Place

Port Chester Middle School Winter Guard

Port Chester High School Winter Guard

Molly Brakewood
Theresa DiLeo
Emily Ferraro
Megan Gleason
Grace Herbert
Francesca LaDore
Sophie Lambert
Fatima Leguiza
Madeline Loiaconi
Darby McDermott
Kiara Ortiz
Dara Pecora
Lauren Pellegini
Isabella Rios
Isabel Sanchez
Grace Simmons
Sara Tarascio

Winterguard Staff

Irene Bunnell
Daniel Matos
Andrew Rivas
Amanda Scocchera
Karen Wissig

Leadership

Ken Kraut, Music Department Chairman
Bob Vitti, Winterguard Coordinator
Patrick Swift, Principal, PCMS
Dr. Mitchell Combs, Principal, PCHS

Sarah Cabot
Alessandra Garcia
Kate Garcia
Odalys Hernandez
Marie Jallow
Yexenia Jaime
Jaclyn Lambert
Christina Marquez
Marianela Olivera
Thania Perez
Amanda Vitola
Katherine Wojton

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

B. 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 ninth day of April, 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**

Grade 6-ELA & Math

Ashley Alvarez
Victoria Amador
Amanda Andreoli
Brian Aucay
Ryan Basso
Irene Blanco
Emanuel Calderon
Daniel Carpinello
Julianna Defeo
Jose Delgado
Maria Fernandez
Oscar Garcia
Savannah Langenbach
Madeline Loiaconi
Melvin Molina
Britany Morocho

Grade 6-ELA & Math

Richard Olmino
Jacinta Olonilua
Odalis Paltin
Jalissa Pirro
Isabel Sanchez
Ariana Soriano
Sara Tarascio
Eli Taylor-Lemire
Gianna Tempesta
George Tsoukalas
Vanessa Vasquez
Ayenaliz Velasquez
Sabrina Vumbacco
Leah Yusi
Dany Zagazeta

Grade 7-ELA & Math

William Brakewood
Andrew Candrea
Carlos Hernandez
Dayron Hernandez
Matthew Hinz
Eric Magana
Alexandra Manos
Brianny Marin
Taylor Masi
Gisella Mccallion
Hailey Mollica
Jared Pena
Reanna Rosenfeld
Cole Russo
Grace Simmons
Michael Sposato

Port Chester Middle School Teachers

ELA Grade 6: Ashley Glod- Hayes, Stephanie Mann, Chris Zidik **ELA Grade 7:** Jenna Broems, Jeannette Sanderson, Tanya Pizzano
Peter Bisceglia, Linda O' Connor Janice Milano, Mike DeVito

Math Grade 6: Matt Gryzlo, Julie Colangelo, Ginny Ellis, Donna Coffin **Math Grade 7:** Aaron Warren, Sari Shuster, Kevin Hanlon, Jeanne Iantorno

Leadership

Patrick Swift, Principal

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

- C. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District hereby approves and adopts a budget of \$88,420,278.00 for the 2014-2015 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the corresponding School District Budget Notice as required by New York State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said budget is submitted for approval to the voters of this district at the Annual Election to be held on May 20, 2014.

Discussion:

All Board members commented in response to the 2014-2015 Budget. All Board members expressed their support for the budget and collectively thanked the administration for leading the Board in with a positive budget for the students and staff of Port Chester.

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

- D. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve and adopt the 2014-2015 school calendar.

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

- E. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District designate the following parents to serve on the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the 2013-2014 school year as **noted below**:

**Justine Riordan
Audelis Hernandez
Claude Zoref**

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

- F. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, amend resolution from March 26, 2014 from \$5,000 to \$10,000 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	PC Carver Center	After School Program- Enrichment Activities - Increase	\$10,000 increase	2013-2014 school year	Extended Day Grant
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Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- G. **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	Lou Cuglietto	May Network Team Institute	May 15 th – 16 th 2014	\$346.00	General
2	Sam Ortiz	May Network Team Institute	May 15 th – 16 th 2014	\$346.00	General
3	Linda O'Connor	May Network Team Institute	May 15 th – 16 th 2014	\$346.00	General

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

- H. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Carver Center known as the Sponsoring Agency and the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District known as the "School District" which defines and outlines the responsibilities of each in order to provide services to Edison School, JFK School and the Port Chester Middle School for the 2014-2015 school year.

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 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 Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Dreves the donation was approved.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the donation of a tree at the Port Chester High School from Mr. Dom Cirulli, valued at \$450.00. The plaque will state "Class of 1955 donated by Dom Cirulli".

SUPERINTENDENTS REQUEST FOR ACTION

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried items 1 -18 were approved.

The Superintendent recommends action on the following matters. Resolved that

1. The retirement of Phyllis Caro, Elementary Teacher at King Street School, be accepted effective June 30, 2014. Mrs. Caro will have served the District for 19 years. We wish Phyllis and her family the best of good luck and a happy and healthy retirement.
2. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Jamie Rubino, White Plains, New York, as Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School, beginning approximately April 14, 2014 through May 29, 2014. Mrs. Rubino will use accumulated sick leave during the time her doctor attests to her inability to perform her duties due to pregnancy, delivery and self care. The remainder of her Leave of Absence will be a Family Medical Leave without pay; but benefits will continue to a maximum of 12 weeks.
3. Andrea Naselli, North White Plains, New York, be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Jamie Rubino as Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School effective approximately April 14, 2014 through May 29, 2014. There will be no change in her current salary.
4. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Martha Sendoya, Queens Village, New York, as Spanish Teacher at the High School, beginning approximately April 28, 2014 through June 30, 2014. Mrs. Sendoya will use accumulated sick leave during the time her doctor attests to her inability to perform her duties due to pregnancy, delivery and self care. The remainder of her Leave of Absence will be a Family Medical Leave without pay; but benefits will continue to a maximum of 12 weeks.
5. Ramon Torres, Chester, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Martha Sendoya as Spanish Teacher at the High School, beginning approximately April 28, 2014 through June 30, 2014 at an anticipated daily rate of \$125.
6. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Veronica Ruiz, Cos Cob, Connecticut, as Special Education Teacher at Park Avenue School, beginning approximately May 1, 2014 through June 27, 2014. Mrs. Ruiz will use accumulated sick leave during the time her doctor attests to her inability to perform her duties due to pregnancy, delivery and self care. The remainder of her Leave of Absence will be a Family Medical Leave without pay; but benefits will continue to a maximum of 12 weeks.
7. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2013-2014 school year:

Brett Conetta	Extended Day After School Program Teacher – Middle School	\$42 per hour
Laura DeChiara	Extended Day After School Program Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Michael Desharnais	Extended Day After School Program Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Chris Kazim	Extended Day After School Program Teacher – High School	42 per hour
John Talia	Extended Day After School Program Teacher – High School	42 per hour
Cristina Alampi	Extended Day After School Program Teacher – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Sandy Castillo	Extended Day After School Program Teacher – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Linda Fortugno	Extended Day After School Program Teacher – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Jennifer Carriero	Extended Day After School Program Teacher – Park Avenue School	42 per hour
Maria O'Brien	Extended Day After School Program Teacher – Park Avenue School	42 per hour
Cristina Alampi	AIS After School Program Teacher – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Sandy Castillo	AIS After School Program Teacher – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Cindy Casterella	AIS After School Program Teacher – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Linda Fortugno	AIS After School Program Teacher – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Diana Pennino	AIS After School Program Teacher – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Lester Ramirez	AIS After School Program Teacher – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Claudia Levy	AIS After School Program Teacher – King Street School	42 per hour
Stephanie Pagnotta	AIS After School Program Teacher – King Street School	42 per hour
Marcy Pellenberg	AIS After School Program Teacher – King Street School	42 per hour

8. The following individual(s) receive in-service credit, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u> <u>Semester</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Location</u>
Rosa Pena	Co Teaching – Partnerships that	3	CreativeTeacher Winter '14

Work

Education Institute Inc.

- 9. 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:

Michael Stobsky	Vanessa Mancheno	Jenna Giampino
Jessie Treppeda	Ramon Torres	

- 10. The following individuals be appointed Athletic Event Supervisors for the 2013-2014 school year at a stipend of \$50 per school event and/or \$25 per hour for Tournaments, providing the individual is not a member of the coaching staff for the particular event:

Amanda Blasi

- 11. Aimee Farias, Port Chester, New York, having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted permanent status as Lunch Monitor (3 hours/day, 10-months), John F. Kennedy Magnet School, effective May 1, 2014.
- 12. Charlene Ganim, Greenwich, Connecticut, be approved for a temporary appointment as Office Assistant, Step 1, at a rate of \$19.24/hour for time worked (8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.), effective April 21, 2014 - June 30, 2014. Her assignment is Port Chester Middle School Guidance/Attendance Office. Mrs. Ganim is NYS Fingerprint cleared.
- 13. 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.

Joseph Basso (effective March 31, 2014)
 Theresa C. Garcia (effective April 4, 2014)
 Patricia Sutton (effective April 14, 2014)

- 14. The following individuals be approved as Cleaner Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective April 10, 2014 – June 30, 2014 unless otherwise noted. Said appointees may also serve as long-term substitutes, if and when required, at Step 1 of the Cleaner CSEA pay scales. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

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- 15. Item Number 22 of the March 5, 2014 Request for Action be amended as follows:

The following individuals be re-appointed as Part-time Watchpersons at a rate of \$12/hour Monday – Saturday and \$25/hour Sundays and holidays, on a rotating basis in 3-3.75/hour shift. Their assignment is Port Chester High School Field effective April 1, 2014 – November 30, 2014. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

Cleveland Alford	John M. Concha	Robert Grant
James Hollis	Leonard Macri	Emilio Stio

- 16. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$204,331.27, Schedule #12, dated April 1, 2014 be approved for the 2013-2014 school year.

- 17. Warrants #28 and #29, including in-between checks, dated April 9, 2014, be approved:

General Fund	\$269,965.46
Federal Fund	161,098.83
Cafeteria Fund	5,413.52
Trust & Agency Fund	1,452,177.70
Capital Fund	0

- 18. The following payrolls be approved:

General Fund – March 28, 2014	\$1,778,224.73
Federal Fund – March 28, 2014	95,484.63

BOARD OF EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Corbia attended Family U together. A Robo call could help remind parents to attend. Mr. Johnson asked the district to consider a robo call for the next year. Mr. Johnson attended Founders Night at Park Ave.

Mr. Dreves reminded the public of his and Mrs. Brakewood's involvement with the NAACP and expressed his disappointment with the public comments made. He is confident the Board is doing everything they should be doing to meet the needs of diversity.

Mr. Dreves attended Urinetown and described it as fantastic. He also attended Family U and other school sporting events.

Mr. Corbia attended Urinetown and thought it was terrific. Mr. Corbia also attended the PTA Founders Night and other sporting events. Mr. Corbia highlighted the win by the Girls softball team against Harrison.

Mrs. Brakewood complimented Dr. Combs for his early introduction to 8th grade parents. Mrs. Brakewood also attended the PTA elementary Founders Nights. The Urinetown presentation was fantastic and congratulations to Josh Tenzer. Additional events Mrs. Brakewood attended were all informative and interesting.

Ms. Capeci wished everyone a very happy holiday and announced the May 7th meeting as well as the Public Hearing on the Budget at the May 7th meeting.

Dr. Klizus wanted to reassure the public that the Board and administration is committed to the children in the district by providing the best possible budget. Dr. Klizus also addressed public comments made earlier regarding diversity.

Upon Motion by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Brakewood the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 pm.

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