

**Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District Regular Meeting  
Port Chester High School  
October 26, 2011**

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Present: Blanca P. Lopez, President; Carolee C. Brakewood, Vice President; Anne Capeci, Trustee; Robert Johnson, Trustee

Also Present: Dr. Edward A. Klizsus, Superintendent of Schools; Maura McAward, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Frank Fanelli, Assistant Superintendent Grants/Personnel; Jennifer M. Bisaccia, District Clerk; Frank Sisca, School Attorney; Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer

Absent: James Dreves, Trustee

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The Board of Education held a public meeting on Wednesday, October 26, that was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The Board moved to immediately adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and negotiation matters. No action was taken and the Board moved to adjourn from Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. The Board moved to return to public session at 7:35 p.m. and begin their regular meeting.

Ms. Lopez called a public meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ms. Lopez announced current events that have been taking place in the community and District.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Goldie Solomon, Puritan Drive, expressed concern with senior citizens having to pay school tax when they do not have children or grandchildren in the school system. She also urged the Board not to cut the music program.

Tom Corbia, Putnam Avenue, explained that the soccer booster club has begun to take off and described some confusion as to the location of upcoming soccer games.

David Thomas, Elm Street, explained that the E-School Plus software remains status quo and wants to know why it is not being utilized.

Dr. Klizsus explained the motive for purchasing the program, the additional features that are provided, and what the District's priorities are with respect to attending to State mandates.

**2010-2011 External Audit**

Peter Rodriguez, Partner of Cullen & Danowski, LLP presented the annual external audit report for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood, and carried the Board approved the Treasurer's Report for August 2011.



	<b>Name</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Funded</b>
1	Stephen Glickman	Dual Language Grant Evaluator	\$5,000	9/1/11-6/30/12	Dual Language Grant
2	Gladys Vera	Translator – District-wide	\$2,000	9/1/11-6/30/12	Title III

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

- D. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District award the following competitive bid for the 2011-2012 school year as noted below:

	<b>Award To</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Basis for Award</b>
1	Always East Transportation	Transportation	\$2,775.00/Monthly	Tabulation of all bids

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

- E. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District award a transportation contract for the 2011-2012 school year as noted below:

<b>Always East Transportation Yonkers, NY</b>	<b>In an amount not to exceed \$3,300</b>
Transportation of Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District students by Always East Transportation, Yonkers, New York on a One-Month Emergency Basis as follows: 1 Special Education student to Four-Winds Hospital, Katonah, New York.	

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the number of children, buses, vans, monitors, or cost approved in each contract is subject to change in accordance with New York State Education Law and Commissioner's Regulations.

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

- F. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District accept the audit of the financial records for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 performed by Cullen & Danowski, LLP, 1650 Route 112 Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776-3060, Certified Public Accountants,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that one (1) copy of said audit be submitted to the State Education Department with a copy of this resolution.

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

- G. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the excess of one digital flatscreen television (LG model L4200TC) from the high school main lobby.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Request for Action**

Upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the Superintendent's Request for Action was approved by the Board of Education. Resolved that,

- Jessy Granados, Mount Vernon, New York, be approved for an appointment as part-time Elementary Teacher (.40), at 94% of Step 1-Level 1 (pro-rated) of the 2010-2011 Teachers Salary Schedule, effective October 24, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Ms. Granados received a B.S. Degree from Mercy College. She received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment October 21, 2011. Her assignment will be at Park Avenue School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. She replaces Vanessa Sanchez who was hired as a full time teacher.
- The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2011-2012 school year:

Vanessa Sanchez	Dual Language Program Teacher – Park Avenue School	\$42 per hour
Suzanne Archino	Dual Language Program Teacher – Park Avenue School	42 per hour

Heather Rinello	Dual Language Program Teacher – Park Avenue School	42 per hour
Jenny Maldonado	Dual Language Program Teacher – Park Avenue School	42 per hour
Deborah Giacobelli	21 <sup>st</sup> Century After School Program Teacher – HS	42 per hour
Thomas Moravick	21 <sup>st</sup> Century After School Program Teacher – HS	42 per hour
Manuel Martinez	21 <sup>st</sup> Century After School Program Teacher – HS	42 per hour
Sandra Savel	21 <sup>st</sup> Century After School Program Teacher – HS	42 per hour
Rosann Cipollone	21 <sup>st</sup> Century After School Program Teacher – HS	42 per hour
Olga Caldarera	21 <sup>st</sup> Century After School Program Teacher – HS	42 per hour
Ann Marie Keinz	21 <sup>st</sup> Century After School Program Teacher – HS	42 per hour
Marc Latasa	21 <sup>st</sup> Century After School Program Teacher – HS	42 per hour
Ginna Oliver	21 <sup>st</sup> Century After School Program Teacher – HS	42 per hour
Christopher Kazim	21 <sup>st</sup> Century After School Program Teacher – HS	42 per hour
Crista Minicozzi	21 <sup>st</sup> Century After School Program Teacher – HS	42 per hour
Donna LaBella	21 <sup>st</sup> Century After School Program Teacher Assistant–HS	42 per hour
Sara Sadoff	21 <sup>st</sup> Century After School Program Teacher – HS 1	42 per hour
Michael Desharnais	21 <sup>st</sup> Century After School Program Teacher – HS	42 per hour
Cynthia Casterella	Parent Workshop Facilitator – John F. K	42 per hour
Donna Murphy	CSE Sub Committee Co-Chairperson – King Street	500
Christie Truance	CSE Sub Committee Co-Chairperson – King Street	500
Donna Murphy	504 Committee Co-Chairperson – King Street	500
Christie Truance	504 Committee Co-Chairperson – King Street	500
Carmen Vera McStay	CSE Sub Committee Chairperson – Edison	1,000
Carmen Vera McStay	504 Committee Chairperson – Edison	1,000
Stefania Valenza	CSE Sub Committee Chairperson – Park Avenue	1,000
Stefania Valenza	504 Committee Chairperson – Park Avenue School	1,000
Bertha Cruz	CSE Sub Committee Chairperson – J. F. K ELC	1,000
Mayra Estrella	CSE Sub Committee Chairperson – J. F. K	1,000
Jaimi Kennedy	504 Committee Chairperson – J. F. K	1,000
Anthony Bellettieri	CSE Sub Committee Chairperson – MS	2,000
Laurie Halstead	504 Committee Chairperson – MS	2,000
Ayse Ruvolo	CSE Sub Committee Co-Chairperson – HS	1,000
Ana Maria Ford	CSE Sub Committee Co-Chairperson – HS	1,000
Ayse Ruvolo	504 Committee Co-Chairperson – HS	1,000
Ana Maria Ford	504 Committee Co-Chairperson – HS	1,000
Leslie Salvatore	Mentor–King Street–Mentoring	
	3 Teachers–stipend is per Mentee	1,000
Sandra Dunigan	Mentor – King Street School	1,000

3. The following individual receives in-service credit, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Semester</u>
Jessica Goldstein	Wilson Language Reading System	1	BOCES	Summer '11
Jessica Goldstein	Introductory Workshop/Applied Methods Smart Board Training/Workshops, Looking for Lincoln Workshop, Solving Word Problems in Math: Overcoming the Hurdles	1	Smart Education, PBS and Windward	10-11 and 11-12 School Years

4. The following individuals be approved to serve as Substitute Teachers/Teacher Assistants/Tutors/Interns/Student Teachers/Volunteers on an as-needed basis for the 2011-2012 school year. They are either Fingerprint Cleared, “Grandfathered” in or on a twenty day emergency basis:

Frank Cepero	Kevin McCormick	Diane DeBease-D’Onofrio
Brad Salonen	Albana Krasniqi	Angela Gianfrancesco
Jarren Gooden	Hadija Davidson	

5. The following individuals be appointed as Proctors for PSAT administration held on October 15, 2011 at a rate of \$20/hour up to 4 hours. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

Carolina Herrera	Joann Schmorr
Verni Escalante	Carol Tarascio

6. Margaret Morban, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a provisional appointment as Secretary to School Principal – Spanish Speaking, Step 3, (10-months), effective October 24, 2011. Her assignment is King Street School. Mrs. Morban received NYS Fingerprint Clearance on September 26, 2011.
7. Retroactive payment be made to Gail Rothweiler, Port Chester, New York for the period of time worked in the Office of Special Education as a long-term clerical substitute effective March 2, 2011 through June, 13, 2011. Mrs. Rothweiler will receive an additional \$8.08 for hours worked. Said amount represents the difference in the standard hourly rate paid of \$18.58 (2010-2011 CSEA pay scale) for a temporary clerical vacancy substitute worker (long-term), minus the standard substitute wage of \$10.50/hour. In addition, retroactive payment be made to Mrs. Rothweiler for the period of time worked at the Port Chester High School as a clerical substitute for a vacancy in the Office of Guidance effective September 27, 2011 – October 14, 2011 (9 days) whereby she will receive an additional \$8.27/hour for time worked and already paid for with regard to this assignment. Said amount represents difference in the hourly rate of \$18.77 paid for a temporary clerical vacancy substitute worker (long-term, 2011-2012 CSEA pay scale), minus \$10.50, the amount actually paid.
8. Susan Loiaconi, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a permanent appointment as Library Clerk, effective November 8, 2011. Her assignment is Park Avenue School.
9. The following individual be approved as a Custodial Worker, Teacher Aide, or Clerical Substitute at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective October 27, 2011. He has received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

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10. The following individuals be appointed to 21st Century “OASIS” After-School Programs for the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.  
 Eric Rios – Teacher Aide – ELC – \$20/hour – Effective October 24, 2011  
 Marcela Montano – Teacher Aide – Park Avenue School – \$20/hour – Effective September 6, 2011  
 Maribel Bautista – Teacher Aide – Edison School – \$20/hour – Effective September 19, 2011  
 Mark Silviotti – Teacher Aide – John F. Kennedy School – \$20/hour – Effective November 1, 2011

11. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$42,504.04, Schedule #5 dated October 20, 2011 be approved for the 2011-2012 school year.

12. The following General Fund Payrolls be approved:

October 14, 2011	\$ 102,292.00
October 21, 2011	1,719,521.71

13. The following General Fund Bill Schedule, including in-between checks, be approved:

October 26, 2011	\$861,812.08
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14. The following Special Aid Fund Bill Schedule, dated October 26, 2011, be approved for payment:

Extended Day	\$ 4,075.00
TV Studio High School	1,128.00
611 ARRA	198,755.00
Dual Language	4,630.46
PL94-142	25,394.62
PL99-457	5,080.00
21 <sup>st</sup> Century	6,134.06
21 <sup>st</sup> Century OASIS	27,162.25
Council for the Arts	2,732.73
HS Equipment	648.90
Port Chester High School Band	4,650.00

Port Chester High School Reunion

1,125.00

15. The following payroll for the Special Aid Program, be approved:

October 21, 2011

\$107,498.90

**Guidance Report**

Juan Sanchez introduced the Guidance Department, explained the focus of the department, highlighted new initiatives, and presented statistics for students pursuing high education.

Ms. Lopez asked what the transition process is for the 9<sup>th</sup> graders obtaining new counselors when moving on to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. She also asked if the department has done or planning to do an alumni survey.

Mrs. Capeci asked what grade the BOCES Trade Program begins and what is the responsibility of the Guidance Department for students who would like to enroll. She also asked what the status of military personnel is on school grounds and if the 9<sup>th</sup> grade is exposed to them.

Mrs. Brakewood asked what online resources are used as tools for students to explore colleges, how often the department sponsors college fairs, are college tours conducted, and does the Guidance Department ask alumni back to speak to the students.

Mr. Johnson commended the Guidance Department for giving the students great character education and asked if a voter survey will be conducted this year.

Juan Sanchez responded to the Board's questions and concerns.

Dr. Klizsus said that Port Chester High School is a story of success and Mr. Sanchez's presentation is another element as to why the high school is such a success.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION ISSUES**

**a. Fair and Affordable Housing Settlement & Rye Brook Floating Zoning District**

Ms. Lopez gave a brief background of the settlement and how the Rye Brook Floating Zoning will impact the District. She indicated that she was able to attend the public hearing held by the Village of Rye Brook. Ms. Lopez stated that the Board is planning to meet with HUD and Westchester County to see if there is a way to modify the settlement so that it does not impact the District.

**B. Committee/Liaisons**

The Board and Dr. Klizsus reported on the committee and liaison meetings that were attended and the scheduling of upcoming meetings.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE/COMMENTS**

Mr. Johnson attended the Hispanic Heritage event, the soccer game, and urged drivers to use extra caution on Halloween.

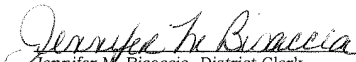
Mrs. Brakewood said that the Board completed the series of walkthroughs, attended WPSBA breakfast, and noted that Jim Taylor is being honored at an NAACP luncheon.

Mrs. Capeci said she was pleased to see that the band is selling fruit this year and inquired where the 120 year old bell will be placed.

Ms. Lopez hopes everyone received a school calendar and reminded everyone to sign up to receive the electronic newsletter.

Dr. Klizsus attended the Hispanic Heritage celebration and noted how wonderful the event was.

There being no further business at 9:00 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Capeci, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the Board adjourned the meeting.

  
Jennifer M. Bisaccia, District Clerk