

Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District
Board of Education – Regular Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2016 – Port Chester Middle School

Present: Robert Johnson, President; James Dreves, Vice President; and Trustees Anne Capeci, Carolee C. Brakewood, and Christopher Wolff, Trustee

Also Present: Dr. Edward A. Kliszus, Superintendent of Schools; Maura J. McAward, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Joseph Durney, Assistant Superintendent for Grants and Personnel, Cathy A. Maggi, District Clerk; Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer

Call to Order

Mr. Johnson called a public meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President's Opening Remarks

Mr. Johnson in his opening remarks read a letter from Speaker of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie thanking us from his visit. Dr. Kliszus commented on the reasons why we recognize the students for their achievements in academics as well as athletics. All members of the Board of Education and Dr. Kliszus recognized students and staff for the following honors:

- Middle School Grade 8 New York State Assessments
- 2015 Varsity Cheerleaders
- 2015 Varsity Wrestling
- 2015 All League Wrestling and Bowling Selections

Mr. Johnson called for a 5 minute recess at 7:40 p.m. for the students to go home and do their homework and at 7:45 p.m., the meeting was called back in session.

Report From Superintendent

Request for Action

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

The Superintendent recommends action on the following matters. Resolved that

1. The appointment of Peter Bermudez, Bronx, New York at the June 23, 2015 board meeting be amended to be reduced from a three-year to a two-year probationary appointment as Special Education Teacher, at Step 4-Level 6 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Collectively Negotiated Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017. Verification of tenure and APPR scores in his previous district were received. Mr. Bermudez received a B.S. Degree from Baruch College and a M.S. Degree from City College. Mr. Bermudez received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment June 9, 2015. His assignment will be at the Middle School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. This is a newly budgeted position. Mr. Bermudez's certifications are Initial Students with Disabilities - Grades 7-12 Generalist and Initial Bilingual Education Extension.
2. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2015-2016 school year:

Yvette Vera-Pignato	Mentor – John F. Kennedy School – resigned as of 12/31/2015 – Amended Stipend	\$400
Melissa Cruz	Mentor – John F. Kennedy School – January – June – pro-rated stipend	600
Robert Wynn	Modified Softball Head Coach	3,128
Jorge Carreno	AIS/Prep for Success Teacher – John F. Kennedy School	42 per hour

3. The following individuals be transferred on the Salary Schedule effective February 1, 2016:

Leslie De Leon	Step 1-Level 1 (BA) \$51,076	Step 1-Level 6 (MA) \$58,592
Antoinette DellaVecchia	Step 8-Level 6 (MA) \$78,261	Step 8-Level 8 (MA+30) \$85,421
Mary Durney	Step 14-Level 7 (MA+15) \$105,963	Step 14-Level 8 (MA+30) \$109,391
Richard Gregory	Step 3-Level 10 (MA+60) \$75,144	Step 3-Level 11 (MA+90) \$80,968
Michael Johnson	Step 9-Level 8 (MA+30) \$88,544	Step 9-Level 10 (MA+60) \$94,540
GINNA KIPPES	Step 6-Level 6 (MA) \$73,360	Step 6-Level 8 (MA+30) \$79,142
Axa Josie Quijada	Step 1-Level 6 (MA) \$58,592	Step 1-Level 8 (MA+30) \$63,476
Joshua Tenzer	Step 8-Level 10 (MA+60) \$91,303	Step 8-Level 11 (MA+90) \$97,590

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4. 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>
Chezdis Sanchez-Bors	Fundamentals of Coaching	3	NFHS Learning Center	Winter '16
Ann Rose Santoro	Consulting Teacher Online - Professional Development Blackboard	2	Center for Responsive Schools	Winter '16

5. The following individuals be approved to serve as Substitute Teachers/Teacher Assistants/Tutors/Interns/Student Teachers/Volunteers on an as-needed basis for the 2015-2016 school year. They are either Fingerprint Cleared, "Grandfathered" in or on a twenty day emergency basis:

Erika Clerc Aferdita Berisha Christopher Kazim

6. The following individuals be approved as Teacher Aide, Breakfast Monitor, Lunch Monitor, Hall Monitor or Clerical Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective March 16, 2016 – June 30, 2016 unless otherwise noted. Said appointees may also serve as long-term substitutes, if and when required, at Step 1 of the Teacher Aide or Typist CSEA pay scales. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance or are grandfathered.

Areyls Hidalgo - \$16.76/hour Effective 2/23/16-4/8/16
Elizabeth Marti
Tonya Randolph – Effective March 14, 2016
Thomas Vitale

7. The following individuals be 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 shifts. Their assignment is Port Chester High School Field effective April 1, 2016 – November 30, 2016. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

Donald Iarossi (Pending Fingerprint Clearance)
James F. Hollis, Jr.
Giovanni Pena
Emilio Stio

8. Bridget Gasparino, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Library Clerk, Step 1, 7.5 hours day, 10 months effective March 15, 2016. Mrs. Gasparino will be on Administrative Leave from March 15, 2016 – March 27, 2016, and will begin her position on March 28, 2016. Her assignment is at the Port Chester Middle School. Mrs. Gasparino received NYS Fingerprint Clearance on February 23, 2016.

9. Dawn Baxter, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Sr. Office Assistant (Auto. Syst.), Step 3, 12 months, 7.5 hours/day, effective March 16, 2016. Her assignment will be Port Chester High School Guidance. Mrs. Baxter is NYS Fingerprint Cleared.

10. Tonya Randolph, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Lunch Monitor, 10 months, 3 hours/day, effective March 14, 2016, at a rate of \$10.50/hour. Her assignment is Park Avenue School. Ms. Randolph received NYS Fingerprint Clearance on March 9, 2016.

11. The leave replacement appointment of Matthew Casey, as Teacher Aide, Edison School Special Education, be concluded at the end of business on March 31, 2016. On April 1, 2016, Mr. Casey's name will be returned to the District's Instructional and Non-instructional substitute lists and health benefits will cease.

12. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$153,803.71, Schedule #10, dated March 10, 2016, be approved for the 2015-2016 school.

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13. Warrant #26, including in-between checks, dated March 15, 2016, be approved:

General Fund	\$1,307,116.43
Federal Fund	191,018.68
Cafeteria Fund	10,187.66
Trust & Agency Fund	860,041.97

14. The following payrolls be approved:

General Fund – March 11, 2016	\$1,946,074.17
Federal Fund – March 11, 2016	93,915.61

Public Comment

Mr. Johnson opened the floor for public comments.

Dom Cervi, 1 Dixon Street, asked the Board why the suppression/standpipe system is not working. He feels that there is no way to put a fire out at the high school.

Dr. Kliszus explained that the standpipe systems are the hoses in the hallways. We have to evacuate the building; they are not used any more. The fire department wants everyone out of the building. They want to come in and deal with the fire.

Tom Ceruzzi, 84 Hobart Avenue, asked why there are so many half days for parent teacher conferences and other reasons. Also, why are there so many other days for professional development. He feels that it breaks the continuity and their attention.

There being no further comments, Mr. Johnson closed the floor at 7:50 p.m.

Dr. Kliszus explained that there are a total of four superintendent conference days, which are required by State Law. Two are in the beginning of the year before students start school, with the other two on election days in March and November. There are security concerns on election days. There are 176 student days required and this year we have 183 student days, exceeding the state requirements by 7 days. There are 5 early dismissal days per year for professional development to cover the new standards and constantly raising the standards. There is also a requirement by the state for us to provide professional development as the teachers need 175 hours every five years in order to maintain their teaching licenses. We had early dismissal for elementary and middle school testing and they are now reduced and/or none. Parent conferences are now afternoon and evening, providing the needed flexibility for working parents. There is a shortened transition period for kindergarten students which eliminated some of the early dismissal days.

2016-2017 PRELIMINARY SCHOOL BUDGET

Dr. K presented an update on the 2016-2017 Preliminary Budget.

Assembly Speaker Heastie did a wonderful job in advocating for our district and said we need to spend money for our schools. The Commissioner came to see us and Regent Judith Johnson was here. She asked what we need for our students to be successfully and I said we need high expectations. We provide great opportunities for our children and they have choices to decide what they want to do.

We have many unfunded mandates; the state says you have to do this, but we are not providing you money. We have many mandates for Part 154. We are doing field testing next spring. It is on line testing in third grade where they have to learn to type, copy and paste. We have many more mandates that are required by the state, but are not funded by the state.

We are waiting for the state budget to be finalized, but are hoping that there is an Increase in state aid. We are not going over the tax levy and residents still receive the tax rebate.


Dr. Kliszus continued to discuss the elements of the budget, compliances, and restoration of programs. The next step will be the line by line on April 5th.

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Mr. Johnson talked about the Governor’s budget and the hope that there would be positive news in more foundation aid. He also mentioned all of the visits from the different officials of the state and that they are seeing all the good work we do here.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood, and carried, the January 2016 Treasurer’s Report was passed unanimously.

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TREASURERS REPORT							
1/31/2016							
		GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS
BOOK BALANCE							
BEGINNING OF MONTH		18,915,562.64	1,398,858.34	309,536.68	125,162.25	578,608.77	21,327,728.68
Receipts							
Revenues		10,279,227.81	526,062.46	152,987.93	5.22	111.24	
Interfund Transfers		271,755.00					
Sales Tax Receipts				83.20			
Accounts Receivable						908.26	
Reimbursement of Expense		440,587.24	691.62	(1,478.55)			
Total Receipts		10,991,570.05	526,754.08	151,592.58	5.22	1,019.50	11,670,941.43
Disbursements							
Warrant #19		968,347.99	61,587.69	134,593.13			
Warrant #20		1,504,890.29	201,709.42	128,930.26		44,024.96	
Warrant #21		(1,450.07)					
Payroll 1/4/16		2,145,672.75	82,374.69	3,333.67			
Payroll 1/15/16		2,176,477.33	86,053.14	3,802.32			
Payroll 1/29/16		2,223,975.16	85,990.14	5,134.99			
Accounts Payable							
Interfund Transfers			271,755.00				
Total Disbursements		9,017,913.45	789,470.08	275,794.37	-	44,024.96	10,127,202.86
BOOK BALANCE							
END OF MONTH		20,889,219.24	1,136,142.34	185,334.89	125,167.47	535,603.31	22,871,467.25
		GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS
CASH - BANK BALANCES	Rates						
Chase Bank	0.050%		167,111.37	50,843.74	101,012.23	203,116.60	
TD Bank	0.200%	277,051.43					
Hudson Valley Bank	0.052%	2,476.86					
Webster Bank	0.120%	2,140,167.02	555,576.16			2,418.05	
Peoples United Bank	0.300%	2,287,276.14	54,233.98				
PC Credit Union	0.150%					185,586.88	
MBIA - C.L.A.S.S.	0.035%	11,106,280.48	359,220.83	134,491.15	24,155.24		
Scholarship Invest	various					144,481.78	
Signature Bank	0.300%	5,075,967.31					
TOTAL CASH - BANK BALANCES		20,889,219.24	1,136,142.34	185,334.89	125,167.47	535,603.31	22,871,467.25
							
Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer						3/11/2016	
						Date	

Action Items:

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mrs. Capeci and carried, the resolution was approved:

- A. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District adopt the proposed 2016-2017 school calendar.

There was a discussion about the calendar and doing the best we could to be sensitive to the number of half days and to talk about the reasons behind some of the other days off. We also try as best we can to follow the S.W. BOCES calendar and to align ourselves with the vocational program which some of our students attend. There was an earlier spring break because of testing starting April 5th. Next year testing changes and there is a longer gap.

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

- B. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District adopt the proposed 2016-2017 calendar for 12-month employees.

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

- C. 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 2016 - 2017 school year based on the January 2016 Consumer Price Index for a total rental amount of \$146,156; and

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

At the March 1, 2016 board meeting, a resolution was made and tabled. After some discussion, the resolution was procedurally taken off the table.

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, the table of the resolution was withdrawn.

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, the resolution was approved:

- D. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District establish a Bond Planning Advisory Committee representing a broad base of community stakeholders. That members of the school administration will, upon request, make themselves available to the Committee. The Committee shall be composed of a minimum of 15 to a maximum of 25 members. To insure diversity of opinion and viewpoint, each Board member may recommend 3 to 5 Committee members. The superintendent will select 3-5 appropriate district personnel.

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, the resolution was approved: (Mrs. Brakewood corrected the reading of 45 days not 40)

- E. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the following Recommended Bond Process and Timeline:

- A. *Now through May 15, 2016:
 - a. The superintendent will provide recommendations to the Board regarding the educational needs of the district as they pertain to a future building project
 - i. The superintendent will continue to seek feedback and input from a broad base of stakeholders including district administrators, teachers, parents and other community members to facilitate the community “healing process” associated with the December 2015 bond rejection
 - 1. Using social media, online and paper surveys, and face to face meetings
- B. Board Defines Scope of project (*May 15-September 15)
 - a. The Board will review/discuss the superintendent’s educational needs’ recommendations and arrive at a conceptual building project solution that includes construction locations and overall cost factors.
 - b. Cost factors will be presented exclusive of state building aid projections
- C. Advisory committee provides feedback to Board (*September 15-November 15)
 - a. The Board and Superintendent will solicit membership of a broad base of stakeholders for participation in a Board advisory committee
 - b. The Board will select the advisory committee members
 - c. The Board will charge the committee with providing feedback on the Board’s conceptual solution
 - i. Administration will be available to the committee for information
 - ii. The Board will determine its role in the committee (i. e. Board policy currently outlines committee membership as two board members to serve as liaisons with the President as an at-large member of all committees; however, other Board members may attend in their roles as community members)
 - d. The Superintendent will present the Board’s defined scope to the community and advisory committee
 - e. The committee will report to the Board at the *November 2016 Board meeting

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- D. The Board finalizes project scope (*November 15-February 15)
 - a. Board determines date of Bond vote
 - b. Board conducts SEQRA
 - c. Board adopts the 45 day bond resolution contingent on SEQRA results
- E. *April 28, 2017 Tentative Bond Vote

*Timeline dates are subject to change

There was discussion about the time line and the flexibility of the dates. This is more of a how the procedure should flow. There was discussion about why the cost factors would be presented exclusive of state building aid. It is so that we would be able to give more accurate figures.

Upon motion by Mr. Dreves, seconded by Mrs. Capeci and carried, the resolution was approved:

- F. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District and the National Amateur Baseball Federation – Westchester Academy related to the use of District athletic fields.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement.

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

Consent Agenda

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

WHEREAS, students and staff of the Port Chester Public Schools have distinguished themselves; 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 academic excellence;

AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education in meeting and assembled this 15th day of March, two thousand sixteen hereby publicly acknowledges the outstanding accomplishments of its honorees who scored “3” or higher on two New York State 8th Grade – ELA, Math & Science Program Assessments in 2014-2015:

Alberto Acevedo	Kyle Baxter	Alondra Coyt	Kaytee Garcia	Meng Lin
Reynaldo Aguilar	Lily Baxter	Anna DeCoensel	Oscar Garcia	Madeline Loiaconi
Yemileet Aguilar	Rhaven Black	Julianna DeFeo	Paolo Gomez	Daniel Lopez
Jason Aguirre	Irene Blanco	Jose Delgado	Lynn Guiracocha	Darby McDermott
Kathleen Allain	Brandon Cacsire	Miguel Delgado	Grace Herbert	Carolyne Molano
Ashley Alvarez	Emanuel Calderon	Jesse Ellam	Brianna Hightower	Melvin Molina
Odette Andeliz	Arianna Carlucci	Sema Erginer	Kyah Kramer	Melanie Mora
Amanda Andreoli	Nancy Chavez	Maria Fernandez	Kenny Landivar	Britany Morocho
Brian Aucay	Samantha Cottes	Alondra Gamez	Savannah Langenbach	Jasmyne Mouane
Ryan Basso	Alfred Cordova	Isabel Garcia	Jason Laynes	Daniela Ocampo

8th Grade Teachers

Dayana Ochoa	William Rowe	Sara Tarascio	Suzanne Archino	Jessica Ridder
Richard Olmino	Christian Sanchez	Eli Taylor-Lemire	Suzanne Berlingo	Jeannette Sanderson
Jacinta Olonilua	Isabel Sanchez	Gianna Tempesta	Kevin Hanlon	Johnna Sarcone
Odalis Paltin	Kenya Sandoval	Karli Thomas	Katherine Hohman	Sari Shuster
Lisbeth Pantoja	Nicholas Scenna	George Tsoukalas	Jeannie Iantorno	Corrine Terrell
Genevieve Pastena	Andrea Silva	Vanessa Vasquez	Rebecca Mynio	Art Tiedemann

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Jalissa Pirro	Ariana Soriano	Ayenaliz Velasquez	Anthony Piccolino	Aaron Warren
Martha Pisera-Viana	Jacquelyn Soriano	Carlos Villavicencio	Tanya Pizzano	Mike Watson

Stephanie Plaza	Alexis Soto	Erika Yupangui		
Isabella Ramos	Jayla Soto	Leah Yusi	Leadership	
Ammy Rivera	Rebecca Sposato	Dany Zagazeta	Patrick Swift, Principal, Middle School	
Diego Rivera	James Strauch	Marcella Zanetti		
Erika Rojas	Moira Sullivan	Briana Zuccarelli		

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

WHEREAS, students and coaches of Port Chester High School have distinguished themselves for achieving athletic and competitive excellence in placing 4th at Nationals in Orlando, Florida; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education endeavors to recognize publicly and honor its esteemed students and coaches 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 March, two thousand sixteen, hereby publicly acknowledges the outstanding accomplishments of its honorees.

<u>Varsity Cheerleaders</u>	Leadership	<u>Varsity Cheerleaders</u>
Marissa Arminio	Chez Sanchez, Varsity Cheerleaders Coach	Faith Hudson
Hope Baxter	Melissa Pennino, Varsity Asst. Cheerleaders Coach	Zoe Kim
Brittany Bunjaporte	Amanda Blasi, JV Cheerleaders Coach	Carolyne Molano
Celeste Crivelli	Vanessa Aspiazu, Modified Cheerleaders Coach	Lexus Natal
Isadora Coutinho	Robert Barrett, Athletic Director	Rebecca Salerno
Cindy Cruz	Dr. Mitchell Combs, Principal, PCHS	Carli Sileo
Jazmin Gonzlez		Imani Solomon
Vritzy Hernandez		Carsen Swallen
Emily Hewlitt		Marissa Tauro
		Julianne Tenefrancia

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

WHEREAS, students and coaches of Port Chester High School have distinguished themselves for achieving athletic and competitive excellence in winning the league championship; and,

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

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Varsity Wrestling

Armando Aguilar
Aldair Angel
Josue Argueta
Alexander Borrayes
Braulio Carvajal
Humberto Coyt
Martin Coyt
Brandon DeFreitas
Sean Dooley
Lizandro Espinosa
Juan Fernandez
Sebastian Fernandez
Jonathan Fingold
Daniel Flores
Edwin Flores
Bruz Garcia
Merlin Gonzales
George Greaiqe

Angel Gutierrez
Oscar Guzman
Eric Magana
Brayan Mendez
Melvin Molina
John Newell
Christopher Ortiz
Damian Otero
Nicholas Otero
Kevin Poblano
Sebastian Rangel
Kevin Santillan
Steven Santillan
Mason Sundheim
Lance Tennyson
Santiago Valdovinos
Diego Vargas
Jesus Zevala

Leadership

Tom Josephson, Varsity Wrestling Coach
Declan Josephson, Asst. Varsity Wrestling Coach
Corey Crane, JV Wrestling Coach
Andres Salcedo, Modified Wrestling Coach
Robert Barrett, Athletic Director
Dr. Mitchell Combs, Principal, PCHS

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Wrestling

All League

Bruz Garcia
Sebastian Rangel
Mason Sundheim
Daniel Cruz-Flores
John Newell
Lance Tennyson
Humberto Coyt
Sean Dooley

Leadership

Tom Josephson, Varsity Wrestling Coach
Declan Josephson, Varsity Asst. Coach
Corey Crane, JV Wrestling Coach
Robert Barrett, Athletic Director
Dr. Mitchell Combs, Principal, PCHS

Varsity Bowling

All League

Amanda McConway
Mikaela Roca

All Section

Mason Sundheim

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- H. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the recommendation of the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) designating the placement of these children within the Port Chester School District, Out-of-District placement, and transportation as needed for the 2015-16 school year. The file numbers of the children are as follows:

64237	64756	64226	64455	64393	64245	64335	64337	64421
64392	64929	64393	65174	64453	64247	64412	64353	64455
64724	65191	64453	64226	65129	64299	64456	64391	65129

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

Board of Education Roundtable / Discussion

Mr. Wolff had a very busy week and it was great seeing everyone. He is very happy about everyone moving forward with the bond. Going through the process and listening, we have made progress as a board. There are common issues. Everyone is concerned that a big factor is changing the front façade of the high school. Also, there should be more work done with the village addressing the issues of overcrowding. He strongly feels that addressing these issues is core to move something through.

Mrs. Brakewood gave a “shout out” to two great all-district concerts, vocal and instrumental. There was a Read Aloud at Edison School which many board members attended and a Spring Into Reading at Park Avenue School is coming up. The Jazz Band performed at their first festival.

Mrs. Capeci read at Edison and the room she was in won the contest and the children were all very excited. She also attended the Commissioner’s visit at Edison School and Mr. Tolentino gave a very eye opening, enlightening and heart-warming report.

Mr. Dreves spoke about the two district concerts as well. The Drama Club sponsored a great concert given by Seth Glier. He spoke about the Commissioner’s visit and felt the she was here to learn and listen.

Mr. Johnson commended the Board on how professionally they behaved and thanked Mrs. Capeci for motivating them so that they can all come together with a 5-0 vote. We will move forward on the bond. He also attended the Seth Glier concert. He attended several Westchester Putnam meetings. He attended the Commissioner of Education’s visit to Edison School. He later attended the meeting in White Plains and spoke with Commission Mary Ellen Elias and Regent Judith Johnson.

Dr. Kliszus commended the board and Mrs. Capeci for their efforts on the bond and moving forward with a new plan. He mentioned it was the last push for advocacy and hoped to know what our state aid is by April 1.

The next board of education meeting which will be the Line-by-Line will be held on April 5, 2016 at 5 p.m. in the Middle School and the next regular meeting of the board of education will be held on April 12, 2016.

There being no further business at 9:04 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Wolff and carried, the Board adjourned the meeting.

