

Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District

January 15, 2014

Regular Meeting Minutes

King Street School

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

Also Present: Dr. Edward Kliszus, 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)

The Board met for Executive Session at 6:30 pm to discuss pending litigation.

Mrs. Capeci called the meeting to order at 7:19. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS

Ms. Capeci requested a moment of silence for a 1940 Port Chester High School graduate Mr. Dan Bologna.

Ms. Capeci continued with a "Shout Out" for former Port Chester Graduates. At this meeting she acknowledged PCHS graduates Andrew and Steven Maloro both took 18 college credits while at PCHS and as a result and graduated in 3 ½ years from Quinnepiac College. Dr. Kliszus opened the meeting with the presentation of Student and Staff recognitions and began with resolution A.

Mr. Cuglietto gave a brief summary on the Engage New York website and noted how proud Port Chester should be with Port Chester teachers appearing on the Engage NY website.

Teachers were called to the podium to accept their certificates of recognition.

Dr. Kliszus read out loud Resolution B for the New York State testing and called each child to the podium to receive their certificate of recognition.

Ken Kraut took to the podium for resolution C and read out loud the recipients for the All-County acceptance recognitions. Students received their certificates of recognition from Mr. Kraut.

Mrs. Capeci introduced the King Street School Principal address.

Principal, Samuel Ortiz gave a slide presentation on the King Street School vision and outlined current success and the challenges the school currently faces with Common Core.

Mr. Corbia congratulated Mr. Ortiz on a fine presentation and expressed fond memories from his days at King Street School.

Mrs. Brakewood thanked the school staff for everything they do on a daily basis. Mrs. Brakewood asked Mr. Ortiz how Common Core has affected students at King Street in the ELA area and questioned the creativity required for meet students to succeed.. Mr. Ortiz explained how teachers have had to shift their thinking.

Mr. Johnson thanked Mr. Ortiz for a wonderful presentation. Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Ortiz, "How have the parents reacted to ELA and intense instruction?" Mr. Ortiz said there has definitely been some push back and frustration from parents not understanding their children's homework. Mr. Ortiz suggested a workshop for parents in the near future.

Mr. Dreves spoke briefly about Common Core. He commended the staff of King Street School and asked for a round of applause for the teachers. Mr. Dreves acknowledged the wonderful PTA and commended Mr. Ortiz for coming aboard in a very seamless way.

Mrs. Capeci complimented Mr. Ortiz on doing an extraordinary job.

Dr. Klizus commended Mr. Ortiz for a concise report and complimented the wonderful learning environment at the school.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Neil Pagano, Mayor of Port Chester – Besty Brown Rd. He spoke as Mr. Neil Pagano and not on behalf of the Board of Trustees. He expressed his overall concern with the Board of Education passing resolution H "Resolution to Discourage Housing Projects Student Enrollment in the District". Mr. Pagano's speech is on file.

Mr. Tellup – Renshaw Place. Mr. Tellup disagreed with the term vigilantism as it may pertain to his activities. He is going from school to school and train stations taking license plates numbers down and submitting them to the Board of Education. He will present pictures for the next Board meeting

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from Edison school on Orchard Street. He noted that he has chased cars away that were double and triple parked. He expressed concern for the safety of the children.

Isabelle Greenhue – 220 Columbus Avenue. She asked the Board to give careful consideration to maintain the girls swim team upon designing the upcoming school budget. She thanked Astrid Vargas, the student responsible for the swim team. It has given the High School students a wonderful opportunity.

Robert Reese – 70 Munson Street. The last Board of Education meeting (December 11th) reminded him of a scene from the Planet of the Apes due to the infighting from the Board. He defended Mr. Johnson’s efforts and reminded the public of Mr. Johnson’s trips to Albany. Mr. Reese addressed Mr. Corbia and criticized his proposal for a 10% cut across the board that not exercise good judgment and cited such statements as reckless. He urged Mr. Corbia to be prudent when talking about the budget. He couldn’t be more proud to have children in the Port Chester Schools.

Peter Fineman – Milton Court. He hopes the recent performance of Flashbacks will be an annual event. He urged the community to find social studies in their own backyard.

Ms. Capeci suggested to Mr. Fineman that a call to Dr. Klisuz may be of beneficial to him and the school district.

Heather Paul – Hobart Avenue. Thinks it is wonderful the Mayor came to the meeting. The school population is a bother to most and questioned the rumor about the possibility of building a new school. Please make the budget transparent.

Gary Sullivan – 109 Puritan Drive. We have to do a better job expressing what great things Port Chester schools are doing. His children are in the bi-lingual program and wants people to know how wonderful it is. Mr. Sullivan also expressed frustration that the first Monday of each month as a ½ day. It is very difficult to for a parent to take off from work. Mr. Sullivan questioned the inconsistent comments of Mr. Corbia over the budget.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

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TREASURERS REPORT

November 30, 2013

	GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS
BOOK BALANCE BEGINNING OF MONTH	22,015,680.04	438,623.21	190,711.14	65,955.95	359,366.32	23,070,336.66
<u>Receipts</u>						
Revenues	12,009,583.61	12,783.20	25,666.40	4.20	127,460.91	
Interfund Transfers		87,168.33	12,895.47			
Sales Tax Receipts			62.05			
Reimbursement of Expense	378,929.86					
Accounts Receivable	898,422.76				752.30	
Total Receipts	13,286,936.23	99,951.53	38,623.92	4.20	128,213.21	13,553,729.09
<u>Disbursements</u>						
Warrant #13	79,342.63	16,773.77	112,020.18	185,827.32	56,867.80	
Warrant 14	879,264.03	46,465.69	1,413.34		73,019.70	
Warrant #15	42,238.55					
Accounts Payable	18,129.35					
Payroll 11/8/2013	1,971,854.64	86,475.47	8,300.41			
Coach's Payroll 11/27/13	133,144.11	2,800.00				
Payroll 11/22/2013	1,955,570.20	84,368.33	4,595.06			
TRS Payment	4,570,620.54					
Interfund Transfers	100,063.80					
Total Disbursements	9,750,227.85	236,883.26	126,328.99	185,827.32	129,887.50	10,429,154.92

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BOOK BALANCE MONTH	END OF	25,552,388.42	301,691.48	103,006.07	(119,867.17)	357,692.03	26,194,910.83
		GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS
CASH - BANK BALANCES	Rates						
	Chase Bank	0.100%	171,785.25	100,418.46	(144,001.37)	73,861.09	
	TD Bank	0.200%	275,853.33				
	Hudson Valley Bank	0.049%	2,474.13				
	Webster Bank	0.175%	3,113,156.58	90,609.81		1,871.55	
	PC Credit Union	0.250%				145,277.96	
	MBIA - C.L.A.S.S.	0.035%	8,180,787.69	39,296.42	2,587.61	24,134.20	
	Scholarship Invest	various				136,681.43	
	Signature Bank	0.350%	13,980,116.69				
TOTAL CASH - BANK BALANCES		25,552,388.42	301,691.48	103,006.07	(119,867.17)	357,692.03	26,194,910.83



Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer

1/9/2014

Date

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Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the minutes from the October 30th meeting were approved.

RESOLUTIONS

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

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

WHEREAS, the faculty and staff of the John F. Kennedy School have distinguished themselves by their selection by the New York State Education Department to be filmed and featured on the Engage New York web site; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education endeavors to recognize publicly and honor its esteemed staff members for this distinction; 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 their commitment and service;

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

Faculty and Staff

Melissa Coletti
Jenn Curti
Diana Gonzalez
Jorge Santos
Shawna Squillace

Leadership

Louis Cuglietto, JFK Principal
Judy Diaz, JFK Assistant Principal

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson 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 John F. Kennedy School, King Street School, Park Avenue School, and the Thomas A. Edison School have distinguished themselves for academic achievement as reflecting in the New York State Testing Program during the 2012-13 school year,

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 fifteenth day of January, two thousand fourteen, hereby publicly acknowledges the outstanding accomplishments of its honorees.

**A Score of "3" or Higher on Two New York State Testing
Program Assessments for the 2012-13 School Year
Grade 3 ELA & Math
Standard Achieved – ELA and Math, Level 3**

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Francisco Aguilar – JFK
Marlon Aguilar – JFK
Kenneth Alarcon –JFK
Sanai Ash – King
Karen Ayala – JFK
Josselinne Ayavaca – King
Harrison Callaway – King
Jairo Carias – JFK
Madeline Cole Short – King
Nicholas Cortese – Park
Breanna Coyt – JFK
Eddy Criollo – King
Victoria DeSouza – King
Jason Gonzalez – Park
Tyler Heckel – Park

Daniel Hinz – King
Francle Loja – JFK
Walter Lopez – JFK
William Manos – Park
Taylor Martin – JFK
Gabriel Maurad – JFK
Madison Ostrowski – Park
Christopher Pascale – King
Franklin Perez – King
Michael Perrone – Park
Dylan Ramos – King
Dylan Reyes – JFK
Emilio Reza – King
Elizabeth Richardson – JFK
Leopoldo Rodriguez – Park

Zuleimi Rodriguez – Edison
Noah Rotfeld – King
Siena Russo – King
Bennett Segal – King
Jaqueline Soto – Edison
Leena Sterr – King
Daphne Sullivan – Park
Elizabet Tlaseca – JFK
Angel Torres – JFK
Christian Torres – King
Diego Umanzor – JFK
Jose Valdovinos – JFK
Anahi Vargas – Edison
Milly Wong – King

3rd Grade Teachers

Lorraine Amaral – Edison
Aletta Eliseo – Edison
Jennifer Curti – JFK
Kristin Pascuzzi – JFK
Lester Ramirez – JFK

Ann Rose Santoro – JFK
Tana Gullotta – King
Patricia Johnson – King
Maureen Mott – King
Marah Castiglia – Park

Michelle Santucci – Park
Ellen Telep – Edison
Kathryn Albergo – JFK

Leadership

Mr. Louis Cuglietto, Principal
Mr. Samuel J. Ortiz, Principal
Ms. Rosa Taylor, Principal
Mr. Ivan Tolentino, Principal
Mr. Carlos Sanchez, Director
Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

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

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

WHEREAS, students and staff of Port Chester High School, Port Chester Middle School and the Port Chester Elementary Schools have distinguished themselves by their acceptance into prestigious Westchester County School Music Association's ensembles; 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 fifteenth day of January, two thousand fourteen, hereby publicly acknowledges the outstanding accomplishments of its honorees.

Elementary All-County Chorus

John F. Kennedy: Viviana Donis, Soprano, Giselle Hernandez, Soprano, Jahdae Levy, Alto, Ivonne Valencia, Alto
Thomas A. Edison: Nicole Morgan, Soprano, Kiara Roque, Soprano, Madeline Gomez, Alto, Abilene Guzman, Alto
King Street: Julia Rios, Soprano, Gianna Villanova, Soprano, Sophia Reis, Alto, Callie Schultz, Alto, King St

Elementary All-County Chorus

Park Avenue: Lea Maxwell, Soprano, Adriana Ortega, Soprano, racy Andreoli, Alto, Miranda Boyce, Alto
PCMS: Fatima Leguiza, Soprano, Faith Tomasula, Soprano, Lindsey Co, Alto, Gabriella Kessler, Alto

Elementary All-County Band

King Street: Nicolas Arnel, Trumpet
PCMS: Lindsey Co, Flute, Lyndsay Rosenfeld, Flute, Molly Brakewood, Trumpet – PCMS

Intermediate All-County Chorus

PCMS: Gisella McCallion, Soprano, Sabrina Vumbacco, Soprano, Lily Baxter, Alto, Darby McDermott, Alto,
Jason Hodge, Baritone, Robert Perrone, Baritone, Erica Margiotta, Soprano, Elizabeth Montemurro, Soprano
PCHS: Jennifer Lucero, Alto, Rashel Velasquez, Alto, Robert Gonzalez, Baritone, Elio Jiminez, Baritone

Teachers

Linda Ventura, Chorus Director, PCHS
Linda McDermott, Band Director, PCMS
Mark Zizolfo, Chorus Director, PCMS
Michael Miceli, Band Director, King St.
Kristen D'Avanzo, Chorus Director, JFK
Kristin Fleming, Chorus Director, King St/Park Ave.
Michael Johnson, Chorus Director, Edison

Leadership

Kenneth Kraut, Department Chair
Dr. Mitchell Combs, Principal, PCHS
Patrick Swift, Principal, PCMS
Louis Cuglietto, Principal, JFK
Samuel Ortiz, Principal, King St.
Rosa Taylor, Principal, Park Ave.
Ivan Tolentino, Principal, Edison

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Upon motion by Mr. Dreves, 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 approve the adoption for the following Board Policies:
- 1120 SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS
 - 1120.E.1 APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO RECORDS
 - 1120.E.2 AGENCY REPOSENSE TO REQUEST FOR RECORDS
 - 1120.R SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS
 - 4321 PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISAB UNDER IDEA AND NY ED LAW ART 89
 - 4526 COMPUTER USE IN INSTRUCTION
 - 4526.R COMPUTER USE IN INSTRUCTION
 - 4773 DIPLOMA AND CREDENTIAL OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
 - 5151 HOMELESS CHILDREN
 - 5151.R HOMELESS CHILDREN
 - 5300.10 DEFINITIONS DIGNITY ACT
 - 5300.15 CODE OF CONDUCT STUDENT RIGHTS RESPONSIBILITIES
 - 5300.20 ESSENTIAL PARTNERS
 - 5300.30 PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT
 - 5300.60 SEARCHES AND INTERROGATIONS
 - 5300.65 VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS
 - 5300.70 PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY
 - 5300.75 DISSEMINATION AND REVIEW CODE OF CONDUCT
 - 5500 STUDENT RECORDS
 - 5500.R STUDENT RECORDS
 - 5500.E.1 FERPA NOTICE
 - 5500.E.2 FERPA NOTICE SAMPLE FORM
 - 5500.E.3 STUDENT RECORDS EXHIBIT DIRECTORY INFORMATION SAMPLE FORM
 - 5500.E.4 SAMPLE NOTIFICATION - DISCLOSURE TO THE MILITARY
 - 5500.E.5 NOTICE REGARDING ACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS AND STUDENT INFORMATION SAMPLE FORM
 - 6900 DISPOSAL OF DISTRICT PROPERTY
 - 9350 STAFF REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS
 - 9520.2 FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE
 - 9520.2.R FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

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 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:

- 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	Sam Ortiz	February Network Team Institute	February 6 th – 7 th 2014	\$326.00	General Fund
2	Louis Cuglietto	February Network Team Institute	February 6 th – 7 th 2014	\$326.00	General Fund
4	Chris Zidik	February Network Team Institute	February 6 th – 7 th 2014	\$326.00	General Fund

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

G. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District amend the contract awarded to Furst & Associates for the service of Public Relations Consultant on July 2, 2013 for the amount of \$34,000/yr to \$38,250/yr.

Vendor	Service	Amount	Reason
Furst & Associates	Public Relations Consultant	\$38,250/yr	Increase in demand for hours from 800 to 900 per year.

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

Mr. Corbia Abstained

H. Resolution to Discourage Housing Projects that Increase Student Enrollment in the District

WHEREAS, the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District is a separate municipality encompassing the Village of Port Chester and parts of Rye Brook, with its own budget funded by the taxpayers of the Town of Rye within our geographic area; and

WHEREAS, the school district enrollment has seen a dramatic increase of 16% (or 619) in student enrollment since 2007; and

WHEREAS, the school district has been experiencing maximum classroom and classroom capacity and room utilization for several years; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue its mission to provide an excellent education and “Success for Every Student,” the school district does not wish to increase classroom sizes further; and

WHEREAS, the school district buildings cannot readily accommodate additional students; and

WHEREAS, the district is already renting classroom space at the Holy Rosary School/JFK Early Learning Center to accommodate over enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the school district historically spends the least per pupil in Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, the school district is hampered by and the taxpayer is burdened by inadequate state funding and unfunded state mandates; and

WHEREAS, the school district has successfully kept tax increases within the state calculated tax levy cap; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District calls upon the Villages of Port Chester and Rye Brook to discourage additional large scale residential developments within the area known as Port Chester-Rye UFSB because it will increase student enrollment in our schools, exacerbate overcrowded classrooms, increase school taxes, and potentially diminish student achievement.

Discussion regarding above Resolution H:

Ms. Capeci called for a discussion.

Mr. Dreves said the resolution was developed in part due extreme frustration. He is frustrated with the village for considering the development of the Untied Hospital site. Mr. Dreves is also frustrated with the number of home fires due to illegal housing. Mr. Dreves was willing to table the resolution for more review.

Mr. Corbia agrees with Mr. Dreves. He thinks the Board should table it and compare to Mayor Pagano’s remarks.

Mr. Dreves does not feel the village is doing enough to fight the amount of illegal housing. The Mariner is proof children will be added to the school system due to the 12 students who were added to the district from the Mariner.

Mr. Johnson said we could table the resolution. The issue is safety and he believes more creative thinking is needed as well as additional conversations regarding the resolution.

Mrs. Brakewood urged the village to fix the current housing issues in Port Chester. We do not need any additional large scale housing.

Ms. Capeci stated her disappointment in the Board for swaying their opinion on resolution H.

Ms. Capeci was in disagreement with tabling the resolution and did not feel the Board should change their position.

Ms. Capeci said the resolution clearly stated the school districts position by pleading to discourage housing projects.

Ms. Capeci referred to the Starwood Development. The original proposal is very different from the current proposal.

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Mr. Johnson agreed to change his position in favor of the resolution.

Ms. Capeci said she would like to see the resolution passed and presented reasons why.

Mr. Dreves said he does not want a 3-2 vote and requested to add wording to the resolution.
 Mrs. Brakewood suggested adding “large scale” residential development.

Mr. Dreves agreed to “large scale” and agreed to vote in favor of the resolution.
 Four members of the Board voted in favor of passing the resolution as noted above, with Mr. Corbia abstaining.

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

- I. 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.

	Name	Program	Rate	Term	Funded
1	Gladys Vera	District Translation for the 2013-2014 school year	\$7,000	2013-2014 school year	Title III

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 \$3,600 from the Port Chester Town of Rye Council of Community Services, INC. The funds are to be used for supplies for the John F. Kennedy School Garden Project.

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood 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 \$2500 from Mr. and Mrs. Lou Larizza of Port Chester, for the purchase PCHS Basketball shoes and sweatshirts.

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood 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 \$2500 from the King Street PTA, for the purchase of classroom library books.

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 \$1,500 from the Rye YMCA. The funds are to be applied to the Port Chester Middle School Garden Project.

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 \$1,500 from the Rye YMCA. The funds are to be applied to the John F. Kennedy School Garden Project.

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 \$1023.00 for the purchase of 33 Basketball Shooting Shirts for the Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball teams. This donation is from an anonymous donor

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Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the Request for Action 1-21 was approved:

REQUEST FOR ACTION

The Superintendent recommends action on the following matters. Resolved that

1. The appointment at the August 29, 2013 board meeting of Monika Vargova, Mamaroneck, New York for a partial year leave replacement appointment as Elementary Teacher, at 98% of Step 1-Level 6 (pro-rated) of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective approximately September 20, 2013 through March 14, 2014 be amended. This leave replacement will now continue through June 26, 2014. She replaces Erica Rice who is on a Maternity Leave of Absence.
2. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Kristin Pascuzzi, Harrison, New York, as Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School, beginning approximately February 3, 2014 through April 21, 2014. Mrs. Pascuzzi 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. The appointment at the December 11, 2013 board meeting of Diane Windas, Sleepy Hollow, New York as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Giselle Ferraro as Mathematics Teacher at the High School effective approximately January 6, 2014 through April 10, 2014 at an anticipated daily rate of \$125 be amended. Mrs. Windas began the assignment on December 16, 2013. If this assignment extends past 60 days, the anticipated daily rate will be \$150.
4. Maryanne Magnotta, Harrison, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Brooke Magnotta as Special Education Teacher at the Middle School effective approximately January 7, 2014 through May 23, 2014 at an anticipated daily rate of \$150.
5. Mark Fiore, Harrison, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Allison Silverman as Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher at the Middle School effective approximately January 2, 2014 through February 28, 2014 at an anticipated daily rate of \$125. If this assignment extends past 60 days, the anticipated daily rate will be \$150.
6. Phil Gambino, Harrison, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Kristin Pascuzzi as Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School effective approximately February 3, 2014 through April 10, 2014 at an anticipated daily rate of \$125. If this assignment extends past 60 days, the anticipated daily rate will be \$150.
7. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2013-2014 school year:

Marc Latasa	Regents Prep Teacher – High School	\$42 per hour
Diantha Barone	IB Department Chairperson – High School	2,756
Juan Sanchez	IB Department Chairperson – High School	2,756

8. 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>
Heather Temple	Integrated Interactive Whiteboards Into the Curriculum	3	Professional Development Institute	Fall '13
Heather Temple	Bullying: Awareness, Prevention, And Intervention	3	Professional Development Institute	Fall '13

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Semester</u>
Michael Desharnais	Microsoft Office – Outlook, Access And Excel	3	IT University	Fall '13
Sara Morabito	Teaching Students w/Special Needs In Mainstream Class	3	Professional Development Institute	Fall '13
Sara Morabito	Introduction to the Common Core State Standards	3	Professional Development Institute	Fall '13

9. The following individual(s) be appointed Athletic Event Supervisor(s) 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:

Eric Snyder

10. 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:

Brody Davis	Gary Mase	Rebecca Diaz	Matthew Ciraco
Jarren Gooden	Justin Grey	Brenda Burke	Maryanne Magnotta

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Ron Weckessar

Carly Ippolito

Cristina Samaniego

11. Laurie Catalano, Port Chester, New York, having performed her duties in a competent, efficient and satisfactory manner be granted permanent status as Teacher Aide, Grade I, Park Avenue School Special Education, effective February 3, 2014.
12. A change of status be granted to Cleveland Alford, Port Chester, New York from Lunch Monitor, 3 hours/day, 10-months at a rate of \$10.50/hour to Part-time Cleaner, 3.5 hours/day, 10-months, Step 1, (\$15.13/hour; 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.). This will be effective January 16, 2014. His assignment is John F. Kennedy Magnet School.
13. A temporary change of status be granted to Giselle Noriega, Port Chester, New York from Lunch Monitor, 3 hours/day, 10-months at a rate of \$10.50/hour to Teacher Aide, Grade III, Step 1, (1:1), 29.5 hours/week (\$16.43/hour) effective December 16, 2013 – December 20, 2013. Assignment will resume when student returns to school (dates to be determined). Her assignment is John F. Kennedy Magnet School Special Education.
14. The following individuals be approved as Teacher Aide, Lunch Monitor or Clerical Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective January 16, 2014 – June 30, 2014 unless otherwise noted. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

Janet Bellantoni
 Jarren Gooden (Effective 12/16/13 – 6/30/14)
 Tommy Grey
 Elsa Salmon, at a rate of \$16.43/hour (Effective 1/2/14-1/31/14)

15. The following individual(s) be approved as Cleaner Substitute(s) at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective January 16, 2014 – June 30, 2014 unless otherwise noted. Said appointee(s) may also serve as long-term substitute(s), if and when required, at Step 1 of the Cleaner CSEA pay scales. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

Jarren Gooden (Effective 12/16/13 – 6/30/14)

16. Eric Snyder, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Lunch Monitor, part-time, three hours/day, 10 months at a rate of \$10.50 an hour effective January 16, 2014. His assignment will be Port Chester High School. Mr. Snyder is NYS Fingerprint cleared.

17. Amend Item Number 11 of the December 11, 2013 Request for Action as follows:

Yeny Rodriguez, Rye Brook, New York be appointed as the Dual Language Parent Liaison at Park Avenue School effective December 12, 2013. Ms. Rodriguez will get paid through the Dual Language Grant in an amount not to exceed \$4,800 at a rate of \$20/hour for her services. NYS Fingerprint Clearance was received on December 5, 2013.

18. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$122,036.37, Schedule # 8, dated January 10, 2014 be approved for the 2013-2014 school year.

19. Warrant #17, including in-between checks, dated December 18, 2013, be approved:

General Fund	\$308,714.97
Federal Fund	30,587.77
Cafeteria Fund	678.50
Trust & Agency Fund	(13,902.30)
Capital Fund	0

20. Warrants #18 and #19, including in-between checks, dated January 15, 2014, be approved:

General Fund	\$2,342,772.01
Federal Fund	49,488.71
Cafeteria Fund	121,679.00
Trust & Agency Fund	1,298,972.21
Capital Fund	0

21. The following payrolls be approved:

General Fund – December 20, 2013	\$1,735,728.84
General Fund – January 3, 2014	1,701,829.28
Federal Fund – December 20, 2013	86,538.33
Federal Fund – January 3, 2014	78,708.83

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Ms. McAward provided a brief presentation on the Veteran's Tax Exemption proposal.

Board of Education Roundtable

Mr. Johnson announced the upcoming Diane Ravitch presentation. He reminded everyone of the February 21st Martin Luther King celebration at the Port Chester Middle School.

Mr. Dreves responded to the plea to continue the swim team and said it was the Board's desire to continue the program. In addition Mr. Dreves would like to see the Village Liaison meeting take place sooner than later.

Mrs. Brakewood wished everyone a Happy New Year. Edison school will begin their quest for funding or a school garden. The Wellness day is Monday, April 7th.

Mr. Corbia saw a recent article in the Journal News regarding the Intel Science scholarships and asked the Board to consider having our students enter the contest.

Ms. Capeci would like the District Clerk to set up meetings with the Board of Education Committees and their prospective partners.

Dr. Kliszus voiced appreciation for the cooperation from families regarding snow days. He reminded the public of the information on the District website regarding the loss in Foundation Aid. There will a Martin Luther King celebration on January 21nd at the Middle School.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood and seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 pm.

Upon Motion by Mr. Corbia and seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried the meeting was moved into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.