

Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District

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May 27, 2015

Minutes

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

Also Present: Dr. Edward Kliszus, Superintendent of Schools, Maura McAward, Assistant Superintendent, Frank Fanelli, Assistant Superintendent, Colleen Kotzer, Treasurer, Caryn Furst District Clerk

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

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### **PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS**

Ms. Brakewood called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Brakewood thanked the public on behalf of the Board for approving the budget on May 19. She also voiced her appreciation to the Port Chester School Administrators and Supervisors Association (PCSASA) for meeting the April 14 deadline for a new 5-year agreement. She recapped the agreement and explained that the Board would be voting on a resolution for a one-time payment to the Administrators and Supervisors for meeting a budget sensitive April 14 deadline to settle.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nelson Ramos, 423 Irving Avenue spoke about the after school program on behalf of the parents in the Port Chester Middle School after school program.

Emily Moldinado of 80 Elmont Avenue, a Port Chester High School student, and Santiago Lopez of 135 Rectory Street, a Port Chester Middle School student, thanked Frank Fanelli for his ongoing support for the after school program, which meant a lot to them and their fellow students. They and another student who did not introduce himself presented Mr. Fanelli with a clock for the occasion of his upcoming retirement.

Denise Quinn of 219 Newton Avenue spoke as the event chairperson of The Taste of Port Chester, to be held on Sunday June 7

Tom Bailey, a resident and general manager of The Capital Theater offered the services of The Cap as a venue for community groups. He also expressed well wishes to JFK principal on his retirement.

Peter Feinman of 46 Millikan Court, spoke in support of adding local history to school curricula.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REQUEST FOR ACTION**

Dr. Kliszus added his thanks to PCSASA members for their willingness to negotiate a new and timely agreement. He expressed his appreciation for Frank Fanelli and the important work he has done over the years, contributing much to the well being of our students.

The Superintendent then recommended action on items 1-35. Upon the motion of Mr. Johnson and a second by Ms. Capeci, the following actions were carried.

Dr. Kliszus then introduced Judy Diaz, the new principal of JFK, and the new teachers.

1. Judy Diaz, Port Chester, New York be approved for a three-year probationary appointment as Elementary Principal, at Step 7 of the 2015-2016 Elementary School Principal Salary Schedule, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. Mrs. Diaz received a B.A. Degree from Le Moyne College, a M.S. Ed. from City College of New York and a M.P.S. from Manhattanville College. Mrs. Diaz received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment August 18, 2006. Her assignment will be at the John F. Kennedy

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School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Mr. Cuglietto who retired.

2. Aaron Newcome, Nyack, New York be approved for a three-year probationary appointment as English Teacher, at Step 6-Level 1 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2018. Mr. Newcome received a B.S. Degree from Nyack College. Mr. Newcome received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment May 22, 2015. His assignment will be at the High School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. This is a newly budgeted position.
3. Nelson Diaz, Manchester, Connecticut be approved for a three-year probationary appointment as English Teacher, at Step 6-Level 6 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2018. Mr. Diaz received a B.A. Degree from SUNY Fredonia and a M.A.T. Degree from Teachers College at Columbia University. Mr. Diaz received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment May 22, 2015. His assignment will be at the High School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. He replaces Amy Goglucci who resigned.
4. Kathryn Zappone, Thornwood, New York be approved for a two-year probationary appointment as ESL Teacher, at Step 8-Level 6 of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017. Mrs. Zappone received tenure from Lehman High School, Bronx, New York. Mrs. Zappone received a B.A. Degree from SUNY Purchase and a M.A. Degree from New York University. Mrs. Zappone received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment May 26, 2015. Her assignment will be at the High School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Kathleen Franke who retired.
5. Colleen Carroll, New Rochelle, New York be approved for a three-year probationary appointment as ELA Supervisor – Grades K-6, at Step 11 of the 2015-2016 Supervisor 11 Months Salary Schedule, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. Dr. Carroll received a B.S. Degree from Russell Sage College, a M.S. from Sage Graduate School, and an Ed.D. from Sage Graduate School. Dr. Carroll received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment May 26, 2015. Her assignment will be District-wide and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. This is a newly budgeted position.
6. The Maternity Leave of Absence granted at the February 10, 2015 board meeting to Jennifer Detlefs, West Harrison, New York, as Teaching Assistant at the Middle School, beginning approximately February 23, 2015 through May 29, 2015 be approved to be extended through June 12, 2015. Mrs. Detlefs 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 appointment granted at the February 10, 2015 board meeting to Melinda Kettler, Port Chester, New York as a Long Term Substitute Teaching Assistant to replace Jennifer Detlefs as Teaching Assistant at the Middle School effective approximately February 23, 2015 through May 29, 2015 be approved to be extended to June 12, 2015 at an anticipated daily rate of \$100.

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8. A Leave of Absence be granted to Diana Longobucco, Putnam Valley, New York, School Psychologist (.60) at John F. Kennedy School, effective May 26, 2015. Said leave, without pay or benefits, will continue through June 30, 2015.
9. The resignation of Jessy Granados, Elementary Teacher at Park Avenue School, be accepted as of June 30, 2015.
10. The resignation of Andrew Cloherty, English Teacher at the High School, be accepted as of June 30, 2015.
11. The resignation of Amy Goglucci, English Teacher at the High School, be accepted as of June 30, 2015.
12. The resignation of Carlos Gomez, Mathematics Teacher at the High School, be accepted as of June 30, 2015.
13. The services of Janice Milano, English Teacher at the Middle School, be terminated effective June 30, 2015.
14. The following individual(s) be appointed to position(s) for the 2014-2015 school year:

Kevin Hanlon	AIS/Prep for Success Teacher – Middle School	\$42 per hour
Chezdis Sanchez-Bors	AIS/Prep for Success Teacher – Middle School	42 per hour
Colleen Cahill	After School Program Teacher – Edison School	42 per hour
Lucia Ferrante	Regents Prep Teacher – High School	42 per hour

15. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2015 summer program:

Peter Bisceglia	Special Education Summer School Teacher	\$42 per hour
Angela Flamio	Special Education Summer School Teacher	42 per hour
Adriana Paulucci	Special Education Summer School Teacher	42 per hour
Renee Marino	Special Education Summer School Teacher	42 per hour
Kristin Remy	Special Education Summer School Teacher	42 per hour
Kimberly Fanelli	Special Education Summer School Teacher Assistant	42 per hour
Marisol Luciano	Special Education Summer School Teacher Assistant	42 per hour
Deborah Ankeles	Special Education Summer School Speech Therapist	42 per hour
Larissa Torres	Special Education Summer School Speech Therapist	42 per hour
Ximena Aguillon	ELL Summer Academy Elementary Teacher – District	42 per hour
Monica Barreto	ELL Summer Academy Elementary Teacher – District	42 per hour
Luz Camacho	ELL Summer Academy Elementary Teacher – District	42 per hour
Melissa Coletti	ELL Summer Academy Elementary Teacher – District	42 per hour
Diana Gonzalez	ELL Summer Academy Elementary Teacher – District	42 per hour
Lianet Lopez	ELL Summer Academy Elementary Teacher – District	42 per hour
Marcia Manzueta	ELL Summer Academy Elementary Teacher – District	42 per hour
Kristin Pascuzzi	ELL Summer Academy Elementary Teacher – District	42 per hour
Cynthia Ponce	ELL Summer Academy Elementary Teacher – District	42 per hour
Victoria Reichberg	ELL Summer Academy Elementary Teacher – District	42 per hour
Marianne Scofield	ELL Summer Academy Elementary Teacher – District	42 per hour
Yannyn Suarez	ELL Summer Academy Elementary Teacher – District	42 per hour
Barbara Terracciano	ELL Summer Academy Elementary Teacher – District	42 per hour

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Amy Simmons	ELL Summer Academy Elementary Teacher – District	42 per hour
Heather Rinello	Google Apps for Education (GAPE) Support Team – District	42 per hour
Barry Backelman	Google Apps for Education (GAPE) Support Team – District	42 per hour
Mike Li	Google Apps for Education (GAPE) Support Team – District	42 per hour
Estrella Marziani	Google Apps for Education (GAPE) Support Team – District	42 per hour
Lynn McTyre	Google Apps for Education (GAPE) Support Team – District	42 per hour
Lauren Martinez	Google Apps for Education (GAPE) Support Team – District	42 per hour
Brenda Burke	Google Apps for Education (GAPE) Support Team – District	42 per hour
Marilyn DiDomizio	Google Apps for Education (GAPE) Support Team – District	42 per hour
Jennifer Jackson	Google Apps for Education (GAPE) Support Team – District	42 per hour
Enrique Tovar	Google Apps for Education (GAPE) Support Team – District	42 per hour
Kate Albero	Google Apps for Education (GAPE) Support Team – District	42 per hour
Erica DelRe	Google Apps for Education (GAPE) Support Team – District	42 per hour
Christine Alessi	Google Apps for Education (GAPE) Support Team – District	42 per hour
Erica Fuller	Google Apps for Education (GAPE) Support Team – District	42 per hour
Shawna Squillace	ELA Teacher Leader Curriculum Adaptation Team - District	42 per hour
Erica Fuller	ELA Teacher Leader Curriculum Adaptation Team - District	42 per hour
Jennifer Carriero	ELA Teacher Leader Curriculum Adaptation Team - District	42 per hour
Nadia Papa	ELA Teacher Leader Curriculum Adaptation Team - District	42 per hour
Maria Laina Sileo	ELA Teacher Leader Curriculum Adaptation Team - District	42 per hour
Kristin Pascuzzi	ELA Teacher Leader Curriculum Adaptation Team - District	42 per hour
Yvette Vera-Piganto	ELA Teacher Leader Curriculum Adaptation Team - District	42 per hour
Maria O'Brien	ELA Teacher Leader Curriculum Adaptation Team - District	42 per hour
Kate Albero	ELA Teacher Leader Curriculum Adaptation Team - District	42 per hour
Jamie Rubino	ELA Teacher Leader Curriculum Adaptation Team - District	42 per hour
Ann Rose Santoro	ELA Teacher Leader Curriculum Adaptation Team - District	42 per hour
Heather Rinello	ELA Teacher Leader Curriculum Adaptation Team - District	42 per hour
Richard Gregory	ELA Teacher Leader Curriculum Adaptation Team - District	42 per hour
Lindsay Macri	ELA Teacher Leader Curriculum Adaptation Team - District	42 per hour

16. The following individual(s) be appointed to position(s) for the 2015-2016 school year:

London Reyes	Head Coach Girls Varsity Basketball	\$5,115
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17. Maggie Rende be approved for payment at the additional compensation rate of \$42 per hour for additional work performed during July and August 2015 in the District Offices in an amount not to exceed 35 days.
18. Gaylene Gasparini be approved for payment at the additional compensation rate of \$42 per hour for additional work performed during July and August 2015 in the District Offices in an amount not to exceed 25 days.
19. Bertha Cruz be approved for payment at her daily rate for CPSE meetings during July and August 2015 in the District Offices in an amount not to exceed 5 days.
20. Edwin Gonzalez be approved for payment at his daily rate for technical set-up during July and August 2015 at the High School in an amount not to exceed 5 days.

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21. 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>
Alejandra Naselli	Anxiety and Other Mental Health Issues Affecting Students Today	3	The New York Center for Teacher Development, Inc.	Winter '15

22. The following individual(s) be approved to serve as Substitute Teachers/Teacher Assistants/Tutors/Interns/Student Teachers/Volunteers on an as-needed basis for the 2014-2015 school year. They are either Fingerprint Cleared, "Grandfathered" in or on a twenty day emergency basis:

Nicole Franceschini	Vincenzo Pizzuti	Shaquan Hill
Chakula Corry	Fran Ruello	Alyson Lorys
Gabriela Martinez		

23. The following individuals be approved as Teacher Aide, Lunch Monitor or Clerical Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective May 28, 2015 – June 30, 2015 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.

Mayra Fonticoba (Effective 5/21/15 – 6/30/15)  
Nicole Jones (Pending Fingerprint Clearance)  
Christina Samaniego (Effective 5/12/15-6/30/15)

24. The following individuals be approved as Cleaner Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective May 28, 2015 – June 30, 2015 unless otherwise noted. Said appointees may also serve as long-term substitutes, if and when required, at Step 1 of the Cleaner pay scales. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance or are grandfathered.

Richard Giorgi

25. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2015 summer programs effective July 1, 2015 – August 31, 2015. They are either NYS Fingerprint Cleared or "Grandfathered" in:

Giovanni Pena	Cleaner	\$16.35 per hour
Mark Mood	Sub-Cleaner	\$10.50 per hour
Danny Davis	Sub-Cleaner	\$10.50 per hour

26. Rosario Renda, Bridgeport, Connecticut, be approved as an Asbestos and Lead Compliance Officer effective July 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016. Mr. Renda will receive an annual stipend in the amount of \$2,500. His assignment is District-wide.
27. Enrico Provenzano, Port Chester, be approved as a Voting Machine Technician effective July 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016. Mr. Provenzano will receive an annual stipend in the amount of \$600 per election. His assignment is District-wide.
28. Summer hours be granted for the following 10-month employees at their contracted daily/hourly rate of pay:

Martha Andino – Port Chester Middle School (not to exceed 10 days)  
Margaret Morban – King Street School (10 days)\*  
Rosemary LaBella – Port Chester Middle School (not to exceed 10 days)

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Barbara Lewensohn – Superintendent’s Office (not to exceed 10 days)  
Yvette Surita – Office of Special Education (not to exceed 20 days)  
Christine Macri – Port Chester Middle School (not to exceed 20 days)  
Donna Martin – Park Avenue School (10 days)\*  
Yasmin Orozco – JFK-ELC (not to exceed 10 days)  
JoAnn Pace – JFK Upper Building (not to exceed 10 days)  
Suey Pilke – Port Chester Middle School (not to exceed 10 days)  
Michelle Ramirez – Edison School (not to exceed 10 days)\*  
Maria Torres – John F. Kennedy (not to exceed 10 days)\*

\*(These days are in addition to ten days required as per Article 15, Section 4 of the CSEA Agreement)

29. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2015 summer programs at their contracted daily/hourly rate of pay or Step 1 if new hire:

Sonia Soto Camacho	Teacher Aide	\$25.01 per hour
Anthony Federici	Teacher Aide	\$21.88 per hour
Brian Griffin	Teacher Aide	\$26.92 per hour
Sharlaine Holness	Teacher Aide	\$23.01 per hour
Giselle Noriega	Teacher Aide/JFK ELL**	\$16.76 per hour
Antonia (Joya) Perna	Teacher Aide	\$22.58 per hour
Joann Schmor	Teacher Aide	\$22.58 per hour
Donna Schwenk	Teacher Aide	\$22.58 per hour
Carol Tarascio	Teacher Aide	\$22.58 per hour
Dana Teller	Teacher Aide	\$22.58 per hour

\*\*Grant Funded

30. The services of Christine Amico as Lunch Monitor (3 hours/day, 10 months) Park Avenue School, be terminated effective the end of business on June 22, 2015.
31. The resignation of Vincent Fiscella, Port Chester, New York, as Teacher Aide, John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center, be accepted effective June 30, 2015.
32. The following individual(s) be appointed as Attendance Officer(s) for the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District at a rate of \$150/day, with a cap of 156 days and \$27,000/year, effective July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

Alberto Acevedo

33. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$49,777.25, Schedule #12, dated May 21, 2015, be approved for the 2014-2015 school.
34. Warrant #32, including in-between checks, dated May 27, 2015, be approved:

General Fund	\$1,444,166.92
Federal Fund	262,011.85
Cafeteria Fund	145,493.63
Trust & Agency Fund	1,009,394.13
Capital Fund	4,505.25

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35. The following payrolls be approved:

General Fund – May 8, 2015	\$1,872,098.22
General Fund – May 22, 2015	1,857,801.98
Federal Fund – May 8, 2015	86,374.63
Federal Fund – May 22, 2015	90,265.63

A 10-minute break followed to allow the audience to congratulate the new appointees. The meeting was reconvened at 7:41.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon the motion of Mr. Johnson and a second by Ms. Capeci and carried, the Minutes of the March 3, 2015 Board of Education meeting were approved by the Board.

Upon the motion of Mr. Johnson and a second by Ms. Capeci and carried, the Minutes of the March 24, 2015 Board of Education meeting were approved by the Board.

Upon the motion of Ms. Capeci and a second by Mr. Johnson and carried, the Minutes of the May 19, 2015 Annual Meeting, consisting of the Budget Vote and Board of Education Election, were approved by the Board.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

Upon the motion of Mr. Johnson and a second by Ms. Capeci and carried, the following Resolution was approved by the Board.

A. **WHEREAS**, the Port Chester Schools Administrators and Supervisors Association (PCSASA) is the recognized bargaining representative for various administrative titled within the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District (District); and,

**WHEREAS**, the PCSASA and the Port Chester-Rye UFSD came to a mutual agreement before April 14, 2015 on a contract settlement for a 5 year period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2020,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that on or before the last day of the 2014-15 school year, all unit members will be granted a "one-time" cash payment in the amount of \$1500 that shall not be added to the salary schedule.

Upon the motion of Mr. Johnson and a second by Mr. Dreves and carried, the following Resolution was approved by the Board.

B. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District retroactively appoint the following individuals who served as Election Inspectors for the 2015 Annual School District Election and Budget Vote to be compensated at a rate of \$9 per hour. They replaced previously appointed individuals who were unable to serve, or to serve more than 7 hours:

- a. Theresa Acuna
- b. Jennifer Dooley

Upon the motion of Mr. Johnson and a second by Ms. Capeci and carried, the following Resolution was approved by the Board.

C. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District rescind its appointment of the following individual, who was unable to serve as an Election Inspector for the 2015 Annual School District Election and Budget Vote

- a. Ingrid Arevelo

Upon the motion of Mr. Johnson and a second by Ms. Capeci and carried, the following Resolution was approved by the Board.

D. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District award the following Request for Proposals and/or competitive bids as noted below:

Award To	Description	Amount	Basis for award
Dr. Henry Stampur, M.D.	Physician Services	\$30,150.00	RFP Analysis



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Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc.	Administration of Pre-Kindergarten Program Services	\$9,168.51/child	RFP Analysis
SIBA Contracting Corp.	Masonry Chimney Replacement at Thomas Edison School	\$141,300.00	Lowest bidder
Hinding Tennis	Tennis Court Resurfacing at Port Chester High School	\$133,000.00	Lowest bidder

Upon the motion of Ms. Capeci and a second by Mr. Johnson and carried, the following Resolution was approved by the Board.

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

Name	Conference	Date	Amount	Funded
Ann Rose Santoro	Teach Like A Champion Training	6/1/15	\$500	General
Heather Rinello	Teach Like a Champion Training	6/1/15	\$500	General
Jackie Bisignano	Mindfulness & Education	7/31 – 8/2	\$495	General

Upon the motion of Mr. Johnson and a second by Mr. Corbia and carried, the following Resolution was approved by the Board.

- F. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District cast its ballot for the 2015-2016 slate of officers and members of the WPSBA Board of Directors, per the slate below:

As Officers for a one year term:

- President – Stephen Jambor (Brewster CSD)
- Vice President – Victoria Tipp (Chappaqua CSD)
- Treasurer – Jennifer Rosen (Briarcliff Manor UFSD)
- Secretary – Lisa Tane (Greenburgh Eleven UFSD)

As Continuing Directors with terms expiring in 2018:

- Louis Conte (Pleasantville UFSD)
- Matthew Evans (Elmsford UFSD)
- Frank Hariton (Ardsley UFSD)
- Abby Mendelsohn (Harrison CSD)

As a new Director with a term expiring in 2018:

- Frank Schneckner (Ossining UFSD)

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As a new Director with a term expiring in 2016:

- Judah Holstein (Eastchester UFSD)

As Nominees for elected seats on the Nominating Committee:

- Wendy Naidich (Hastings-on-Hudson UFSD)
- Abby Mendelsohn (Harrison CSD)

Mr. Johnson explained that these are outstanding volunteers with whom he has been working over the years.

Upon the motion of Mr. Johnson and a second by Ms. Capeci and carried, the following Resolution was approved by the Board.

- G. **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. Said transactions will be approved by the Board of Education at the first available board meeting.

#### **DONATIONS**

Upon the motion of Ms. Capeci and a second by Mr. Corbia and carried, the following donation was accepted by the Board.

- A. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the donation of a bench for the JFK garden dedicated to retiring JFK Principal, Louis Cuglietto, on behalf of the staff of the JFK school.

Upon the motion of Ms. Capeci and a second by Mr. Johnson and carried, the following donation was accepted by the Board.

- B. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the donation by the King Street School PTA in memory of Donna Collins, mother of Liam Collins, fourth grade student, of a tree to be planted in the King Street School rear playground garden in her son's honor.

Upon the motion of Ms. Capeci and a second by Mr. Johnson and carried, the following donation was accepted by the Board.

- C. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District hereby accepts a donation to the district from the Dalio Foundation, One Glendinning Place, Westport, CT 06880, in the amount of \$2,725 for the transportation cost for students at the Port Chester Middle School, to attend the movie McFarland at the AMC Loew's Movie Theatre in Port Chester, NY 10573.

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## **BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION/ROUNDTABLE**

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE/DISCUSSION**

Ms. Capesi spoke of attending the event that culminated the I2 program with Nita Lowey at Port Chester Middle School and thanked Mrs. Lowey for being so good to our students. Ms. Capesi praised the middle school teachers and students who participated that morning. She also attended the awards ceremony at the high school, where about \$133,000 in scholarships were granted to deserving seniors from the community. She extolled Band Night as a true community event.

Mr. Johnson also attended the middle school STEM morning. He attended the National Junior Honor Society induction on the 20<sup>th</sup>, as well as the lively discussion at the Common Core Forum in May. He praised the spring concerts and a grant received by PCHS chemistry teacher Alex Miller from WIPRO. He and Ms. Brakewood walked the Memorial Day Parade and mentioned Band Night.

Mr. Corbia noted that this would be his last public Board of Education meeting. He expressed how rewarding and challenging the last three years on the Board have been and thanked his colleagues.

Mr. Dreves thanked everyone in the district who supported him in his bid for his reelection to the Board. He also thanked Mr. Corbia for his contribution to the Board's discussions and wished him the very best. Mr. Dreves also congratulated Chris Wolff for his win, and Eric Rios for the fine job he did in running his campaign. He attended the National Honor Society induction at the high school, along with the other members of the Board, as well as the Language awards and the Awards assembly. He praised Band Night and how it brings the community together.

Ms. Brakewood noted how busy springtime is when celebrating our students with awards and music concerts. She joined the middle school band in its NYSMA competition. She attended the Scholastic Achievement Dinner with our high school's Valedictorian and Salutatorian and Dr. Klizsus. With Ms. Capesi she attended the Liaison meeting with the Blind Brook Board of Ed and asked about the possibility of sharing distance learning between the two high schools. She also thanked the Administration for the visits/meetings they held around the community to explain the budget and answer questions and reminded the community that Relay for Life will be held at the middle school on May 31. She urged the community to come out and support A Taste of Port Chester. Finally she thanked Mr. Corbia for his service to the district during his three years on the Board.

Dr. Klizsus discussed the work that the Board and Administration did together to gain the confidence of the community. He attributes this work to the fact that the budget passed 3 to 1. He gave great credit to the Board for the achievements of the district over the past 4 years and the fact that despite all the high stakes testing in limited disciplines like math and ELA we are able to offer students a rich curriculum in the arts..

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Mr. Dreves seconded by Mr. Corbia and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.