

Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District
February 11, 2014
Resolutions
Regular Meeting

Present: Board of Education Trustees: Anne Capeci, Carolee Brakewood, Robert Johnson

Also Present: Maura McAward, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Frank Fanelli, Assistant Superintendent Grants/Personnel; District Treasurer Coleen Kotzur

Absent: Frank Sisca, School District Attorney (Sisca Sisca and Associates) Trustee, Thomas Corbia, Trustee, Jim Dreves, Dr. Edward Kliszus, Superintendent of Schools and Yvette Segal, District Clerk

Mrs. Capeci called the meeting to order at 7:14. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS

Ms. Capeci thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Ms. Capeci also thanked the Building and Grounds department for working tirelessly during all the snow storms and the JFK emergency evacuation.

Ms. Capeci introduced Assistant Superintendent, Frank Fanelli who presented the Student and Staff Recognitions in Dr. Kliszus' absence. Mr. Fanelli read Resolution A and then called each recipient to the podium.

Mr. Johnson congratulated children and parents.
 Ms. Capeci thanked and congratulated everyone for coming.

Patrick Swift, Port Chester Middle School Principal presented his school report.

Mr. Johnson commended Mr. Swift and his team for a job well done.
 Mrs. Brakewood thanked him for his report and complimented the teachers for doing a great job. Mrs. Brakewood asked about the two 8th grade math regents. How does it impact the school? Mr. Swift said taking the state tests allows the school to take the higher of the two grades.

Mr. Swift gave a brief description on the upcoming College and Career day at PCMS.
 Mr. Fanelli asked the Assistant Principals, Rob Barrett and Byron Womack to join Mr. Swift at the podium and thanked all three for their efforts.

Mr. Swift ended by saying "Port Chester is a fantastic community".

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dan Tellup – Renshaw Place. Mr. Tellup questioned the job the Board is doing on student verification. He doesn't think the Board is doing enough. He would like to see a volunteer group to assist in the verification process. Mr. Tellup predicts the building of a new school will not happen. Mr. Tellup said the 3:00 dismissal at the Edison School in particular is a "wild west" show. The kids are not safely being dismissed. He sent pictures to the Mayor of Port Chester.

Liz Rotfeld – 105 Betsy Brown Road. Mrs. Rotfeld echoed Mr. Tellup's comment regarding school dismissal. Edison School is not an isolated issue. King Street School is also dangerous at dismissal. She would like to see more funding to address busing.

TREASURERS REPORT

Upon motion by Ms. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, Treasurers Report for December 2013 was approved:

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TREASURERS REPORT

December 31, 2014

	GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS
BOOK BALANCE BEGINNING OF MONTH	25,552,388.42	301,691.48	103,006.07	(119,867.17)	357,692.03	26,194,910.83
<u>Receipts</u>						
Revenues	1,323,777.02	62,985.92	20,245.22	4.09	439,942.73	
Interfund Transfers		170,129.66	402,886.48			
Sales Tax Receipts			63.09			
Reimbursement of Expense	392,133.40					
Accounts Receivable	154,477.00					
Total Receipts	1,870,387.42	233,115.58	423,194.79	4.09	439,942.73	2,966,644.61

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<u>Disbursements</u>							
Warrant #16		2,395,360.57	33,529.14	163,568.85		6,526.50	
Warrant #17		308,714.97	30,587.77	678.50		490.20	
Warrant #18		36,494.63				425,885.66	
Payroll 12/6/13		1,911,996.04	83,591.33	2,886.48			
Payroll 12/20/13		1,929,609.05	86,538.33	5,188.76			
Debt Service		260,486.25					
Interfund Transfers		573,016.14	41,453.00				
Total Disbursements		7,415,677.65	275,699.57	172,322.59	-	432,902.36	8,296,602.17
BOOK BALANCE	END OF MONTH	20,007,098.19	259,107.49	353,878.27	(119,863.08)	364,732.40	20,864,953.27
		GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS
CASH - BANK BALANCES	Rates						
Chase Bank	0.100%		171,799.36	156,479.36	(143,997.94)	80,876.03	
TD Bank	0.200%	275,898.68					
Hudson Valley Bank	0.048%	2,474.23					
Webster Bank	0.218%	3,150,463.16	48,010.55			1,896.98	
PC Credit Union	0.250%					145,277.96	
MBIA - C.L.A.S.S.	0.000%	2,594,123.19	39,297.58	197,398.91	24,134.86		
Scholarship Invest	various					136,681.43	
Signature Bank	0.500%	13,984,138.93					
TOTAL CASH - BANK BALANCES		20,007,098.19	259,107.49	353,878.27	(119,863.08)	364,732.40	20,864,953.27



Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer

1/31/2014

Date

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the minutes from the November 20th meeting were approved.

Public Hearing

Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood the meeting was open for a Public Hearing at 8:20 pm.

Ms. McAward presented an explanation of the Veterans Tax Exemption Resolution.

Ms. Capeci asked if anyone was willing to address the Board.

Mr. Sean Powers of Hobart Avenue addressed the Board with his comments regarding the Veterans Tax Exemption. He believes the tax exemption to be positive for the veterans and community.

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson the meeting was closed from the Public Hearing at 8:32 pm.

RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, 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 John F. Kennedy School, King Street School, Park Avenue School, and the Thomas A. Edison 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

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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 eleventh day of February, 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**

Saul Aguilar, JFK	Peter Scarpati, King
Keven Garcia, JFK	Courtney Caputo, JFK
Emelie Madeira, JFK	Rahsheek Hill, JFK
Ava Quartarolo, King	Kimberly Morocho, King
Sheysaliz Trejo, JFK	Callie Schultz, King
Alexis Albarracin, JFK	Joseph Cardona, King
Madeline Gomez, Edison	Jayden Kim, King
Jacquelyne Maldonado, JFK	Julieta Muratalla, JFK
Andrew Ramirez, JFK	Sampada Subedi, King
Sheila Umanzor, JFK	Anthony Casterella, Park
Kleiberth Alvarado, King	Gavin LaDore, Park
Cindy Gonzalez, Edison	Mathew Nieves, JFK
Christofer Martinez, JFK	Jennifer Segura, Park
Isabella Ramos, JFK	Jeancarlo Chajon, Park
Aaron Valencia, JFK	Jahdae Levy, JFK
Tracy Andreoli, Park	Joel Oseguera, JFK
Fatima Gonzalez, Edison	Melissa Swift, Edison
Jose Mata, JFK	Talia Colombo, King
Chelsea Reyes, King	Ashley Loja, Park
Ivonne Valencia, JFK	Marelin Orozco, JFK
Nicolas Arnel, King	Enlik Tagasheva, Edison
Abilene Guzman, Edison	Sophia Condori, Park
Lea Maxwell, Park	Wilson Loja, JFK
Jennifer Reyes, JFK	Luis Pantoja, JFK
Marta Vasquez, JFK	Robert Thalheimer, King
Rabel Badia, JFK	Ashanti Daur, Edison
Francis Haggerty, Edison	Brenda Lopez, JFK
Rosa Medina, JFK	Charlie Pena, Park
Oscar Reyes, JFK	Kimberly Torres, JFK
Alexandra Vega, Park	Jane Dominguez, Park
David Barriga, JFK	Jennifer Lopez, King
Lily Hay, King	Thomas Perrone, Park
Mario Melendez, JFK	Paola Torres, King
Julia Rios, King	Natali Fiscal, Edison
Leslie Vargas, JFK	Karolyn Lopez, JFK
Casey Basso, King	Kathryn Petyluk, King
Eswin Hernandez, Park	Brithney Tuba, JFK
Brandon Molano, Park	Jocelyn Garcia, JFK
Antonio Roman, JFK	Mike Lopez, JFK
Emily Basurto, JFK	Steven Pintado, JFK
Giselle Hernandez, JFK	Rolando Turcios, JFK
Denis Molina, JFK	Sheysaliz Trejo, JFK
Thomas Ross, King	Sheila Umanzor, JFK
Celeste Batres, Edison	Aaron Valencia, JFK
Laura Hernandez, Edison	Ivonne Valencia, JFK
Robert Morel Batista, King	Marta Vasquez, JFK
David Sanchez, JFK	Alexandra Vega, Park
Daishanea Bruce, JFK	Leslie Vargas, JFK
Angel Herrera, JFK	
Nicole Morgan, Edison	
Steven Sanchez, JFK	
Marjorie Candreva, King	
Steven Hightower, King	
Emily Morocho, JFK	

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4th Grade Teachers

King: Suzanne Rubenstien, Maria Laina Sileo, Christine Alessi,
Christine Truance
Edison: Kelly Budde, Amy Simmons, Lovely Washington

JFK: Kristin Pascuzzi, Karla Purcell, Jennifer Curti, Kate Albero
Lester Ramirez, Erica Fuller
Park: Jennifer Carriero-Dominguez, Lucille Cappello, Tina Truini

Leadership

Ivan Tolentino, Principal, Edison Louis Cuglietto, Principal, JFK
Samuel Ortiz, Principal, King Rosa Taylor, Principal, Park
Carlos Sanchez, Director of Curriculum and Assessment

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

B. **RESOLVED**, that the tuition rates for the 2013-2014 school year be approved:

2013-2014 Tuition Rates

Regular Instruction

K - 6	\$9,089
7 - 12	\$13,853

Special Education Students with Disabilities

K - 6	\$41,834
7 - 12	\$46,598
Consortium Schools	\$24,000

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

C. **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“ACA”) for variable hour employees, the District is required to establish a Standard Measurement Period and adopt a Stability Period;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District establishes the 12-month period from July 1 through June 30 as the Standard Measurement Period and the following 12-month period as the corresponding Stability Period.

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 authorize the school District Treasurer to pay General Fund, Federal Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Trust & Agency Fund and Capital Fund bill schedules, and Payrolls as well as complete budget transfers as necessary. Said bill schedules, payrolls, and transfers will be approved by the Board of Education at the first available board meeting.

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 approve the attendance to the following conferences as noted below:

	Name	Conference	Date	Amount	Funded
10	Edison School Parents	NYSABE(New York State Association Bilingual Education) Conference 2014	March 6 th 2014	\$1250.00	Grant Funded Title 3
1	Edison Professional	NYSABE(New York State Association Bilingual Education) Conference 2014	March 6 th – March 8 th 2014	\$691.00	Grant Funded Title 3

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

F. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District authorize the following budget transfer:

TRANSFER TO	TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	REASON
A2250 472 10 4529	A2250 471 10 4529	\$68,712.00	Liquidation of one purchase order adding to another for two out of district students.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, 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 \$1,000 from the Port Chester Middle School Band Association to the Port Chester Middle School Band, for the purchase of a new Timpani (kettle drum).

REQUEST FOR ACTION

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the Request for Action 1 to 23 was approved:

The Superintendent recommends action on the following matters. Resolved that

1. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Mayra Sollazzo, Thornwood, New York, as Elementary Teacher at Park Avenue School, beginning approximately January 24, 2014 through February 24, 2014. Mrs. Sollazzo 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.
2. Elizabeth Florencio, Brooklyn, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Mayra Sollazzo as Elementary Teacher at Park Avenue School effective approximately January 24, 2014 through February 24, 2014 at an anticipated daily rate of \$125.
3. An Extended Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Ashley Glod-Hayes, Mt. Kisco, New York as Elementary Teacher at the Middle School, beginning February 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014. Beginning January 6, 2014, she will be on a Family Medical Leave without pay; but benefits will continue to a maximum of 12 weeks. The remainder of the leave shall be without pay or benefits and she will not advance in seniority nor will said leave be counted for longevity purposes.
4. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2013-2014 school year:

Chris Kazim	Special Education Teacher – 6 th Period – Second Semester - High School	\$3,158
Carlos Gomez	New York State Math Module Proofreader – Spanish Translation - District	42 per hour
Rosa Pena	New York State Math Module Proofreader – Spanish Translation - District	42 per hour
Elizabeth Curley	Title I Screening Team Participant – District	42 per hour
Ynthia Ponce	Title I Screening Team Participant – District	42 per hour
Yvette Vera-Pignato	Title I Screening Team Participant – District	42 per hour
Jorge Carreno	Title I Screening Team Participant – District	42 per hour
Diana Pennino	Title I Screening Team Participant – District	42 per hour
Jaimi Kennedy	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Michelle Cardoso	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Jennifer Curti	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Kate Albero	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Karla Purcell	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Erica Fuller	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Lester Ramirez	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Nadia Papa	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Philip Gambino	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Megan Cappiello	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Linda Fortugno	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Richard Gregory	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Paige Sileo	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Enrique Tovar	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Cheryle Washington	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour
Luz Camacho	After School Program Substitute Teacher – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour

5. 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>
Jean Marie Guzman	Reaching Students Through Character Education	3 Professional	Spring '14		Development Institute
Jenna Garguilo	Google as a Classroom Tool for Learning	3 Professional	Spring '14		Development Institute
Jenna Garguilo	Effectively Using iPads to Transform the Classroom	3 Professional	Spring '14		Development Institute

6. 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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Christina Motta
Marisa Medina
Elizabeth Florencio
Margaret Bradley
Bianca Cooper
Jack Bramswig
Miriam Pantoja
Drew Barlaam

Leah Unger
Kelly Brucale
Meghan Aldridge
Lisa Fitzpatrick
Chanelle Bland
Rachel Fuller
Jaclyn Vazquez

Theresa D'Angelo
Craig Foster
Kerry Dodenhoff
Candace Finnegan
Samantha Felder
John Martin
Eric Schulkin

7. The following individuals be appointed to provide consultant services and/or their stipend amounts be amended from the June 19, 2013 and July 2, 2013 board agendas for the High School Band for the 2013-2014 school year. Expenses will be reimbursed to the district by the Port Chester High School Band Association:

Dan Marcone	Percussion – his stipend be reduced from \$800 to \$700
Brett Lupi	Percussion – his stipend be reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,000
Robert Kogut	Percussion – his stipend be reduced from \$800 to \$700
Jeremy Wexler	Percussion be appointed at a \$1,200 stipend

8. Sandra Fiorino, Port Chester, New York, having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted permanent status as Teacher Aide, King Street School, effective March 5, 2014.
9. Darlene Wheeler, Port Chester, New York, having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted permanent status as Lunch Monitor, Port Chester Middle School, effective February 13, 2014.
10. Anne Bueti, Rye Brook, New York, having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner, be granted permanent status as Registered Professional Nurse (School), John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center, effective March 5, 2014.
11. A change of status be granted to Elsa Salmon, Port Chester, New York from Lunch Monitor (10 month, 3 hours/day) John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center to Temporary 1:1 Teacher Aide, Grade III, Step 1, (10 month, 6 hours/day) effective February 6, 2014. Her assignment will be at John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center Special Education.
12. A change of status be granted to Jason Gamble, Jr., Port Chester, New York, from Cleaner Step 1, (12 month, 8 hours/day) Port Chester High School/King Street School, to Custodial Worker, Step 1, (12 month, 8 hours/day) effective February 10, 2014. His assignment will be John F. Kennedy School.
13. Areyls Hidalgo, Port Chester, New York be approved for a temporary appointment as Lunch Monitor, 3 hours/day, 10-months, at the rate of \$10.50 an hour effective February 6, 2014 – June 30, 2014. Her assignment will be John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center. Ms. Hidalgo is NYS Fingerprint cleared.
14. The resignation of Lily Mutino, Port Chester, New York, as Lunch Monitor (3 hours/day, 10-months), King Street School, be accepted effective January 17, 2014.
15. After 15 years, and 3 months, with the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, the retirement of Marcos DelPezo, Custodial Worker, Park Avenue School, be accepted effective end of business January 17, 2014.
16. Jarren Gooden, Mt. Vernon, New York, be appointed as a Probationary Cleaner (8 hours/day, 12 months/year) effective February 26, 2014. Mr. Gooden is NYS Fingerprint Cleared. His assignment will be split between Port Chester High School and King Street School.
17. 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 February 6, 2014 – June 30, 2014 unless otherwise noted. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

Catherine Furano-Sapia (Effective 1/21/14-6/30/14)
Fran Ruello (Effective 2/4/14-6/30/14)
Elsa Salmon (Effective 1/21/14-2/5/14)
Emelio Stio

18. The following individual(s) be approved as Cleaner Substitute(s) at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective February 6, 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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19. Amend Item Number 16 of the January 15, 2014 Request for Action as follows:

Eric Snyder, Port Chester, New York be approved for a probationary appointment as Lunch Monitor, 3 hours/day, 10-months, at the rate of \$10.50 an hour effective January 21, 2014. His assignment will be Port Chester High School. Mr. Snyder is NYS Fingerprint cleared.

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20. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$19,535.99, Schedule #9, dated January 30, 2014 be approved for the 2013-2014 school year.

21. Warrant #20, including in-between checks, dated January 29, 2014, be approved:

General Fund	\$1,141,973.05
Federal Fund	55,067.01
Cafeteria Fund	129,522.07
Trust & Agency Fund	1,468,075.19
Capital Fund	0

22. Warrants #21 and #22, including in-between checks, dated February 5, 2014, be approved:

General Fund	\$865,910.07
Federal Fund	9,872.50
Cafeteria Fund	2,711.03
Trust & Agency Fund	798,280.39
Capital Fund	0

23. The following payrolls be approved:

General Fund – January 17, 2014	\$1,729,716.94
General Fund – January 31, 2014	1,750,894.81
Federal Fund – January 17, 2014	86,804.83
Federal Fund – January 31, 2014	88,050.09

Board of Education Issues

Mr. Fanelli gave a resident verification update and provided statistics to the completed student cases.

Board of Education Roundtable

Mrs. Brakewood attended the Diane Ravitch presentation. The Godspell performance was wonderful.

PCMS did a wonderful job at the Martin Luther King celebration.

On Thursday night the PCHS students will host a Valentines Cabaret.

On Saturday night the PCHS Select Chorus will sing back up at a Foreigner Concert.

Mrs. Brakewood will be attending an education committee meeting with the NAACP.

Mr. Johnson showed the audience the number of signed letters from parents regarding the loss of funds for Port Chester Schools.

Mr. Johnson also attended the Diane Ravitch presentation.

Ms. Capeci had lunch with George Latimer and was reassured Senator Latimer will continue to speak up for Port Chester.

Mr. Fanelli talked about the number of snow days and he was thankful for the proactive approach in building 8 snow days into the calendar.

Ms. Capeci stated the Board would go into Executive Session and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood and seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried the meeting was adjourned and moved into Executive Session at 9:00 pm.